



## How Do I Quilt It?

### Quick Guide to Choosing Your Quilting Design

#### Key Considerations for Your Quilting Design

- Purpose: What's the quilt's use? (e.g., display, gift, everyday use)
- Focus: Highlight or conceal specific areas.
- Design Style: Edge-to-Edge (E2E) or custom quilting.
- Time & Budget: Plan based on your resources.
- Skill Level: Stick to your comfort zone or try something new.
- Quilt Style: Match the design to traditional, modern, or themed quilts.
- Fabric: Quilting stands out on solids but blends on busy prints.

#### Essential Design Elements

##### Thread

- Blending: Finer threads blend better (higher weight = finer thread).
- Standout: Use bold threads for visibility.
- Monofilament: Great for multi-color quilts.
- Color Test: Lay thread on the quilt to preview.
- Bobbins: Match bobbin thread color to top thread.

##### Batting

- Wool: Adds texture, breathable, warm.
- 80/20 Blend: Versatile and popular for longarm quilting.
- Tip: Check the batting's minimum quilting density.

##### Auditioning Designs

- Preview Paper: Draw at the quilt's scale.
- Apps: Use drawing apps for initial ideas.
- Photos: Print a quilt photo and sketch designs.
- Pro-Stitcher Designer: Test digitized designs with a quilt photo.

##### Find Your Quilting Community

- Local Guilds: Join a quilting guild.
- Quilt Shops: Connect with others at your local shop.
- Classes/Retreats: Attend quilting events.
- Online Groups: Engage with virtual quilting communities.

##### Quick Tips for Success

- Finished > Perfect: Focus on completing your quilt.
- You're the Boss: Choose what you love.
- Be Kind to Yourself: Avoid self-criticism.
- No Quilt Police: There's no "wrong" way to quilt.
- Have Fun: Enjoy the creative process!