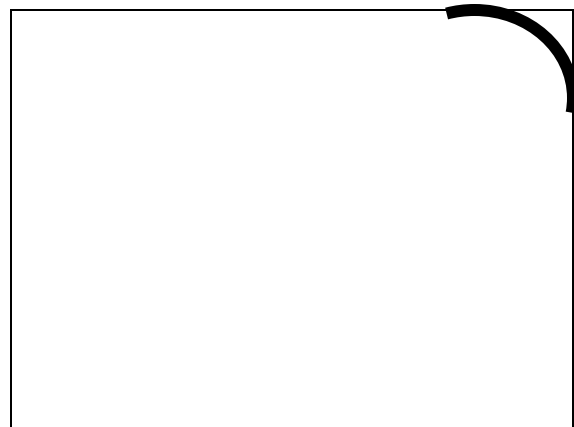


Sandwiching of Quilts


- **Batting first**
- **Then backing, right side up**
- **Then quilt top, right side down**
- **Press backing to batting to hold in place-use steam setting on iron.**
- **Pin with safety pins, starting in middle of quilt to hold in place**
- **Pin around outside about ½ inch from edge**
- **Draw curve in corners to match 3/8 inch seam, with plastic lid as template.**



Sewing Around Outside Edge of Quilt Sandwich

- Always use walking foot to sew quilt sandwich (batting layer, and flannel to flannel layers, or cotton to flannel layers)
- Use 2.5 stitch length or 3.0 if quilt is heavy
- Leave 6 to 10 inch opening for turning, depending on size of quilt. Backstitch at beginning and end.
- Align edge of quilt with edge of walking foot so seam is about $\frac{3}{8}$ inch, not $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.
- SLOW DOWN: stitches get tighter and closer together if you go too fast!
- Use white or neutral thread
- Before sewing on the quilt sandwich, do a test, (see sample provided), to make sure stitches are correct.

Trimming Quilts

- Use batting scissors to trim outside edge (seam allowance) of quilt.
- Trim rounded corners and clip curves, being careful to not cut too close to sewn seam. Trim the batting close to the stitching at the curve. 
- Remove safety pins, leaving them open as they come out
- Turn quilt, then press, keeping edges smooth and aligned. Press the edges of the opening that was left for turning, so they line up with the rest of the edge of the quilt. Use steam to press.
- Sew batting to backing with basting stitch to keep batting from shifting. Close the opening with blind stitch, using matching thread. No stitches should be visible from the outside.

Machine Quilting

- **GO SLOWLY**
- Always use walking foot
- Quilt sandwich needs to be pinned according to the way you want to quilt it (so preferably pinned by the same person who wants to do the machine quilting)
- Use lots of pins to hold the layers in place
- May use *Stitch in the Ditch* with straight stitch, or fancy stitching
- Preferred stitch is *Serpentine*. 
- May do free motion quilting
- Stitch around the outside of the quilt to look like binding – either with straight stitch or fancy stitch –
GO SLOWLY
- Use thread of your choice (variegated threads available if you wish)
- Do a test of your chosen stitch before starting on the actual quilt (see samples provided)
- **GO SLOWLY**

Cutting Fabric into Kits for Quilt Top Patterns

- Patterns and fabrics are available in the Linus cabinet
- Fabric is already in measured lengths and ready to select for patterns
- Whatever fabric is left after cutting for a kit should be re-measured, labelled and put back into cabinet neatly into correctly labelled position
- Plastic bags are available for the contents of the kits (cut fabrics and pattern)
- If you can find borders and/or backings to coordinate with the kit, that is very helpful too!

Sewing Kit Instructions

- Read pattern carefully before sewing pieces together
- If you have questions, please ask the Project Linus coordinator or assistant coordinators for help
- Please press as you go, and sew accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seams