

## LONGARM QUILTING SERVICES QUILT CHECKLIST

This little guide is to help you get your quilt ready for longarm quilting. If you need any advice or help, please do ask.

THE QUILT TOP

- Your quilt goes on our longarm quilting machine in three separate layers so there is no need to baste.
- If your quilt has no borders, we recommend that you stabilise the edges by stitching 1/8" in from the edge all the way around. These stitches will be hidden in your binding but will help prevent seams from pulling apart.
- Press your quilt top so all your seams lie flat.
- Trim away any loose threads from the underside of your quilt. Dark threads can show through any light fabrics in your quilt if left in place. This really will make a difference to your finished quilt.
- If your quilt top is directional, please attach a note with a safety pin indicating the top of the quilt. Please use a pencil as ink pens can leave stains on your quilt top.

THE BACKING AND BATTING

- Make sure your quilt backing and batting if supplied is at least 4" larger than your quilt top on ALL sides. (8" wider and longer than your quilt top).
- Square up your backing.
- Trim selvedge off any backing joins and press seams open (you can leave selvedge on any other outside edges).
- If your quilt backing is directional, please attach a pencil note with a safety pin indicating the top of the quilt.
- Please note we do not accept bed sheets as backing.

BINDING (OPTIONAL)

- If we are making your binding make sure you provide us with enough fabric. If you are unsure how much will be needed, then give us a call.
- If you are providing your own binding, make sure your binding is pre-folded in half and pressed flat and that there is enough to go around your quilt, plus twelve inches for the mitred corners.

## SHIPPING TO US

If you are not local and are sending your quilt to us:

- Do let us know when and how you have sent it so that we can look out for it and let you know when it has arrived.
- Make sure you insure your quilt for carriage, in case it is lost or damaged in transit.

Please send your quilts to:

Eclectic Maker 13 Station Parade Tarring Road WORTHING BN11 4SS

## **RETURNING TO YOU**

If you would like your completed quilt sent back to you, rather than collect it from our shop, we are happy to do so. Please note, shipping charges are not included in the cost of quilting:

- We will pack up your quilt for return transit and contact you to take payment for shipping. We do not charge a premium for sending quilts back to you, we simply pass on shipping at cost.
- We will let you know when your quilt has been despatched, who the carrier is and we will also provide you with tracking details for the shipment.
- We will insure your package for shipping. Our standard cover for loss or damage is up to £250. If you require a higher level of cover please let us know and we will advise you of any additional costs.