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## The Quilted Life

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.

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.

If you have a pieced border, it is a good idea to stay-stitch it all the way around to avoid popping seams:  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge is sufficient.

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

It's backing should be at least 4" bigger than the top on all sides. (Baby quilts can get away with a little less.)

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

Save all the heavy embellishments for after the visit to the quilter. Some beading and smaller buttons are fine and can be worked around.