AWARD-WINNING LONGARM QUILTING SERVICES



- Custom Longarm Quilting
- Edge-to-Edge (Pantagraph)
 Longarm Quilting
- Basting For Hand Quilting
- Custom Machine Quilting
- Binding Services

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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 Gammill Optimum, computerized, Statler Stitchers. This provides you with scalable stitching of designs and brings you the look, detail, and uniformity that you simply can not get from hand, machine, or free-motion longarm quilting.

To many quilters the joy is in designing, selecting fabrics, and piecing quilt tops. For some of us, Time has made it difficult to hand or machine quilt.

Making use of longarm services can free you up to piece more of your beautiful quilt tops.

Steps In Our Process:

- 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 6 dozen wide-backing fabrics for you to choose from, or bring your own.
- We have Quilter's Dream Batting on economical rolls for you to choose from, or bring your own. We cary or can order the entire line of Quilter's Dream Products.
- 4. We work with you to select the type of longarming, patterns, thread colors, backing and batting to meet your expectations.
- 5. When you bring in your top, we place it in the queue, number it, place it in our bags, and store it in our shop until we begin working on it.

Service Categories:

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.

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.

Our services include stitch patterns that the automated Statler Stitcher can perform. We have over 5,000 patterns, of which we have developed 2,000. We do not perform free-motion longarm work (e.g. stitch-in-a-ditch, echoing,...).

Edge-to-Edge[E2E or Pantograph]

A single pattern is used on the entire quilt top (including borders) from left to right. 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 the top.

Binding

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

Our services are scalable to your needs. They range from: 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.

Mechanical Disclaimer:

Sewing machines/longarms, are mechanical devices. 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.



Services Pricing:

(NOTE: Subject to change without notice)

Long Arm Services	Price
Edge-To-Edge [E2E] Stipple or Logo Hearts	1.3¢ x Sq." + LF
E2E - Others	1.55¢ x Sq." + LF
Custom Services	\$20.00 Per Hour
Basting	0.4¢ x Sq." + LF
Loading Fee* [LF]	\$10.00 per loading*

Other Charges:

Service	Price
Thread – per bobbin – taxable	\$1.00 Solid Color or \$1.60 Varigated
Non-Long Arm Sewing Charges**	\$20.00/Hour – ½ Hour Minimum
Trim & Square [to edge of quilt]	\$5.00 Flat Fee
Binding Services Only quilts with 90° corners are accepted for binding. Trimming & Squaring included.	Per Linear Inch 5¢ (if we make the binding) Plus 5¢ (if we attach the binding) Plus 15¢ (if we hand sew to back)
Custom Stitch Design	Quoted \$20 Base
Longarming Downpayment	\$45.00
Backing & Batting - taxable	Current Retail

- All tops are loaded initially and have the loading fee. If a quilt must be unloaded for alteration, squaring, substitution, or turning an additional 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.
- Quilts with flanges, folded borders, or different border designs are charged at custom rates 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" are charged at custom rates as they must be continuously monitored.
- Backs must be cotton woven fabric. Minkee, Minky and fleece will not be accepted due to their stretch characteristics and their tendencies to pock through the top.

Quilt Preparation Guidelines:

- Make batting <u>at</u> <u>least</u> 4" larger than your quilt top [or 2" on ALL sides].
- Make backing <u>at</u> least 6" larger than your quilt top [or 3" on ALL sides].
- We will not "cutdown" a quilt top to fit batting or backing that is too small.
- QUILT TOP

 2"
 2"
 1"
 2"

 1"
 2"
 1"
- 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 it **to the outside** to allow proper allignment.
- Do remove selvege from any seam on backing. The selvege will shrink differently than the rest of the fabric when laundered, causing puckering.
- We request that backs are not designed (i.e. the back has applique, pieced blocks, a frame, borders around its edge, a strip down its center,...) 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.
- Quilt tops must have four 90° corners. If your top does not allow for this, we may add filler strips to extend corners to 90-degrees angles.
- Trim your quilt top to final un-finshed size.
- 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 embelishments.
- **Press** your quilt top and backing fabric, making sure ALL seams are pressed flat in the proper direction.
- 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.
- Use one safety pin to mark the "top" of the quilt top, and backing fabric (if any of the quilt elements or fabrics are directional).
- 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.)
- We start our edge-to-edge [E2E] patterns slightly off the quilt's edges to allow the **binding to secure** stitching thread ends.

Binding Information:

- We consider **standard binding** to be 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 may affect how the top is longarmed.

Fullness Disclaimer:

Although we try our best, we cannot guarantee that fullness, puckers and tucks in the quilt, its borders, or its back will not be sewn in. In some cases, excessive fullness in borders may result in your quilt corners not being square. The flatter your quilt and its blocks lay before longarming, the better the finished results.

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