



Preparing your Quilt Top for the Longarm Quilting Process

Using the longarm quilter really helps to add to your lovely work ready for it to be added to your home or for a gift. At LilyBoo we offer a wide range of designs you can select from along with your thread colour selection. It is therefore essential that we receive your quilt top, wadding and backing fabric in a certain way to help the process.

This is due to the longarm quilting process being very different than using a domestic sewing machine. We load the quilt backing fabric first onto two rollers and this enables us to keep the fabric smooth and straight throughout the quilting process. Then we load the wadding and pop a basting stitch in to hold it in place. Only when this is completed do we add your quilt top.

The process we use is called all over edge to edge. Meaning that the quilt design you choose overlaps the quilt on all four sides so there is no gap between the edge of the quilt and the quilt design.

The cost includes all of the thread. We use very high-quality glide thread with the coordinating bobbin colour.

Things to remember when you are dropping the quilt top and fabrics to us:

- When you drop your quilt off at LilyBoo we will collect the information needed, however if you are posting please ensure you put details with the following:
 - Full name
 - Phone number
 - Email address
 - Quilt pattern
 - Thread choice
- Please do not baste your quilt.
- Please remove any loose threads from your quilt top and backing fabric.
- Please be aware that the edge-to-edge process means that the pattern will cover the whole quilt, with the pattern stitching over the edges of the quilt.
- Your backing fabric **MUST** be at least 6" bigger on all four sides, so if your quilt top is 40" square then your backing fabric should be 52" square please. If you supply more, for example with an extra wide fabric we will return any surplus to you.
- If your backing fabric has been joined together, please use a ¾" seam allowance and press the seam down.
- If you have a fabric which is directional, please pop a note on to say which is the top. This is for the quilt top and backing fabric please.
- Again, your wadding needs to be at least 6" bigger than your quilt top. Your wadding should be cotton/poly, bamboo, a bamboo/cotton mix or cotton. Other waddings such

as polyester do not give a good effect and we will contact you to arrange a replacement wadding. We can supply the wadding if required at a additional cost.

- Once we have quilted then we will trim the edge of the patchwork top, so it is ready to be bound when you receive it. If you don't wish for us to trim it please let us know.

Please be aware that we do our best to avoid any wrinkles or tucks in your quilt. Somethings that can help us avoid this is ensuring there isn't an excess of fullness in your quilt top or the borders of your blocks. We cannot be responsible for this and if it causes a problem with your quilt. We will of course contact you to discuss any concerns we have.

If you have any questions, please contact us via email at lilyboolostwithiel@gmail.com

Many thanks