

Tension is integral to successful longarm quilting!

1 USE ONLY HIGH-QUALITY THREAD

Avoid thread breaks by choosing the proper thread for your project.

2 CAREFULLY THREAD THE MACHINE

Be sure to “floss” the thread between the tension discs.

3 USE THE SAME COLOR THREAD

However, you can use different types of thread on the top spool and in the bobbin.

4 SET THE BOBBIN TENSION FIRST

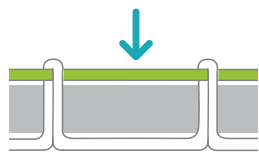
Do a drop test with the bobbin in the bobbin case - youtu.be/Ooz8Edtoe2E

5 TEST YOUR TENSION

Quilt on piece of scrap fabric placed on top of extra batting and backing.

6 ADJUST THE TENSION

If top thread looks like this:



Top tension is too **TIGHT**.

If top thread looks like this:



Top tension is too **LOOSE**.

Bobbin Adjustment

When adjusting bobbin tension, use minute adjustments, like the ticks of a clock.

Top Adjustment

When adjusting top tension, start by using a full turn of the knob. Fine tune as needed.

Note the Number

If you have a Handi Quilter machine with either Easy-Set Tension or Easy-Touch Tension, make a note of the tension numeric value to make it easy to set top tension when using that thread again in the future.