

## Making MY Best Quilt – A Checklist

### Fabrics:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Best quality I can afford
- \_\_\_\_\_ Washed and pressed

### Tools:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Sharp blade
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rulers with sharp corners and clear markings
- \_\_\_\_\_ Smooth cutting surface (ruts in your mat make it hard to cut precisely)

### CUT SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY

Now – on to the machine

### Thread:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A thin thread (matching colors are great, blending colors are nice too)  
(Try Presencia or Aurifil, 100% cotton 50 wt)

### Needle:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A new needle for each project (they don't cost that much!)
- \_\_\_\_\_ A thin, sharp needle (like Schmetz Microtex Sharps 80/12)

### Iron:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Press after each step.

*Think ahead and press seams in opposite directions where blocks or pieces will be joined together.*

Don't move that iron any more than needed! Up and down motions rather than from side to side.

*\*Check your ¼ inch seam allowance every now and again, especially when sewing with a different weight of fabric.*

### SEW SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY

### Borders:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Measure in quilt top center from edge to edge for a true measurement and cut your border to that measurement, then pin ends and center first, distributing evenly.

### Bindings:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Trim edges to even them up after quilting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check for rippling, block quilt if necessary
- \_\_\_\_\_ Measure and pin bindings just like sewing borders.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do not stretch while sewing on.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sharp corners or gently rounded – not an in between.

### You aren't finished yet!

- \_\_\_\_\_ Don't forget the label!
- \_\_\_\_\_ An appraisal will help everyone remember that your creation is something of value!