

janets Longarm Quilting Services by Betty Ann

PERSONALIZED STITCHING DESIGNS
FOR
YOUR PRECIOUS QUILT CREATIONS

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Tips For Improving The Quality Of Longarm Quilt Stitching

My focus is to provide you with the best possible stitching for your treasured quilts.

My service goals are *Fast...Affordable...High Quality!*

Below are suggestions for what should be done to prepare a quilt for longarm stitching. Following these guidelines will provide for the best possible outcome. These are gathered from long time quilters, longarm stitchers and quilt teachers. And, from happy quilters!

Quilt Preparations

Quilt Top

- The top should be pressed well, with all seams flat, and placed on padded hangers (you can use bedspread hangers from the cleaners for the top and back). Seams should be pressed towards the darker fabric.
- Indicate the top of the quilt (and top of the backing) with a safety pin.
- The quilt top must lay flat. Measure your quilt top across the top, bottom and at the center. These three measurements should be the same. If they are not the same there is possibility that there will be puckers in the finished quilt.
- Clip all the threads front and back on your quilt top. Stray threads will show through lighter fabrics and they can cause snags and uneven stitching.
- If you have multiple fabric pieces (4 or more) coming together at a single point then you must place and stitch them so they lay as flat as possible. Most important is to be sure the point where they meet isn't too thick. If they are overly thick then it will be difficult for longarm equipment to stitch over that point smoothly without possibly skipping a stitch or more.
- If you attach items to your appliqués, add them after longarm stitching.

Backing

- Backing fabric must be a minimum of 4" larger on all sides than the quilt top (total of 8" top and bottom but no more than 12").
- Backing needs to be cut to right angles, pressed well with all selvages removed and folded neatly.
- If your backing is pieced, seams need to be pressed open with selvedge edges removed.
- Bolt folds should be pressed out.

Batting

- Determine how your quilt will be used. The batting choice can make a difference and a good quality batting is very important as to how your quilt will look.
- I provide top grade batting – call me at **(209) 552-1448** to discuss the details. Should you want to use your own batting, it must be a minimum of 4" larger on all sides than the quilt top (total of 8" top and side but no more than 12" larger).

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Patterns

When choosing the quilting pattern for your quilt it is important to be very specific as to what you want and what the quilt will be used for – show or family, etc.

- If you want it quilted edge-to-edge you will get a beautifully designed stitched quilt. We can select from more than 2,000 computer patterns and hundreds of thread colors.
- I can also do custom stitching for you.
- I know that some quilters are very new and have no ideas how to do this. Let's have a chat.

Either way, edge-to-edge or custom, I will work with you to provide you with the best possible stitching to enhance the quality of all your hard work preparing your quilts.

General

All stitching is done on our state-of-the-art computerized Gammill Statler Stitcher.

I work to return all projects in a timely manner. If you have special needs I will work with you to meet your time frame. Rush orders are subject to an additional charge.

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to schedule longarm stitching for your quilts or if you have any questions. I'm happy to assist you in getting everything prepared, and going over any of the details. If you need further information, let's talk. I look forward to working with you!

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Please call us to discuss your quilting needs and to receive a quote.

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