

OUR QUILTING PROCESS



HELLO FROM GMA BEE'S CLOSET!

We hope you find this informative and helpful in beginning your journey toward creation of your one-of-a-kind quilt.

If you wish to make a quilt from treasured clothes, or a special fabric stash, Gma Bee's will work together with you to design a quilt in a size & style that fits you. Gma Bee's can also stitch a quilt as a special gift for a significant event or make a personalized quilt for you or a loved one.

There are various types of blankets and bed covers, but quilts are uniquely constructed. Many quilts of the past were made from brown paper layers. Those are now just records in books! Quilts that have survived are cherished heirloom quilts carefully stitched from fabrics of dresses and old worn uniforms, recycled and remade as quilts, exactly what Gma Bee's offers. Quilts can also have intricate patchwork, embroidery, and appliqués. However, to be clearly defined as a quilt, it must have 3 layers tied or stitched together. Your quilt will be truly unique to you and stitched to last for generations.

If you are interested in Gma Bee's stitching your memorable quilt, here is some information to get you started on our journey together.

When Gma Bee's has confirmed your commission and received your fabrics and deposit, it will take 2-6 weeks to stitch (usually quicker, but life does happen). We will meet several times throughout the process to ensure your quilt is designed the way you like it. To secure the commission we ask for a 15% non-refundable deposit towards initial material costs, which will go toward your final quilt cost. And to give you a final quilt cost, we need some information from you.

FIRST, what size would you like your quilt to be? Here are measurements to assist you:

Baby Quilt: this is normally around 36" square. This is one that you can wrap baby in, put on the floor for them to lie on or cover them up.

Lap Quilt: one to use as a throw, to wrap around yourself on a cold winter's evening, or even for a picnic. We make these anywhere from 36" to 54" wide by 48" to 66" long.

Here are average bed sizes:

Bed Size	Quilt Size (width x length)
Twin (38x75)	56"- 66" X 80"- 108"
Full Double (54x75)	70"- 89" X 84"- 108"
Queen (60x80)	76"- 94" X 90" x 113"

Please note: Queen is the maximum size Gma Bee's can stitch and quilt.

If a quilt is for a specific bed in your home, to have the best measurement, it's best to measure the top of your mattress and add the overhang you want on every side (left, right, top, and bottom). This is especially recommended for very deep mattresses.

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SECOND, what patchwork design would you like?

Gma Bee's offers 3 patchwork patterns (on our website), which take about the same amount of time and material to stitch, which is why we offer an all-inclusive cost for most materials (thread, batting, backing, additional fabric needed, etc.), labor, and stitching. Shipping costs for customers to mail fabrics and for Gma Bee's to mail your completed quilt to you are also included using USPS Priority Flat Rate insured. A Full Size (Double) will take on average 20 to 25 hours to cut and sew and will cost \$300.

If you wish to have a different, or more intricate patchwork pattern, Gma Bee's can do this as well. [Pinterest](#) has many ideas and resources. The more intricate, the longer it will take to cut and stitch and thus a special quote will be required for the pattern.

THIRD, would you like traditional or ragged seams and edges?

Traditional seams are sewn toward the inside of the quilt and present as a flat quilt with a solid binding outer edge. Ragging is a special technique in which seams and the outer edge are sewn toward the outside of the quilt and are then clipped about every $\frac{1}{4}$ " to give the quilt a rustic look. It is really matter of individual preference for each person. However, ragging a quilt does require additional time, therefore is an additional cost depending on the size of the quilt:

Baby Quilt	\$5
Small Lap Quilt	\$10
Medium Lap Quilt	\$15
Large Lap Quilt	\$20
Twin	\$25
Full Double	\$30
Queen	\$35

FOURTH, how would you like your quilt to be quilted?

Gma Bee's uses machine quilting and has many designs to choose from. If you wish to have your quilt quilted by a longarm quilter there is an additional cost, which will be provided by the longarm quilter.

If you would like to discuss your ideas, either send Gma Bee's a message through Facebook or <https://www.gmabees.com> . We look forward to hearing from you.

Have a Bee-autiful Day,

Susan Duggins, Owner

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