

Tension is integral to successful longarm quilting!

## 1 ONLY USE HIGH-QUALITY THREAD

Avoid thread breaks by choosing the proper thread for your project.

## 2 CAREFULLY THREAD THE MACHINE

being sure to “floss” the thread between the tension discs

## 3 USE THE SAME COLOR THREAD

not necessarily the same type of thread, on the top spool and in the bobbin.

## 4 SET THE BOBBIN TENSION FIRST

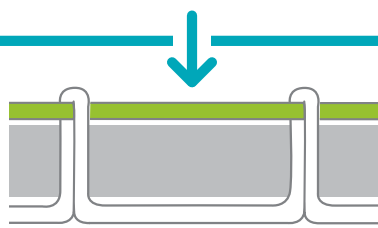
then adjust top tension. Do a drop test with the bobbin in the bobbin case - <http://youtu.be/Ooz8Edtoe2E>

## 5 TEST YOUR TENSION

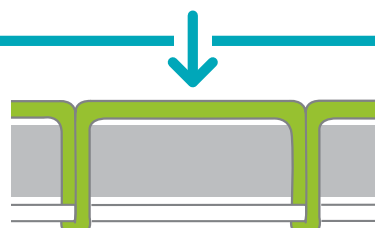
by quilting on piece of scrap fabric placed on top of extra batting and backing.

### Adjusting the Tension

If top thread looks like this: If top thread looks like this:



Top tension is too **TIGHT**.



Top tension is too **LOOSE**.

### Remember!

When adjusting bobbin tension, use minute adjustments, like the ticks of a clock.

When adjusting top tension, start by using a full turn of the knob. Fine tune as-needed.

**Hint:** If you have a Handi Quilter machine with either Easy-Set Tension or Easy-Touch Tension, make a note of the tension numeric value to make it easy to set top tension when using that thread again in the future.