



Needleworks' Custom Free Hand Quilting

Quilting Services at Needleworks

At Needleworks the Free Form Quilting is done on a "sit and sew" machine. There is no frame. There are no pantograms.

The quilt that you have sewn is unique in its nature, character and purpose.

The final design will depend on your preference and these factors.

Every quilt is a one-of-a-kind creation.



Quilt Preparation

Prepare your quilt for better quilting.

Quilt Top. As your quilt will not be stretched at any time, it is imperative that the quilt lay flat.

The quilt top should be well pressed and the borders should not ripple in any way. If you have a pieced border, curves or a bias along the edge of the quilt, you should stitch a seam 1/8" from the edge.

- For smooth borders, measure top to bottom 3 times (each side and through the middle). Use the average amount and cut the border this measurement and sew to each side of the quilt. Repeat for the top and bottom edge by measuring side to side.
- If there is a direction to the quilt top, place a large safety pin at the TOP edge.
- Any imperfections (pleats, puckers, etc) may still be in the quilt after quilting.

Quilt Batting. We recommend a low loft batt.

The only exception would be a wool batt. The batt should be flat (if you have purchased a package, it needs to be opened and the batting relaxed so no stretch marks or bumps are visible). The Batt should measure a minimum of

- 3" longer than the length and width of the quilt
- Needleworks has batting available in the following types: 100% cotton, 50/50% cotton/soy, 50/50 cotton/bamboo, 80/20 cotton/polyester, 100% wool

Quilt Back: the back of the quilt should be larger all around than the batting you plan to use. The backing should measure a minimum of 6" longer & wider than the length and width of the quilt. If the backing is pieced, make sure the seams are pressed flat.

- We recommend that you use the same quality fabric in the backing as you did in the front of the quilt.
- Pieced backs need the same care and attention as the quilt front. Yes, people will look at the back as much as they do the front!
- If there is a direction to the backing, place a large safety pin at the TOP edge.

Quilt Consultation

Some things to consider before you come:

- **Pattern:** do you have an idea of how you want the quilt quilted? Bring any pictures, books or line drawings that can serve as inspiration.
- **Thread:** we use Wonderfil cotton and rayon threads (30, 40 and 50wt) in solid and variegated colors. We also use 80-100wt polyester thread for use in the bobbin and fine stitching. You are welcome to supply your own thread. Needleworks has the right to refuse the use of any thread.
- The pattern and the thread need to be considered before a final decision on quilting pattern is made
- **Thread Tails:** We anchor the thread tails with short stitches and cut close to the fabric. Make us aware of whether you want the thread tails left long so that you can sew them in.

Price List

Priced per square foot (length in inches x width in inches divided by 144 = square foot)

Custom Quilting I <i>Large over all pattern, stitches placed approximately hand width apart (not recommended)</i>	\$3.00
Custom Quilting II <i>Medium density all over pattern, stitches closer than hand width apart</i>	\$3.50
Custom Quilting III <i>Medium density quilting with specific pattern or thread changes (most common)</i>	\$4.00
Custom Quilting IV <i>High density quilting with lots of background fill or detailed patterns</i>	\$5.00
Layering <i>We prefer to layer the quilt so that we can get a good look at it before we quilt it</i>	\$0.35
Pressing <i>If necessary Flat fee</i>	\$10
Trimming <i>If desired, we can trim your finished quilt so it is all ready for quilting</i>	\$5-10.00
Binding I (linear inch) <i>Customer to hand sew to back Customer to provide prepared binding (2½" wide, double fold)</i>	\$0.10
Binding II (linear inch) <i>Customer to hand sew to back Needleworks to prepare binding (2½" wide, double fold)</i>	\$0.15