

Why Do Quilts Cost So Much?

Costs for materials, construction, & finishing
for a 65" x 65" **Simple Throw Quilt**

Material Costs:

Fabric for top patchwork: 6 yards @ \$11/yd = \$66

Fabric for backing: 5 yards @ \$13/yd = \$65

Batting: 2 yards @ \$11/yd = \$22

Fabric for binding: 5/8 yards @ \$11/yd = \$6.50

Thread = \$8

Material cost for maker: \$167.50

Construction/Labor @ \$15/hr Labor Rate

Patchwork for top - 50 hours x \$15 = \$750

Basting - 3 hours x \$15 = \$45

Domestic Quilting - charged by square inch basic all-over design

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Make Binding - 2 hours x \$15 = \$30

Attach Binding - 10 hours x \$15 = \$150

Thread for Quilting - \$15

Labor at unskilled* rate - \$1053.38

*skilled craftspeople - \$20/hr and up.

Total cost of quilt: \$1220.88

*** This does NOT include educational costs,
machine maintenance costs, or utilities.***

NOTE: A larger quilt, a more intricate pattern, or a more elaborate quilting design will cause the price to increase.