

# QUILTING BY IRENE-LONGARM QUILTING SERVICES

## GETTING STARTED

My studio is open by appointment; Please call ahead (253-225-1133) for a convenient time and directions to my Olalla studio.

During this consultation we will discuss your objectives and some specifics. My objective will be to enhance your quilt. Some of the things we will need to discuss are:

Purpose of the quilt - show, utility, gift, etc. If the quilt is to be a gift quilt I'll need to know something about the recipient.

Specific options – thread, batting, patterns, robotic or custom.

Ideas you have for your quilt.

## FEES – Robotic or Custom

My current base charge for robotic quilting is \$.03 per square inch for low to medium density edge to edge quilting. High density quilting is available at a higher rate.

Custom quilting is hand guided free motion.

My current base charge for custom quilting is \$.05 per square inch. More complex and intricate custom quilting is available at higher agreed rates.

An example computation for a low density robotic edge to edge quilt is as follows:

Length in inches	80
Width in inches	60
Sq inches	<u>4,800</u>
Rate	<u>\$0.03</u>
Fee	<u>\$144</u>

I do not charge extra for thread, or thread changes, but do charge for batting (see preparing your top for quilting). You may bring your own batting, however please check with me to see that it is acceptable for machine quilting.

## **PREPARING YOUR QUILT FOR LONGARM QUILTING**

### **Quilt top:**

It should lie flat, check for stretched fabric or extra that causes ripples, or hills and valleys.

It should be square, that is when measuring across the top, middle and bottom of the top, your measurements should not vary more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

Make sure all seams are secure, if you do not have borders around the edges of the quilt, stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$  in all around the edges of the quilt to keep the seams from opening, and stretching when I secure the edges to the rollers.

Cut loose threads from and back of the top. Press the seams towards the similar color.

Press the top to get the wrinkles out.

Do not add embellishments until the quilt is returned to you.

Prairie points, pockets, and flanges must be secured {tacked} down by you before bringing the top to me.

Please mark the top, with a safety pin and note, top Left, to the front of the quilt if it is directional. Also mark the top and bottom of the backing, especially if it is directional.

### **Batting:**

I carry various battings in stock at competitive prices, and can help you decide what batting best fits the use you have in mind for your quilt. If you want to use your own, we can discuss it. Some brands don't work well in the longarming process.

### **Thread:**

I use various brands and will help you select which color or colors work best, especially for custom quilting. I do not charge for basic thread or bobbins.

## **BACKING GUIDELINES:**

Pieced backings should be sewn with horizontal 5/8 inch seams, and pressed open. Selvages should be trimmed before seaming seams. Backing should line flat, and be square.

If using extra wide 108-116 backings, the cut edges should be on the sides. The selvages should be available to pin to the rollers.

For Robotic Work: the back needs to be a TOTAL of 8 inches wider than the top. The lengthwise measurement needs to be 12-15 inches longer. If the quilt is 90-100 inches more is better.

Custom Work: the side to side extra is 6 inches total minimum, and length is 10 inch minimum for backing measurements.

These measurement are important as the top and bottom edges are pinned to the leaders on the roller systems, so I can quilt the quilt.