



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.

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