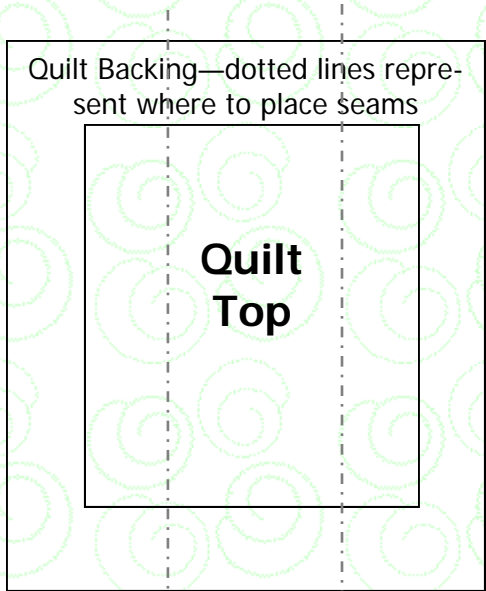


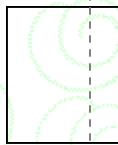
PIECING A QUILT BACK FOR LONGARM QUILTING

Two seam backing—notice that the seams do not fall near the edge of quilt top and won't end up as excess bulk when adding your binding.

If you want to use only 1 seam—*try* and keep it from the center folds — asymmetrical seaming looks great and will prevent excess wear at the seam when folding and storing the quilt.



One seam backing



FYI: Quilt backs are loaded with seams parallel to the rollers—if you are planning on a **directional** quilt design, keep this in mind as the design could end up running sideways! Also keep in mind the thread color used on the top will also be in the bobbin—so if the quilting is done in a dark thread color and you used muslin for the backing—that same dark thread will also be on the back!

Don't let your seams fall close to the edge of your quilt top — this will almost always guarantee a seam will fall in your binding area—it is impossible to "center" a top to a back as all pieces are loaded on separate rollers. If you piece a back with a block you want centered on the back, the quilt will have to be pre-basted by the quilter and will involve an additional fee that may run almost as much as the quilting!

