



Heat Press Batting Together

Pat Barry YOUR LONGARM QUILTING EXPERT

Happy Holidays everyone !

This is a busy time of year for everyone, especially professional quilters who are trying their best to complete many customer quilts in time for the holidays. I am a professional quilter too, and I know how little spare time is available for fixing any unexpected problems. I made my deadlines, but must give credit to a couple products that made it possible. First is a relatively new product called "Heat Press Batting Together", Checker Item # HPBT. List \$7.99



It does exactly what it says – uses heat (carefully of course) to join two pieces of batting together.

The product is a roll of fusible cloth tape that looks and feels like tricot – nice and soft and pliable. It has an adhesive on one side that is activated with heat. I learned about this product at the Checker Open House last August.

If you are a quilter too, you know the sinking feeling when you are approaching the bottom of the quilt and the batting is too short. Although you know you measured correctly, something happened and you need to add another piece. Don't waste time worrying, just cut another piece of batting and fix it using Heat Press Batting Together.

I didn't even remove the quilt from the table – I just put my ironing board in front of the quilt table, flipped the quilt top up and out of the way, positioned the batting pieces on the ironing board and aligned the edges. Trim the batting edges as needed to be sure there are no gaps or overlaps. Use straight pins if needed to secure the batting pieces to the ironing board cover so they stay still while you press the tape on. Place the fusible tape on the batting, centered over the 'join'. Cover this with

the "Amazing Sheet Teflon Craft Sheet" from BoNash.



There are two sizes available but I like the larger one for this application. Checker item # BO1007, List \$19.99.

Follow the instructions to be sure your iron is on the correct setting. Press gently – you can always go back and add a bit extra pressure and/or heat if it didn't fuse together completely the first time.

Secure one section at a time, then remove the straight pins and reposition the ironing board as needed to do the next section.

It took me about 20 minutes total to fix my problem, which is sure a lot better than how I used to do it! Since then, I have tried this product on several types of batting, including cotton, blend, wool and a lofty polyester, and it works great!

So, for the shops that do a lot of charity quilting, it may now be possible to save your batting leftovers, piece them together, and use them in a charity quilt. I bet you won't be able to tell the difference!

***Always "checking" for a better way to quilt!
Sewlong,***

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