

# 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.

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## Longarm Quilting Services



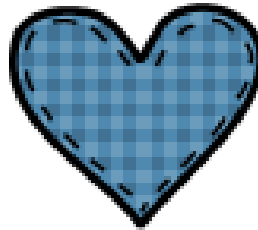
Automated longarm, free-motion longarm, machine, and hand quilting each bring different looks and distinct design capabilities to your quilts.

Our shop features two 26" Innova AutoPilot™ Mach 3s™ with Grand Format Embroidery™. The table sizes are 12' and 14'. 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 and can custom quilt blocks 17" on point..

## 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 endeavor to keep sashing and borders straight by pinning the top as needed.
- 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, 2½" French binding will be used.
- We press all unlaundered wide-backing fabric purchased from us.



## Steps In Our Process:

1. Call in advance to schedule a check-in time for your quilt top. This allows us to focus on you, your project, and your desired results. Plan on 30 minutes for your check-in. If this is your first time longarming with us plan on an hour so that you thoroughly understand the options that you have.
2. During check-in we will assist you in the choices of: service categories, patterns, wide-backing, batting, thread, binding fabric, and binding options. We have 5,000 automated designs from which to choose, 1,600 of which were created by us and we can create custom designs as necessary..
3. We have 90 wide-backing fabrics for you to choose from ranging from 60" to 118" in width.
4. 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 within a week.
5. We input all of the information in our custom check-in system. The system automatically numbers your quilt, checks for our normal discounts, and saves a copy of the Work Order on our system and, at night, off-site.
6. We provide you with a printed copy of the work order and an estimate time for the quilt's completion.
7. After check-in, we place your top 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 services.

### 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 appearance.

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 and we can exclude areas from being quilted.



### Binding

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

Our services are scalable and range from: 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. Thread ends are not buried when quilts are basted.

## Longarming Services Pricing:

Services	Price
E2E	1.65¢ x Sq."
Custom Services	\$25.00 Per Hour
Basting	0.6¢ x Sq."
Re-Loading Fee*	\$10.00 per re-loading*
Back Or Batting Discount	5% Discount on longarming if backing or batting is purchased from us at check-in.
Back & Batting Discount	10% Discount on longarming if both are purchased at check-in.
Quick Quilter Discount	10% and 20% discount on the 5 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> quilts within two years. The 11 <sup>th</sup> quilts is counted as #1.

## 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 &amp; Square</u> 2) <u>Make Binding</u> 3) <u>Attach Binding</u> 4) <u>Hand Sew to Back</u>	<u>\$5.00 Flat Fee</u> <u>Plus 5¢ Per Linear Inch</u> <u>Plus 15¢ Per Linear Inch</u>
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 5"** larger than your quilt top [or 2½" 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 greater than 3" are returned to you with the quilt.
- **Do not remove the selvage from the back's edges.** Keep the selvage to the outside to allow proper alignment when the back is mounted on the longarm frame.

• **Do remove selvege from any seam** on on the 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, etc.) will require additional charges. Also, we **can not accurately assure** the centering a pieced or designed back. During longarming the back is hidden from view and the back can contract differently than the top during longarming.

• A designed back will incur an additional charge. The designed portion of the back must be 10" smaller than the top. As always, the entire back must be at least 10" larger than the top.

• 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 and backs**

not having four **90°** corners [squared up] and with uneven edges may incur additional charges as it takes more time to mount.

- We highly recommend that if your outside border is less than 2" add 1" additional inch and notify us as to the **finished size desired.**
- **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.

• **Remove all loose threads.**

• **Remove** all pins, buttons, paper and embellishments.

• **Press** your quilt top on both sides. Press on the back side to make sure ALL seams are pressed flat in the proper direction. The front side should be pressed to assure it is square, the seams are completely flat, and all seams are completely secured. The backing fabric 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 are not acceptable due to their stretch characteristics and their tendencies to poke through to the front of the quilt.

• 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 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.

• Quilts with **flanges, folded borders, or different border designs** may have additional charges as they must be continuously monitored.

## Notice:

**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.

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