

AWARD-WINNING LONGARM QUILTING SERVICES™



- Custom Longarm Quilting
- Edge-to-Edge (E2E) Longarming
- Basting For Hand Quilting
- Binding Services
- Non-Longarming Services

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Store Hours Eastern Time

Please Call For Quilt A Check-In Appointment!

Daily 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Lunch Closure..... 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Check www.ForeverInStitches.com For Holidays & Closures

Our Longarm Quilting Services

Automated longarm, free-motion longarm, machine, and hand quilting each bring different looks and distinct design capabilities to your quilts.



Our shop features two 26" Innova AutoPilot™ Mach 3™s. This provides you with scalable stitching of designs and brings you the look, detail, and uniformity that you simply cannot get from hand, machine, or free-motion longarm quilting. We can longarm anything from a candle-mat through a California King quilt.

Our Standard Techniques

- We knot the thread ends and pull the knots into the middle of the quilt [burying the ends] in all service categories, with the exception of Basting.
- We baste around all four sides of the quilt top within the ¼" seam allowance.
- We start our edge-to-edge patterns slightly off the quilt's edges to allow the **binding to secure** stitching thread ends.
- We assume that a standard, additional French binding will be used.
- We press all unlaundered wide-backing fabric purchased from us.

Steps In Our Process:

1. Tops are checked-in to give you the best results. Call in advance or while you're on the way to schedule your appointment. This is so we can focus our attention on your project. Those without an appointment may have to wait.
2. We have 90 wide-backing fabrics for you to choose from ranging from 60" to 118" in width.
3. We have Quilter's Dream Batting on economical rolls for you to choose from in 60", 93" and 120" widths in three thicknesses of poly or cotton. We can order the entire line of Quilter's Dream Products in 7 days at your request.
4. We work with you to select the type of longarming, patterns, thread colors, backing and batting to meet your expectations. We have 5,000 automated designs from which to choose, 1,600 of which were created by us.



5. When you bring in your top, we place it in the queue, number it, place it on our racks, and store it in our shop until we begin working on it.

Service Categories:

Custom Longarming



This involves specific placement of patterns on your quilt's blocks, sashings, borders, setting squares, etc. The patterns chosen highlight the theme of your quilt. We do not perform free-motion longarm work (e.g. stitch-in-a-ditch).

Edge-to-Edge

A single pattern is used on the entire quilt top (including borders). Our multitude of designs are available to enhance or complement your quilt's design.

The advantage of this type of longarming, besides the low cost, is that it does not detract from the beauty and intricacies of your pieced top.

Combination Custom & E2E

We also can combine an E2E center with custom borders.

Binding

We offer binding services for the treasures we longarm. The quilts must have straight sides and 90° corners. We only attach traditional 2½" French binding with mitered corners.

Our services are scalable to your needs. They range from: simply trimming your quilt, to making the binding strips; to machine stitching them to the top; all the way to hand-stitching the binding to the back using blind-hem/ladder stitches.

Basting

We provide basting services for hand and home machine quilters. This provides you with stabilized layers for quilting. The basting is done in rows and columns for the entire length and width of the quilt in 3 to 4 inch blocks. The large stitches used are easy to remove once your hand or machine stitching is completed. Thread ends are not buried when quilts are basted.



Services Pricing:

Long Arm Services	Price
E2E	1.55¢ x Sq."
Custom Services	\$25.00 Per Hour
Basting	0.6¢ x Sq."
Re-Loading Fee*	\$10.00 per re-loading*

Other Charges:

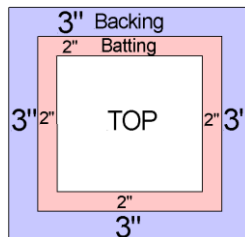
Service	Price
Thread – per bobbin – taxable	\$1.00 Solid Color or \$1.60 Variegated
Non-Long Arm Sewing Charges**	\$25.00/Hour – ½ Hour Minimum
Binding Services: 1) <u>Trim & Square</u> 2) <u>Make Binding</u> 3) <u>Attach Binding</u> 4) <u>Hand Sew to Back</u>	\$5.00 Flat Fee Plus 5¢ Per Linear Inch Plus 5¢ Per Linear Inch Plus 15¢ Per Linear Inch
Custom Stitch Design	Quoted \$25 Minimum
Longarming Down Payment	\$45.00
Backing Fabric & Batting – taxable	Current Retail

* If a quilt must be unloaded for alteration, squaring, substitution, or turning a re-loading fee will be charged.

** Includes, but not limited to, all situations where we expend time to resolve issues where the "Quilt Preparation Guidelines" were not properly followed.

Quilt Preparation Guidelines:

- Make **batting at least 4"** larger than your quilt top [or 2" on ALL sides].
- Make **backing at least 10"** larger than your quilt top [or 5" on ALL sides].
- Use one safety pin each to



mark the "top" of the quilt top, and backing fabric.

- If the backing or batting is bigger, **DO NOT** trim it down to get the exact number of inches. It is always better to have more than less. All excess and pieces are returned to you with the quilt.
- **Do not remove** the selvage from the back edges. Keep the selvage **to the outside** to allow proper alignment when mounted on the longarm frame.
- **Do remove** selvege from any seam on backing. The selvege will shrink differently than the rest of the fabric when laundered, causing puckering.
- Please be aware that pieced backs (i.e. the back has applique, pieced blocks, a frame, borders around its edge, a strip down its center,...) may require additional charges as **one can not accurately** center a pieced or designed back. During longarming the back is hidden from view and the back can contract differently than the top during longarming.
- Lay your quilt out on a flat surface and verify that the **quilt, blocks, and borders lay flat** on their own.
- Please be aware that **Quilt tops** not having four **90°** corners may incur additional charges as it takes more time to mount.
- **Trim your quilt top** to final **un-finished** size and make sure that all four sides are straight.
- **Backing and batting** must have **four 90° corners** and straight sides as these are what are loaded onto the longarms first. This is also why the quilt top must be smaller than the batting and backing, as shown.
- **Remove all loose threads.**
- **Remove** all pins, buttons, paper and embellishments.
- **Press** your quilt top on both sides making sure ALL seams are pressed flat in the proper direction. The back should be pressed, too.
- We have wide backing and batting for your use. If you chose to use your own, bring them as separate items. **Do not** pin, knot, baste, lay, or

otherwise **assemble** the quilt layers or attach binding fabric to the quilt top.

- If you intend to have a quilt that is a combination of longarm, machine, hand stitched or knotted, it must be longarm stitched first due to the nature of the mounting and longarming processes.
- Verify that all **seams are complete** and that no open seams and/or holes are present. An unsewn seam can cause the top to be ripped by the machine's hopping foot.
- **Back-stitch** all seams that go to the edge of the quilt to prevent them from pulling open. This also applies to pieced backing fabric. (You can also sew a 1/8" straight stitch around the outer edge of the entire quilt top or back to secure these seams.)
- Backs must be cotton woven fabric. Minkee, Minky and fleece will not be accepted due to their stretch characteristics and their tendencies to poke through.
- We consider that all quilts will have **standard binding** that consists of a folded 2½" strip attached to the FRONT edge of the quilt 3/8" from the outer edge. **YOU must let us know** if your binding requirements differ from our standard binding as this will affect how the top is longarmed.
- Quilts with **flanges, folded borders, or different border designs** may have additional charges as they must be continuously monitored.
- Quilts with binding that is to be made by "**bringing the back to the front**" or "**bringing the front to the back**" may have additional charges as they must be continuously monitored.

Disclaimers:

Fullness the the top, borders, or back can cause puckers and tucks in the quilt. It may also result in the corners not being square. The flatter your quilt and its blocks lay before longarming, the better the finished results.

Sewing machines and longarms are **mechanical** devices and can **malfunction**. Although we do our utmost to assure perfect results every time, on very rare occasions mechanical problems can occur which may cause damage to a quilt top and/or backing.

Subject to change without notice.

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