

BASTING BANTERY – alternative's for basting your quilting projects

Basting Option 1 – Easy-On Speed Starch

Sprayed back of batting and adding backing, pressed dry iron on “Linen” setting. Never spray your fabric.

Flipped over, sprayed front side of batting and added my quilt top, pressed and pressed.

Must press long enough to “dry” the starch. So you press and press and press.

Batting was Hobbs 80/20.

The starch will come through to your backing and quilt top, continue ironing with “Linen” setting on iron, and it dries. No residual problem with the top, or backing getting damp from the starch sprayed on the batting only. DO NOT SPRAY FABRIC.

For best results: left to dry overnight. Can cause stress as when I'm ready to quilt, I want to quilt now, not tomorrow. Will work on gaining patience with this procedure.

Small Sample: appears to hold up ok, both backing and quilt top seem to stay in place for a short time only. UPDATE: Sample quilted up beautifully using my walking foot only.

Large Quilt: Urban Holiday: 60”x40” approx. (extensively quilted on my Jenome 7700 Domestic Sewing Machine

Techniques Used: Walking Foot and Free Motion Foot.

Lots of turning when quilting this on my domestic. Would not want to have a quilt hanging around too long without actually doing your quilting. I kept having to re-smooth the top and bottom out, possibly due to all the turning with this project.

My quilt; Free motion quilting was smooth and my needle did not get clogged up by the starch. I did not appear to have any problem with this.

PROTECTION: cover spray area for overspray protection. Wash floor if spray gets on it, as it will make the flooring very very slippery. Wash and dry thoroughly if any spray does get on your floors.

Note: The can does not make any mention of spraying outdoors.