

## ○ Pre-Quilting Checklist

At the start of a new project, remember to:

- ☐ Gather your quilting supplies (thread, bobbins, needles, etc.).
- ☐ Clean the tracks on your carriage and frame, and the wheels on your carriage and machine or top plate. Use a lint-free cloth dampened with water.
- ☐ Check your machine cords are plugged into the correct ports.
- ☐ Check your machine mobility.
- ☐ Oil your machine hook assembly if recommended by the machine manual. Run your machine without a bobbin to disperse the oil in the hook and prevent it from dripping onto your quilt or slicking the bobbin thread.
- ☐ Clean your machine's thread guides and discs.
- ☐ Thread your machine according to its manual.

- ☐ Change to a new, sharp needle of the correct type for your thread and fabric.
- ☐ Wind your bobbin and check your bobbin case tension.
- ☐ Check your hopping or presser foot height according to the machine's manual.
- ☐ Set your hoop height.
- ☐ Use a practice quilt to set your machine's stitching tension. Remember to check the top and bottom of your quilt!
- ☐ If using automation, check that the belts are engaged and adequately tightened.
- ☐ Measure your quilt top (height, width, and any border measurements).
- ☐ Load your quilt onto the frame.