

# ***A Happy Longarmers List***

1. **Stitch a 1/8 inch straight stitch all the way around your quilt top.** This keeps your seams from coming open and helps stop fraying of fabric edges.

2. **Backing and Batting** needs to be a minimum of **4 inches bigger all the way around.** Example if your quilt top is 50x50 you back must be 58x58 or bigger.

3. Please square the back. **Straight edges on all sides please.** We need to be able to pin, clamp and test our tension with those edges.

4. If backing is pieced, it's always better if the seam is going **horizontal** (east/west) rather than **vertical** (north/south). It creates less bulk when rolled onto the longarm rack. But no worries if it's not, just give a little extra on the sides to compensate for bulk.

5. Make sure to let us know if the top and or backing is directional. We want your quilts to be just as beautiful as you want them to be.

