

Estimating Quilt Value - 2026

The following guidelines were provided by Kathie Greenwold, quilt appraiser and former guild member.

Add up the following amounts to get a value for your quilt. If you have exact amounts use them. If not, use the estimates provided.

Note: you do not have to have the receipts to use "actual cost" if you know what you paid for the fabric.

- Cost of top fabric: cost of fabric OR estimate \$12-\$15 per square yard of quilt size.
- Cost of backing fabric: For 42" width fabric, use the same formula as above. For 108" width fabric, use the actual cost or estimate at \$18-20 per yard used.
- Cost of batting: Use the cost of the batting, if it was not included in the amount paid to a professional quilter.
- Cost of labor for assembly: \$15-20 to per square foot of quilt depending on the complexity of piecing.
- Cost of machine or hand quilting: For professional quilting, use the amount paid to quilter. If you did your own quilting, estimate at \$15-25 per square foot for custom machine quilting and \$20-30 per square foot for hand quilting, depending on the complexity of the pattern(s) used.

Add or decrease the rates above based on degree of difficulty, custom or age of fabric, etc.

Example: Quilt size of 72" x 72" (72" = 6' or 2 yards)

The quilt is 2 yards x 2 yards = 4 square yards or 6' x 6' = 36 sq' feet

Item	Formula	Amount
Cost of top fabric (new fabric)	\$14 per square yard x 4 square yards	\$ 56.00
Cost of backing	\$14 per square yard x 4 square yards	\$ 56.00
Cost of batting	Use sales receipt	\$ 28.00
Cost of labor	36 sq' x \$15 (moderately complex design)	\$540.00
Cost of machine quilting	Use amount paid or estimate 36' x \$18 for custom machine quilting	\$648.00
Total quilt value		\$1328.00

NOTE: If this was hand quilted, the estimated cost of quilting would be at least \$720.