**Preparing your Quilt for the Longarm**

In order to create the most beautiful quilt, please carefully go through the following checklist to prepare your quilt and backing for the longarm. This is a guide**. I am not the quilt police! I do not expect perfection. These are just guidelines to help you.**

**Quilt Top**

* Trim and remove all basting and loose threads
* Pressed flat – you can starch your top if you would like
* Squared
  + To check to see if your top is square, you can fold it into quarters, The edges should line up.
* Seam directions checked: pressed the way you would like them to lay in the quilt
* No wavy borders
* No open seams (This is important! Double check your stitching to make sure all of your seams are closed)
* Mark the top with a safety pin
* No embellishments

**Backing**

* All selvages trimmed
* Well-pressed
* Square
* Mark the top with a safety pin
* **At least 10 inches longer and wider that the quilt top**

**Binding**

* Please provide at least 1 yard of fabric for your binding.
* Well-pressed

Quilt top and back should be separate. Do not sandwich them together.

**Again, I am not the quilt police. While I do ask that you try to follow these guidelines, I will work with you to create a beautiful finished quilt. I want you to enjoy the quilting process. Please do not get caught up in trying for perfection!**