



Quilt Backing Yardage

Backing needs to be bigger than the top — cut it about 8" larger in each direction (4" of overhang per side) so there's room to load and quilt. Long-armers often ask for a full 10". Yardage below assumes 42"-wide cotton; the last column is the easy button — extra-wide 108" fabric.

Yardage by quilt size

- *Fabric widths vary. This chart uses an anticipated width of 40".*
- *"Widths" = how many 40" cuts you sew side-by-side (remove selvages, press the seam open).*
- *The Yardage chart is based on Vertical Piecing. Adjust as needed for horizontal Piecing.*
- *Quilt Sizes are based on typical finished tops; match to your own and round up as needed.*

Quilt	Quilt Size	Backing Size	# of 40" Widths	Yardage (40")	108"-Wide Fabric
Baby / Crib	36" × 48"	44" × 56"	2	3 1/8 yd	1 5/8 yd (one width)
Lap	48" × 60"	56" × 68"	2	3 7/8 yd	2 yd (one width)
Throw	60" × 72"	68" × 80"	2	4 1/2 yd	2 1/4 yd (one width)
Twin	65" × 88"	73" × 96"	2	5 3/8 yd	2 3/4 yd (one width)
Full / Double	80" × 88"	88" × 96"	3	8 yd	2 3/4 yd (one width)
Queen	88" × 96"	96" × 104"	3	8 3/4 yd	3 yd (one width)
King	104" × 104"	112" × 112"	3	9 3/8 yd	piece 2 widths

Vertical vs. Horizontal Piecing

If the backing needs pieced due to the quilt being larger than the width of the fabric, decide how the piecing should be laid out. Here are some examples:

Quilt	Vertical Piecing	Horizontal Piecing
Baby / Crib		
Lap		
Throw		
Twin		
Full / Double		
Queen		
King		