

Gerline's Quilt Shoppe

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Gerline has been machine quilting for many years. First on her Bernina (yes, with extreme effort you can do a king size under your Bernina, however I do not highly recommend it!) then on a very used Gammill with a limited throat size. In January 2006 Gerline purchased a new Optimum Plus Gammill and machine quilting has taken on a whole new life.

Besides custom quilting your quilt with the back you have provided, Gerline's Quilt Shoppe will also:

1. Help you select a backing for your quilt. Seam, press and size to make backing.
2. Make the binding and machine sew it to the top of your quilted quilt-
*Or finish the binding either by hand or machine.
3. Make a label and attach it to the back of your quilt.
4. We will even make the whole quilt for you when you select a pattern, give us the size you need (in inches) and we will help you select the fabric.

All of these services are available in our shoppe.

Quilting is charged by the square inch and the base price starts at 1 ½ cent per square inch. A very nice quilting job can be had for this base price. The price after this will depend on how intricate or personalized you request the quilting to be done.

We prefer to use Hobbs 80-20 batting which presently costs \$9.00 per lin. yd., however we have five selections of Dream Cotton Batting from which to choose as well. You may select your batting at the time you bring your top & back to be quilted. We can advise you with your selection if you wish.

We do not charge additional for the quilting thread whether it is solid or variegated. However, if we need to make more than one color change, we do charge for this additional labor.

Our turn around time is normally 4 to 5 weeks for just quilting. Three to four months for commission quilts.

How to Prepare Your Quilt Top and Backing for the Machine Quilter.

If the corners of your top are not square,
your finished quilt will not lay flat.

For the best end results, follow the suggestions below.

1. Choose a back that is close to the same color as the top if you want your quilting to be ***less visible***. Also, by choosing a back with a busy print, the quilting will be less predominate. It is always advisable not to have a lot of contrast (light & dark) between the top and bobbin thread.
2. The batting and backing should **be at least three inches** and no more than 8" larger than the top on all sides. It is helpful to bring the top and back measurements with you as this will save time when checking in your quilt. An easy way to calculate the correct back size is to measure your top, add 6 inches

to the width and 6 inches to the length. This gives you 3 " all the way around. If you bring a back that is over 8" wider than the width of the quilt, an additional charge will be added for making it the correct size.

3. Make sure all seams are sewn and there are no little gaps where the needle didn't catch the fabric. These holes can cause problems when quilting. Also, make sure all seams do not have **tucks** pressed in them. These tucks easily kick back to make a pleat while machine quilting which makes an unsightly quilt.
4. The backing should be 'squared up' as much as possible. Make sure that the selvage is cut away at the seams only and the white from the selvage does not show on the front side of the backing. Neatly press the backing and carefully fold or drape on a hanger.
5. Double-check your top for loose threads. These include threads on top as well as the ones underneath. If your quilt has white or light fabric in it, the threads underneath will show through.

In order for your quilt to lay flat and quilt nicely you must apply your borders correctly, especially your mitered corners. You may consult a quilting instructional book that contains instructions for this.

We thank you for trusting your quilting to us. We consider every quilt a future heirloom and appreciate the time you have invested into making the top. Therefore, we want our quilting to complement what you have created to make your quilt even more beautiful.