

SPRAY BASTING MADE EASY

First I want to thank you girls for viewing my demo. As I've never done this I hope it might be of some help to some of the members that use spray basting in finishing their quilts. Since I started quilting the only way I've put quilts together or sandwiched them was to spray baste. The first thing I do is to make sure that my batting and my pieced or un-pieced backing are the same size and that they are approximately 4 inches larger on all sides than the pieced front.

SANDWICHING THE BACK TO THE BATTING

1. First I iron everything which I am sure that all of you do. The batting I use is Warm and Natural which is a little more expensive but never needs a lot of ironing.
2. I place the batting down on my two utility tables and then place the **backing right side up**, making sure it is squarely centered on the batting.
3. I take the tube and center it on the backing and then roll the backing up with the tube. If you have any center seams please keep them centered. Continue rolling until you reach approximately 6-8 inches from the end.
4. At this time I usually move around to the other end of the utility tables I am working on. I pull back the 6-8 inches you have left and I spray the batting. I then place the backing over the sprayed batting and smooth out the backing from the center out towards the sides with the palms of my hands.
5. I then pull back on the rolled backing until I feel it resist. I then spray another 6 inches of the batting and proceed to push out from the center working to the sides with the palms of my hands smoothing out as I go.
6. I continue this procedure working approximately 6 inches at a time.
7. When you get to approximately 6-8 inches from the end pull back the end over the rolled backing, spray the batting and finish smoothing the last of the backing out.

SANDWICHING THE PIECED FRONT TO THE BATTING

1. Turn the quilt over keeping the batting on top. Place the **pieced top right side up** on the batting exactly where you would like it to be.
2. The procedure used for the backing and batting is exactly the same for the batting and pieced top.
3. If there are any center seams it is most important when rolling the pieced top that you keep these centered at all times.
4. If the quilt is a large one such as a queen size, you will not be able to find a tube large enough to contain the quilt. In this case you will have overhang on each end of the quilt. As I am rolling the pieced front up I make sure to constantly check that the sides are not getting too bunched up. This has never presented a problem just a little more attention. I usually sandwich my larger quilts on my carpeted basement floor and it works out great. When doing this I protect my carpet as I am working on each section.
5. I tend to use a lot of spray, probably more than is needed. The spray I have been using is Sulky KK2000. It is expensive and I am sure that there are many others that are just as good and less expensive.
6. I got most of my tubes from Joann's as I purchased fabrics or batting.

NOTE: When spraying try to keep the spray within the perimeters of the piece you are working with. In other words if you are spraying the backing to the batting they are the same size so you don't have to be as careful, but if you are spraying the pieced top then you only want to spray the area of the pieced top, not the 4 inches surrounding it.

MOST IMPORTANT IS THAT YOU VENTILATE THE AREA THAT YOU WILL BE SPRAYING IN