

Libby's* Tips

1. If using colored quilting thread, it is not advisable to use a solid light or white fabric for the backing as it shows every quilting stitch imperfection.
2. Be keenly aware of stops, starts, and traveling. Traveling occurs when moving from one quilting area to another on your piece, the thread is not sandwiched between the layers but shows on the outside of the quilt.
3. When the judge narrows the category down to two or three quilts, place holders will always be determined by the quality of the quilting stitches.
4. One of the most difficult quilting techniques is cross hatching. It is very noticeable when the cross hatched lines are not spaced evenly from one another.
5. To keep lines of squares straight, it is a requirement to stitch in the ditch. Otherwise, during the overall quilting, those once perfect lines will shift slightly.
6. Periodically check the backing during the quilting process to ensure it is not puckered or folded and continuously pull taut.

*Every now and then during the judging of the quilts for the KAQG Quilt Show, Libby Lehman(our judge for a prior year's show) would impart a little piece of advice on what judges look for when judging a show. Stephanie Sumpter asked permission to pass the tips along, and she was pleased to receive it.