

How Much Does it Cost to Make a Quilt?

Do your friends ask you to make them quilts? Do they, or you, really have any idea how much it costs? [Doug Sobel](#), a longarm quilter and photographer, has come up with an idea of how much it actually costs to make a Queen Size Quilt using 2018 fabric prices, skilled labor wages, and longarm quilting costs.

What do you think? Is it accurate?

Why Do Quilts Cost So Much?
Cost for materials, construction, & finishing for
90" x 100" Queen Size Quilt

Materials for Queen Size Quilt

Fabric for the top:
15 Yds @ \$12.95 = \$194.25
8 ½ Yds backing @ \$12.95 = \$110.08
¼ Yds for Binding @ 12.95 = \$9.71
2 ¼ Yds Batting @ 12.95 = \$35.61
Pattern @ \$10.00

TOTAL cost of Materials = \$359.65 (not including sales tax or markup.
Markup is customary in any other business!)

Construction

Labor based on \$25.00 an hour (We are NOT Minimum wage, unskilled workers, but skilled Artisans with years of experience and large investments in equipment and training)

Making a Top

(Includes shopping for fabric, prepping fabric, cutting fabric, sewing blocks, sewing blocks together adding sashing and borders)
40 hours @ \$25.00 = \$1,000.00
(What would you expect to get paid working at a skilled job per 40 hour work week?)

Finishing

Long Arm quilting (All over Edge to Edge)
9,000 Sq inches @ .02 = \$180.00
Trimming Quilt @ \$15.00
Making Binding ½ hr @ \$25.00/hr = \$12.50
Sewing binding on and hand stitching the back
380 linear inches @ .30 = \$114.00
Total Finishing cost = \$321.50

TOTAL COST OF QUILT = \$1,681.15

Note: A larger quilt or more intricate pattern or Custom Long Arm Quilting will increase cost

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