



Cottage Quilt Designs Tutorials

Basting Your Quilt for Machine Quilting

Supplies

- Quilting Safety Pins
- Masking Tape

1. Iron your quilt top making sure the intersection points are pressed open and that the seam allowances are flat.
2. Mark your quilt with quilting designs after all the ironing is done. The lines from wash out markers will become permanent in the fabric if ironed.
3. Piece your backing and press open the seams.
4. Lay the backing with the seam allowances facing you on the floor or a large table. The batting will cover the seam allowances.
5. Tape the corners and several places along the sides with masking tape. Stretch the backing taut as you tape the edges. Stroke your hand across the backing. If it doesn't move then you have made it taut enough. This will prevent wrinkles from forming on the back while you machine quilt.
6. Lay out and center the batting on the backing. Smooth out the wrinkles.
7. Lay out and center the quilt top on the batt. Smooth out the top but not enough to distort the shape of the quilt. That can be easy to do with cotton batts.
8. Pin the layers together every 2" to 3". Placing the pins close together keeps the quilt layers from moving while you are machine quilting.
9. Remove the masking tape from around the backing edges. Your quilt is now ready for machine quilting.