

How to Prepare Your Quilt for Quilting

- 1) Take your batting out of the package and unroll it. Drape it over a chair or table overnight so it has a chance to fluff and de-wrinkle.
- 2) If you need to piece the backing, consider sewing a strip as wide as necessary to widen the backing. Sew it on the diagonal to eliminate excessive wear in your quilt. Batting & backing should measure at least 3" larger than the top.
- 3) Tape backing, wrong side up, to floor or other large surface. When you tape the backing to the floor stretch it slightly so there are no wrinkles in it. Be sure you don't pull it out of shape or warp it. What the fabric looks like when it's pinned is what it will look like when it is sewn/quilted.
- 4) Spray *Embroidery Spray Adhesive* or *Basting Spray* on backing. Lay the batting on top of the backing. Trim batting to edge of backing if it is too large.
- 5) Place the top face down on top of newspaper or a cheap plastic drop cloth. Spray back of top with spray adhesive. Fold in half. Place fold on center of layered batt & backing. Open the top and gently smooth with your hands. Make sure the top is "square".
- 6) Baste, either with needle and thread or with pins, across the quilt in the center and from top to bottom in the center.
- 7) Baste each quadrant into quarters. Then baste every 4" to make 4" squares of basting.
- 8) When you have finished basting, remove tape. As you quilt your layers together, remove pins. Don't sew your pins to your quilt! When you are quilting (if you have thread basted it) sometimes your presser foot may tangle in the basting thread. If it does, simply break the basting thread or snip it and continue quilting.

