

# Interview with Chris – The Long Arm Quilter

We recently had the pleasure of interviewing Chris from Sew n Sew Sisters. Chris is a long arm quilter and we thought you might be interested to hear a bit about her quilting history and also to see her long arm machine in action.

*UPDATE: It's with a heavy heart that we announce that our dear friend Chris passed away in December 2020. She was a truly generous human being whose main focus in life was family and friends. We will miss her dearly.*



During our chat, we found out that there are a few things that you need to think about when getting a quilt professionally quilted.

For instance, you need to make the batting and the backing at least 4" wider ( all around) than the quilt top. This extra fabric and batting is needed so that your quilter has something to attach the tensioning wires to.

You also need to make sure you have enough backing. When we had our first quilt done, we didn't even give it a thought,

our backing wasn't the wider backing that you generally use and it needed to be sewn together to make it big enough for the quilt, but we just took the material over. We now know that we need to sew the backing pieces together before taking the quilt to be quilted. Fortunately, Chris was very kind and patient with us.

Chris told us how she determines what sort of design to use on the quilts. And I have to say she has been spot on with the quilts she has quilted for us.

We hope you enjoy hearing Chris's quilting story and seeing her long arm machine in action.

**Watch our interview with Chris,  
below.**