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JUST QUILT IT!
What Should I Quilt?

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**What Should I Quilt? ■ Blocks ■ Rows ■ Edge-to Edge
Negative Space ■ A Few More Things**



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A FEW MORE THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

MOTIFS

- If your quilt top is mostly straight lines, use curve lines to quilt will add interest to the overall effect.
- Practice your designs until you have developed the muscle memory needed to repeat the design easily.

DENSITY

- Keep the density of quilting evenly spaced throught the quilt. This will help the quilt keep its shape. If you quilt too dense in one part and not so dense in another part, your quilt will not lay flat.
- If borders have denser quilting than blocks, the borders will be smaller as the quilting takes up space. If the blocks are quilted more densely than the borders, the borders will become wavy.
- Always check and follow the batting package for the recommended quilt spacing.

MINIMIZE STARTS AND STOPS

- Consider where you start and stop. Try to have the least amount of start/stops possible.
- When quilting edge to edge, you can start and end off the sides of the quilt top. This will save time, and tie-offs will be covered by the binding.

BACKING FABRICS

- If your backing fabric is solid or mostly one color, the stitches on the back are more noticeable. Busy prints on the back help hide the stitches.
- Using a wide backing is always a good idea. If the backing must be pieced, run the seams in the same direction as the rails if using a machine on a frame.
- Press seam allowance in the backing in one direction to make the seam stronger.

THREADS

- Thick thread will show the stitching more.
- Thin thread will not show as much. When doing very small or micro work, a thin thread might be best.
- Match the thread color to the fabric color and it will make the un-quilted areas pop.
- Use a contrasting thread to really show off the quilting.