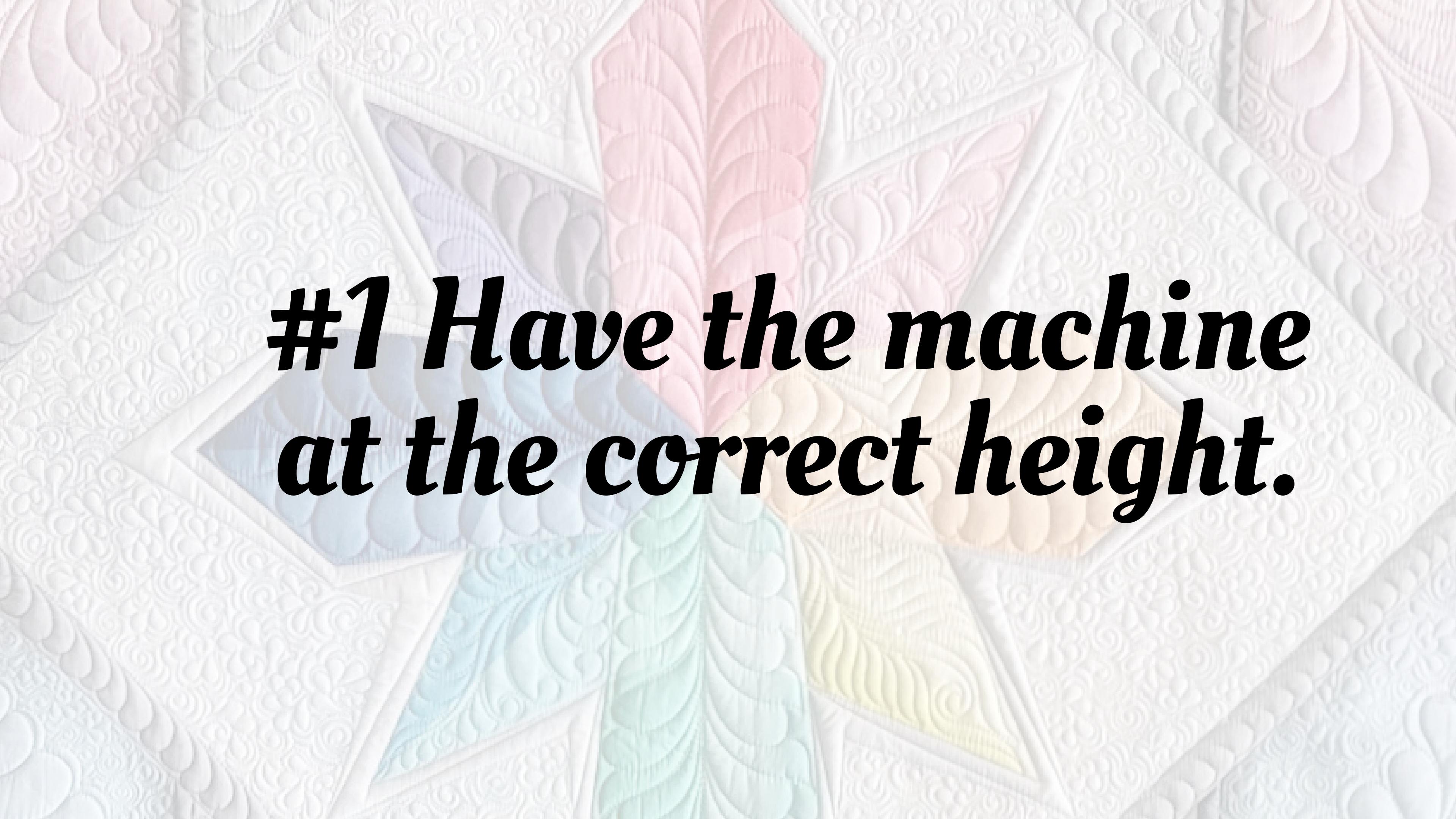


LONGARMING TIPS



**#1 Have the machine
at the correct height.**

- Having the machine at the correct height ensures correct posture.
 - Too low = bending over
 - Too high = Limited visibility
 - Just right = hours and hours of wonderful quilting.



**#2 Don't grip the
handlebars.**

- May seem counterintuitive, but holding on to the handles tightly doesn't necessarily mean more control.
- Can lead to poor posture
- Easy fix - use just your fingertips



#3 *Find your preferred
stitch setting*

- Understanding the difference between manual mode or stitch regulated.
- No perfect setting, it's individual preference.
- Can switch between the settings if necessary.

manual mode

- Machine runs at a consistent speed no matter how fast or slow you move the machine.
- The speed used depends on the designs being quilted.
- Pros - smoother movement, consistent sound.
- Cons - variable stitch length, can't hesitate while quilting designs.

manual mode

takeaway

- Perfect for quilting familiar designs or if you are constantly outrunning the machine's motor.
- Ideal for designs that utilize momentum for smoothness - swirls, feathers

Stitch Regulated

- Machine motor speeds up or slows down as your quilting movement varies.
- Can set desired stitch length, depends on the design being quilted or the power of the motor.
- Pros - Stitch length is uniform, allows you to hesitate while quilting
- Cons - Sound can be distracting, can make movements feel less smooth.

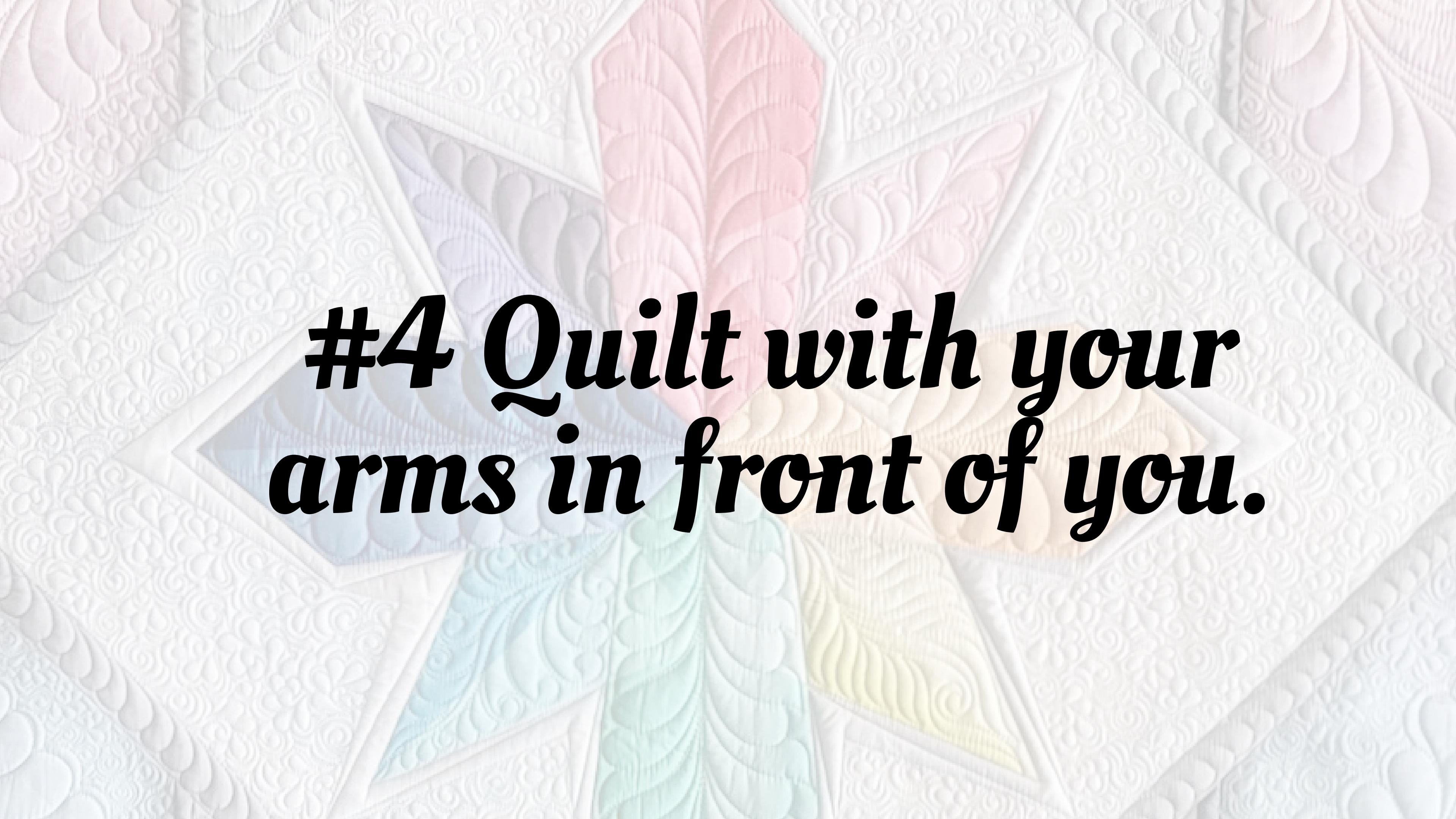
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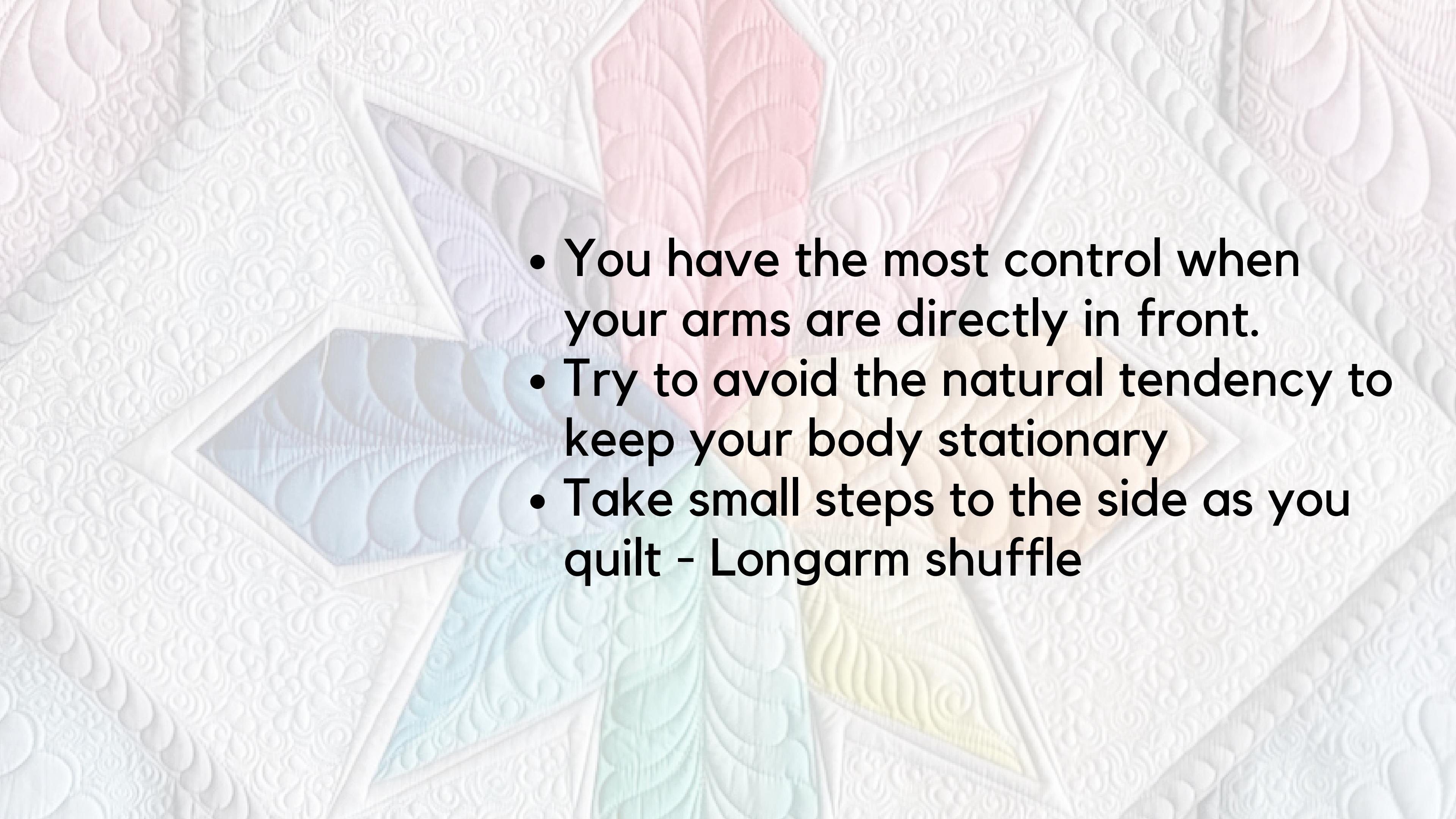
- Perfect for newer quilters or quilting with rulers.
- I suggest 10 - 12 stitches per inch

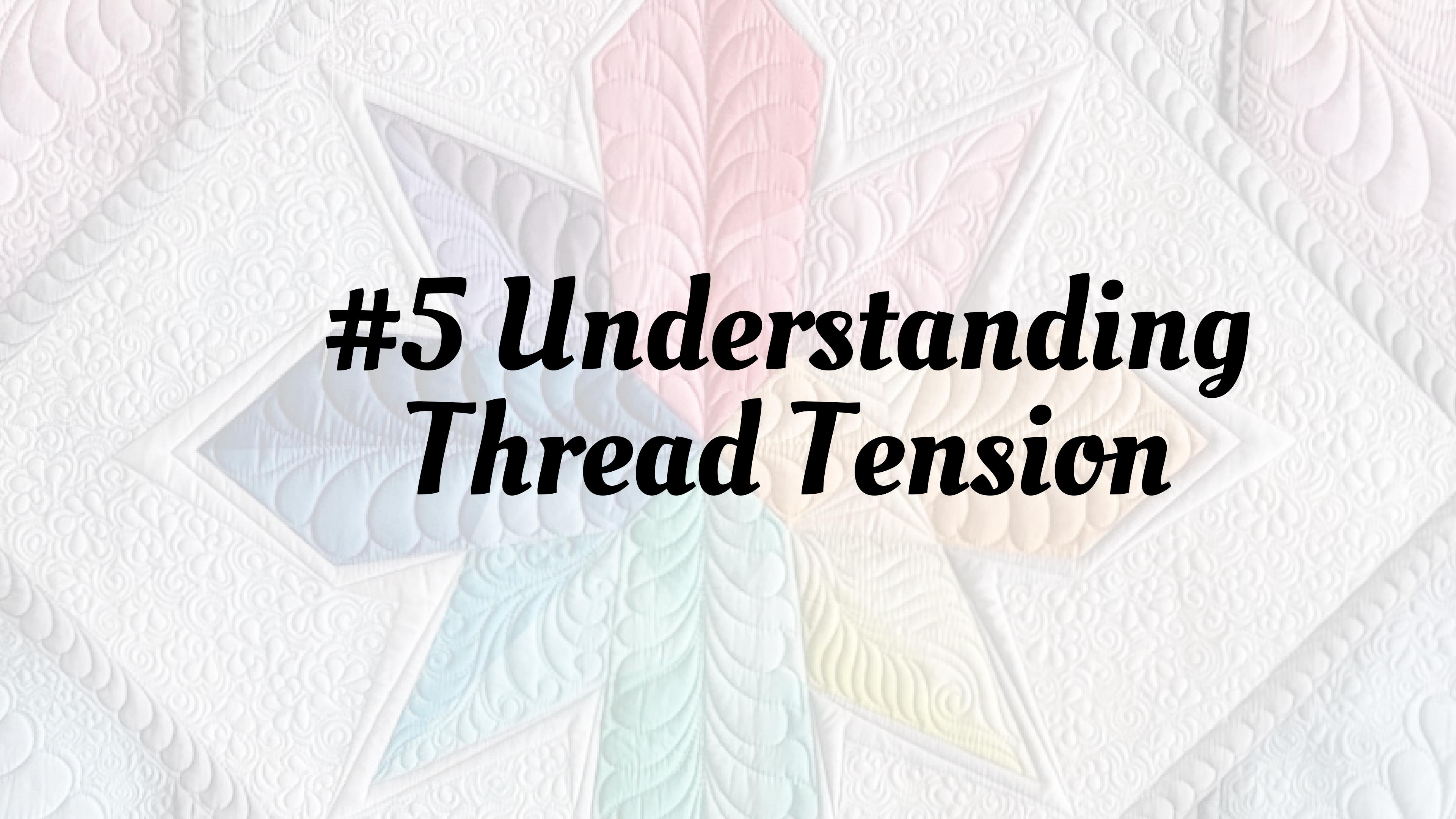
Cruise Stitch Regulated

- Combines both manual and stitch regulated modes.
- When the machine isn't moving (or moving slowly) it will stitch slowly.
- As the movement picks, stitch regulated takes over.
- Perfect for designs with several changes of directions (points) or as a way to transition from manual to stitch regulated.



**#4 Quilt with your
arms in front of you.**

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- You have the most control when your arms are directly in front.
 - Try to avoid the natural tendency to keep your body stationary
 - Take small steps to the side as you quilt – Longarm shuffle



#5 *Understanding Thread Tension*

- Very common frustration for new longarmers.
- Understand how thread tension works.
- Use high quality machine quilting thread and the proper needle size.
- Move the machine as smoothly as possible.
- When problem solving, make one adjustment at a time and test.