

# Needle Designs by Betty

## *Longarm Quilting Services*

### Quilt Pricing:\*

\*All pricing is for an estimated cost and may vary from actual cost. Add-on charge may also apply as noted below.

**Minimum Charge for any quilt: \$75.00**

*To Calculate a charge, use Length x Wide in inches = xxxx sq. inches. Then use the xxxx sq. inches x .XXX (Price per sq/in) = Total for quilting. ((IE: 72"L x 60"W = 4320 sq inch. Then: 4320 sq inch x .025 = 108.00)*

**Simple all over**, Edge to Edge, and Pantograph quilting are the basic quilting techniques repeated in "rows" from edge to edge of the quilt. These styles of quilting are generally priced on the density of the design. In my case, I use three levels of density for pricing.

<b>Low Density</b>	Very open design	\$.020+ / sq. inch
<b>Medium Density</b>	Moderate design	\$.025+ / sq. inch
<b>High Density</b>	Very dense or tight designs	.030+ / sq. inch

**Custom quilting** are priced individually for each quilt. These contain individual block designs, outlining, stitch-in-the-ditch, large cross hatching, freehand quilting, use of templates, and/or a mix of methods used in the quilting. Custom quilting require measuring, centering, and marking the quilt top and requires more time.

<b>Custom Designs</b>	Varies from quilt to quilt	\$.040+ / sq. inch
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**Heirloom quilting** is very labor intensive. It usually includes tight stippling, small background grids, feathers, free hand designs, and/or other tight dense patterns like a tight cross hatching design. It requires a lot of marking and accuracy designed just for your quilt.

<b>Heirloom Designs</b>	Varies per quilts	\$.070+ / sq. inch
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### Additional Services Available:

#### Batting:

Batting is available for purchase from Needle Designs. You may provide your own batting if you have it.

- Warm and Natural Cotton batting is available in white and/or cream. It is stocked on 90" to 120" wide rolls. Priced at time of quote.

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- Hobb’s Wool Batting is also available in various sizes. Priced at time of quote.
- Other batting type may also be available at time of quote.

### **Binding Services:**

Several types of binding attachments are available. You provide material for binding.

Style of Binding			Price
Hand Binding	Machine Binding on Front	Hand Stitched on Back	\$.40 linear inch
Partial Binding	Machine Binding on Front only	You finish binding on back	\$.20 linear inch
Machine Binding	Machine Binding on Front	Machine binding on back	\$.30 linear inch
Making Binding*			\$.

\*Making binding: customer will supply 1 yard of prewashed and ironed, uncut fabric. Binding will be double folded and finished approximately 1/2” wide. Binding will be cut on the strait of the grain unless you have a curved edged quilt or request bias binding (additional charge for bias cutting binding and may require extra fabric.

### **Backing Seam:**

Needle Designs will seam your backing with a ½ seam with selvages trimmed if you need. Price is **\$15.00** per seam.

### **Thread Charge:**

Several thread types are available. We can discuss what type and color you would like to use. Charges for thread will run \$3 - \$8 per quilt depending on size.

### **Additional Charges:**

Press quilt top or back, repair seams, fix borders, etc. - \$10.00 and up.

Cutting threads - \$15.00.

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### Preparing you Quilts for Machine Quilting

Proper preparation of your quilt top and backing will provide better results on the finished quilt. To save any additional charges, please be sure to prepare as follows:

- Quilt top and backing must be clean and smoke free.
- Press you quilt top and backing. Proper pressing during quilt construction will make the final pressing much easier to do.
- Batting and backing must be 4 inches bigger on each side and 5 inches longer on the top and bottom (Or 8-10" larger all around). This is to be able to put the quilt on the longarm frame.
- Quilt top and backing should be square.
- Mark "TOP" of quilt top with a safety pin and/or note.
- Remove all selvages edges.
- Seam on the back should be pressed.
- Trim all threads from the quilt top and back. This it help prevent thread showing through the quilt top after it is quilted.
- Stay stitch around top and/or back where there are open seams to prevent seams from becoming loose while quilting.
- Do **not** baste or pin quilt top to batting or backing.

### Initial Consultation

Call and schedule an appointment for your initial consultation. We will measure your quilt top and backing, discuss quilting options, thread colors and types, and batting. A complete order form will be filled out and signed so there is not misunderstanding.

Date of completion will be scheduled at this time.

### Things to Consider

Things to consider when you are completing your quilt top.

#### **Borders:**

Cut borders on the long straight of the grain. It will have less stretch than on the crosswise grain. If you are piecing your borders, use a 45 degree angle for the seams to reduce bulk in your borders.

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Measure your quilt through the center. Using that measurement cut your border to length. Find the center of your border and pin it to the center of the quilt edge. Pin the ends on both sides. Ease the border onto your quilt as you pin the rest of the border. This will help prevent wavy borders and may eliminate puckers in the quilting process.

### **Selecting a Backing:**

- When selecting your backing fabric, keep in mind the following thoughts:
- As tempting as it might be, do not use sheets. They just don't play well with needles.
- Using a wide backing will eliminate having to seam the backing. Many quality quilt shops carry the 90"-108" wide backing. Or you may find them at an online shop too.
- Choose a busy print instead of plain color fabric.
- Consider the thread color used on the back as well as the top.

### **Piecing the Backing:**

Backings can be pieced either horizontally or vertically. Always remove selvages before sewing the seams. The Selvage is a tighter weave and will make your backing pucker or inward curving of the piece. Making sure the pieces are the exact same size before sewing will help ensure a flatter seam. Use a 1/2" seam and press them open. Square up the backing.

### **Estimating Backing Fabric Requirements:**

There are many ways to figure out the yardage needed for a backing to be pieces. As a general rule, I use the following chart:

Quilt Size	Backing	Binding
Crib	2.00 square yards	.75 yards
Twin 63" x 87"	6.00 square yards	.75 yards
Double 78" x 87"	6.00 square yards	.75 yard
Queen 84" x 92"	7.50 square yards	1 yard
King 100" x 92"	9 square yards	1 yard

For a more accurate estimate, there are fabric "calculators" available online. Or ask your local quilt shop for help.

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