Spray Basting Tips

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Quilt basting with an adhesive spray can prove to be a life saver. But, there are a few steps to follow when preparing your quilt sandwich for success.

Supplies Needed:

Quilt top Quilt back batting of your choice 505 Spray adhesive Old sheet or other work surface that can be cleaned later



Step 1:

Lay out the old sheet on the floor. It will absorb any excess spray adhesive that might migrate. T-pin the backing (green fabric) to the floor so that the fabric is tight but not taut (like a drum). We do not recommend this for a wood floor.

Lay out the batting (fig 2).

Add the quilt top (purple fabric) and smooth it out (fig 3).





Fig. 3

Step 2: Fold the top and batting back about half- way.



Spray the batting with short even blasts across the surface. A lighter touch makes for a better grip and you are less likely to create the opportunity for rippling later on. Fold the batting back in place and press. **Don't smooth**, **press down** the batting down.



Spray the batting top and press the quilt top onto the batting. Don't smooth it out. **Press down** with your hands. Smoothing will create rippling.



Step 3:

Repeat the entire process with the other half of the quilt. You might want to practice this with a small wall hanging or a practice piece until you get the hang of it.

