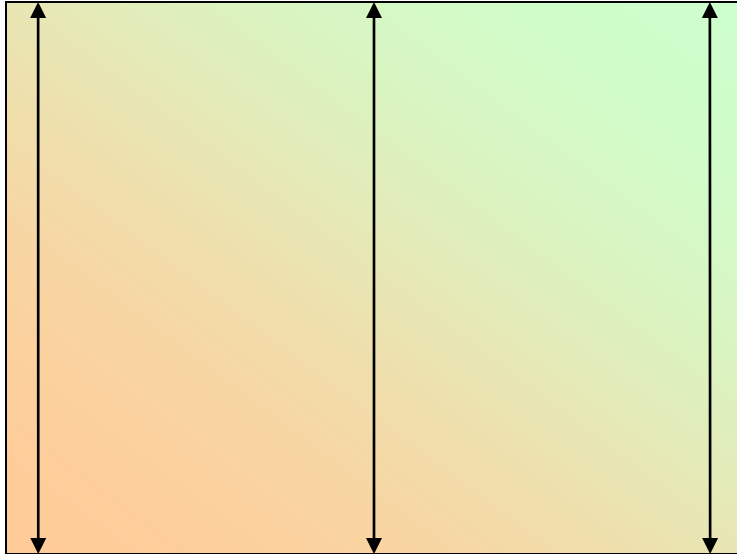


Sew What Else – Longarm Quilting

Applying Borders

A few extra minutes of care on borders is time well spent and will result in a quilt that is flat and square. Remember wavy borders do not quilt out!



Be sure to press your completed top thoroughly after final assembly; be careful to not stretch the edges.

Lay the quilt top on a flat surface, preferably a table or the floor. Gently smooth it flat but be careful that you do not stretch.

Measure in 3 places across the surface of the quilt; be sure to place the tape an inch or 2 in from the edges. Write your measurements down!

If the difference in measurements is $\frac{1}{2}$ " or less, then use the center measurement. If they vary by more than $\frac{1}{2}$ " you must average the 3 measurements.

Cut 2 strips the proper width by the measurement (be sure your ends are cut to a 45° angle) you just calculated. Find the center of your strips and place a pin at the center for reference. Do this for each edge of the quilt top and mark with a pin. Pin together at the centers and the ends keeping the ends even and ease in any fullness. As you stitch, place the border on top, and the quilt top on the bottom closest to the feed dogs; this will help to ease the fullness.

Repeat these steps for the second set of borders. Keep in mind the measurements will vary as you now have the extra width applied with your side borders.