

## About Machine Quilting

### *Quilting*

The following types of quilting are available:

- Overall quilting (also called pantograph or edge-to-edge quilting)
- Semi-Custom Quilting: the application of two pattern designs, one for the centre of the quilt and another for the border
- Custom Quilting: covers the application of a variety of combined patterns that enhance the quilt piecing. The result is a truly unique quilt. The pattern includes motifs, ditch quilting, continuous curves, small background meandering, or a combination of designs or patterns.

### *The Quilt Top*

- The quilt top should be free of any buttons, pins etc.
- The quilt top should be well pressed with seams pressed open or to one side
- The quilt top should be clipped of all loose threads, both front and back. Loose threads can cause snags and uneven stitching. On lighter fabrics, loose threads on the back can show through the quilt top

**NOTE:** If there is more than a 1.5 inch discrepancy between the vertical and horizontal measurements of the quilt, it is possible that tucks and/or pleats will appear during quilting. The most common reasons for measurement differences are stretched bias edges and mitered corners that leave extra fabric on one or both sides of the miter. Too much easement when piecing blocks can result in small tents or puckers when the quilt is loaded on the machine quilting rack. This is caused by the way the quilt is constructed and not by how it is quilted.

### *Batting*

All batting must be pre-paid and sold through The Running Stitch. The store offers a wide selection of pre-packaged batting in a variety of sizes or batting on the roll. Alternatively, customers may bring their own batting, but the batting must be pre-approved by the machine quilter as not all battings are suitable for machine quilting.

### *Backing*

The batting and backing must be at least 4 inches larger than the quilt top on all sides. Backing fabric should be 100% cotton. The backing should be pieced and squared to ease loading on the frame and to prevent and tucks during the quilting process.

### *Thread*

Michèle Gagné Quilting carries a wide variety of threads in many colours. Thread colours are to be discussed in advance. Additional charges apply to use more than one thread colour or to use specialty threads such as metallic, rayon, monofilament etc.

### *Pricing*

Price is determined based upon the type of quilting chosen.

Michèle would be happy to speak with you to determine what type of quilting best suits your wishes.