

## **Ready for the Quilter?**

**Prepare Your Backing** - Measure your top so you know how much batting and backing you'll need. backing needs to be 8" larger than your quilt top - 4" on each side - so it can be properly attached to the frame.

**Batting** - You may provide your own high quality batting or you can purchase from my stock. I stock Quilter's Dream 80/20 and 100% cotton 'Select'. Be sure the batting is 6" larger than the quilt top (3" on each side).

**Ironing and Folding** - It's best to give your quilt a good ironing so your seams are laying flat and there are no major wrinkles. If you are mailing your quilt, folding it on the bias helps to prevent excess creases.

**Square Up** - Trim all sides of the top and remove any loose threads. If your top has a specific top and bottom that might be hard to tell, mark it with a sticky note!

### **Additional Information For Your Quilter**

Thread Color - you can pick what color you'd like or you can leave it up to your quilter. Just be sure to let them know if you prefer the quilting design to stand out, or the pieced top to be more noticeable.

Design - Do you prefer a more dense or a more loose design? Do you have one in mind already? Send me a link and I'm happy to add any good quality digitized design to my library.

Trimming - let me know if you want the quilt trimmed to the edge of the top. I'm happy to do this before pulling it off the frame but will not assume and just do it as some quilters want to trim their own!

## QUILTING CHECKLIST

- ☐ Top & backing pressed and clean
- ☐ Top & backing are properly squared and trimmed
- ☐ Backing is at least 8" larger than top (4" on each side)
- ☐ Batting is at least 6" larger than top (3" on each side)
- ☐ Top edges of backing & top are marked if needed
- ☐ Communicate theme, patterns, and designs
- ☐ Communicate thread and batting requirements

The more you plan and communicate with your quilter, the happier we'll both be! Don't leave anything open to interpretation or assumptions!

Complete my order form for more detailed information regarding the quilting of your top.