

# **Machine Quilting**

Heaven's Quilts specializes in quality quilting techniques which transform a quilt top into a family heirloom. We use five basic steps to convert your quilt top into a finished product. Please call us for a free consultation (720-219-8169) regarding the application of these steps to your quilt project:

- **Step 1** Prepare your quilt top and backing per the instructions below.
- **Step 2** Because the quality of thread varies by type, color, and weight, select thread in collaboration with Heaven's Quilts. Thread must be purchased from Heaven's Quilts.
- **Step 3** Choose the type of quilting you want for your quilt top (see Quilting Choices below; consult with Heaven's Quilts, if needed).
- **Step 4** Pick your batting. Heaven's Quilts has Hobbs Heirloom 80/20 cotton/polyester batting available for purchase as part of your project. If you plan to provide your own batting, be advised that we do not accept polyester batting.
- **Step 5** Select your binding preference, if you prefer that Heaven's Quilts does your binding (see information on Binding below).

Note that Heaven's Quilts will not quilt something that is partially quilted already.

Additional information regarding each of the above steps is provided below. If you have questions or would like a free consultation, please do not hesitate to give us a call at 720-219-8169 or email us at rita@heavensquilts.com

## **Project Preparation**

Our customers can prepare the quilt top and backing on their own or request that these services be included in the project price. To prepare a quilt top and backing on your own (additional charges may apply if the quilt is not prepared as described):

- Trim all threads on the quilt top and press.
- Ensure that the backing is *at least 3 inches* wider than the quilt top on each side.
- If the backing is pieced, remove fabric selvages before stitching ½ inch seam allowance and pressing open.
- Be sure your quilt is clean and pressed No pet hair please and no smoke smell!

These same preparation activities can be performed by Heaven's Quilts at the following cost per hour:

- Trimming threads and pressing \$28/hour
- Cutting, piecing or attaching borders \$28/hour
- Piecing backing \$28/hour

# **Quilting Type Choices**

- **PANTOGRAPHS** are continuous moderately spaced patterns sewn edge to edge in rows covering the entire quilt. Designs are available in a variety of patterns. Cost is \$0.025 to \$0.045 per square inch; pricing depends on the intricacy of the pattern chosen with a minimum cost of \$60.
  - 0.025 per square inch overall simple design by computer
  - 0.035 per square inch overall moderate design by computer
  - 0.045 per square inch overall complicated design by computer
- **CUSTOM QUILTING** includes any stenciled or marked designs in blocks, sashings, and borders, including echoing, feathers, stippling, outlining, stitch-in-the-ditch, and grid work. Cost per square inch with a minimum cost of \$75.
  - 0.075 per square inch custom moderate quilting
  - 0.085 per square inch custom complicated quilting
  - 0.095 per square inch custom heirloom quilting

#### Batting

Rita uses Hobbs Heirloom 80/20 cotton/polyester batting. Please contact us if you have questions regarding other options or if you plan to provide your own batting. We do not accept 100% polyester batting for machine quilting projects.

#### Binding

Many quilters prefer to do the binding themselves. However, if you would like Rita to do the binding for you, there are three basic options:

- **MACHINE PARTIAL BINDING** Binding includes trimming the quilt, preparing binding and stitching the binding to the quilt front. This binding makes your quilt edge ready for you to turn the binding to the back and hand stitch down. Cost is \$0.30 per inch.
- **FULL MACHINE BINDING** Binding includes trimming the quilt, preparing binding and stitching to the quilt front. This binding is also turned to the back and stitched down with a machine stitch from the back. Cost is \$0.40 per inch.
- **MACHINE/HAND BINDING**—Binding includes trimming the quilt, preparing binding and stitching to the quilt front, and hand-stitching the binding to the back of the quilt. Cost is \$0.50 per inch.
- Bias Binding Additional \$25 charge.

## **Quilt Labels**

If requested, Rita will create an embroidered quilt label by machine at the following rates:

- Quilt label, less than 25 words, machine embroidered \$20.00
- Quilt label, more than 25 but less than 50 words, machine embroidered \$30.00

## **Hanging Sleeve**

If requested, Rita will add a hand-stitched hanging sleeve to the back of a quilt per the following rates:

- Large quilt, greater than 75 inches \$35.00
- Medium quilt, 30–75 inches \$30.00
- Small quilt, less than 30 inches \$20.00

## **Quilt Repairs**

If requested, Rita will make minor repairs to existing quilts. To evaluate the potential to repair a quilt, an appointment should be made so that Rita can assess whether the quilt can be repaired. Repair costs, including removal of existing stitches, are based on an hourly rate of \$28/hour.

## **Rush Orders**

All projects are completed in the order received and can take up to several months depending on Heaven's Quilts backlog of projects. In some situations it may possible to complete a project request more quickly, but there may be additional costs. Typically a rush order, if accepted, will incur an additional \$75.00 charge which will be added to the overall cost of the project.