

Pin Basting Your Quilt

1. Iron backing and lay right side down on large surface.
2. Tape backing to surface; smooth out wrinkles.
3. Layer batting next; smooth out wrinkles
4. Layer top, right side up; smooth out wrinkles
5. You now have a “sandwich”.
6. Decide the pattern you want to quilt your “sandwich” with. (I use a straight line pattern)
7. Pin all layers together in such a way that the pins are not in the path of your quilt pattern.
I usually pin about every 4-6” apart.

But sometimes I just pin so that I can quilt in one direction. Then I remove the pins before starting the other direction.

8. Once the “sandwich” is pinned I take it to my sewing machine and quilt.

Helpful Hints:

I use “curved safety pins” for ease of pinning. They can be purchased at Joann’s or Hobby Lobby, etc.

I always use finger protection when pinning. I use “needle pullers” which are basically fingertip covers.

I always use a walking foot to quilt my quilts.

I try my best not to rush the quilt or push it while the walking foot is doing its work. Doing so can cause puckers.

If you do not have a large surface to tape down your backing, using 3 pool noodles is an option. There are several YouTube videos showing this technique.

