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Preparing your Quilt for the Quilter

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Perfectly centering
a backing is very difficult,
so if you have a design
or border on the back be
generous with your margins
or make it asymmetrical
to avoid an obvious
misalignment.

After piecing the back, clip the selvages off (only at the seams) and press the seams open. Horizontal seams are better than vertical seams and flat seams make every quilter click their heels!

If your quilt has
a light background,
take a few minutes and
clip dark threads that are
hanging loose so they won't
look like phantom veins
through the lighter
background pieces.

So, your quilt
is off to the
quilter! Here's
what to "pack" for
a successful
trip:

Save all the embellishments (like beading and buttons) for after the visit to the quilter.

If you have a pieced border, it is a good idea to stay-stitch it all the way around to avoid popping seams:

1/8" from the edge is sufficient

Your backing should be at least 3" bigger than the top on all sides. (Baby quilts can get away with a little less.)