

Congratulations!
Your new machine
has arrived!

Which batting should you use with your new machine?

In no time you'll be set up and ready to start quilting your first quilt top. One big decision impacting your quilting future has already been made, so now is a good time to start thinking about which batting to use. Batting is a core element to each and every quilt that significantly impacts the beauty and lifespan of your work.

Lucky for you, the experts at Tin Lizzie 18 have already tested a number of battings for you and have determined that **Poly-Fil® Extra-Loft** and **Machine 60/40 Blend™** battings by Fairfield are proven performers for use on your new machine. You can expect beautiful results from these battings, which are available on convenient rolls through your local Tin Lizzie 18 training center.

Poly-Fil® Extra-Loft

100% bonded polyester
90" x 20 yard roll



This light weight 100% polyester batting has just the right loft to bury top and bottom threads between layers to form perfect stitches on the top and back of your quilt. You'll enjoy expert results without fussing with the thread tension. The medium loft adds subtle dimension that will showcase your stitchwork.

Washable • Non-allergenic • Will not shrink



Machine 60/40 Blend™

60% white cotton, 40% siliconized polyester
100" x 25 yard roll



Designed for machine quilters, by machine quilters. The cotton holds fabric securely to the batting and allows the quilt to hang flat. The special blend polyester allows the needle to glide through the batting, preventing "pops" on the underside of the quilt. A thin scrim gives this batting added strength for machine quilting.

Washable • Crease resistant • 2% - 3% shrinkage



Together we can make beautiful things.



Tips for selecting the right batting.



As a quilter, you invest a great deal of time into the selection of the perfect pattern, and then spend hours lovingly cutting and piecing together hand-selected fabrics into a quilt top. The quilt batting you choose has a significant effect on the final appearance of your quilt and will determine its hand, drape and loft. Consider these factors to help you narrow down your options when selecting your batting.

End use of the quilt

Batting with a low loft will lie flatter, which is desired for most wall quilts, table runners and clothing. Batting containing polyester forms an insulating barrier to keep you warm. Batting containing natural fibers is heavier and will breathe to keep you comfortable in both warm and cool conditions.

Frequency of washing

Batting containing polyester retains its loft and shape through countless washings. Batting containing natural fibers will shrink in the first wash and get softer after multiple launderings.

Quilting method

Many battings can be hand or machine quilted; those with a scrim will be more difficult to hand quilt, yet are great for machine and long arm quilting.

Desired look of the finished quilt

Low loft battings showcase stitch details while higher lofts show more dimension. Natural batting gives your quilt a beautiful antique look when it shrinks.



The packaging says it all.

Symbols:

You'll find all the information you need to help you make a selection right on the batting package. Look for these symbols on Fairfield brands:

Definitions:

Needlepunched batting is made by passing the fiber blanket through a series of barbed needles that tangle loose fibers together. This results in a soft, supple batting that requires closer quilting stitches.

Bonding is a method of holding fibers together. There are two types of bonding: *Low melt* (thermal) bonding is used for polyester batting. Fibers that have different melting points are blended together then heated to melt the fibers to one another. *Resin* (spray) bonding is a light "glue" applied to the top and bottom surfaces of a natural or blended fiber blanket to hold the layers together.

Scrim is a thin, non-woven fabric, resembling a dryer sheet, which is incorporated into the batting to provide strength and secure fibers.

Recommended Quilting Method



Loft



Batting Type

