

QUILT SHOW SLEEVE DIRECTIONS

Only quilts that are 90 "or more wide will need to have a hanging sleeve!

Decide whether you prefer a removable sleeve or a permanent sleeve and then follow the directions below. The directions will create a 4 1/2" sleeve that will accommodate our smaller quilt show rods and yet provide enough "pouch" to enable the quilt to hang flat.

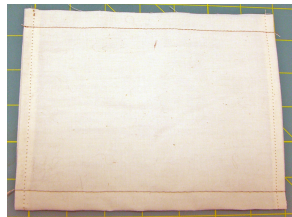
Directions for a Removable Sleeve:

1. Cut and piece, if necessary, a strip of fabric 9 1/2" wide and 1" less than the width of the finished quilt. (This will give you a 4 1/2" hanging sleeve. Adjust the width as needed.)
2. Hem both short ends by turning 1/2" twice towards the back and stitch close to the folded edge.



3. Now fold the strip lengthwise, wrong sides together, aligning its raw edges. Sew together with a 1/2" seam allowance. You should now have something that looks like a tube. DO NOT TURN. Baste a 1/2" inch seam along the opposite folded edge of the tube

Sew both sides



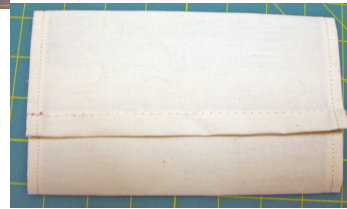
4. Press the long seam that the long seam is middle of tube.



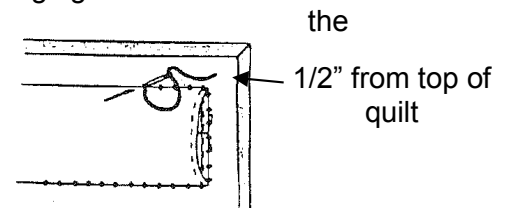
(Back)

allowance open. Press the tube flat so

(Front)
Temporary basted
seam to make pleat.



5. Place the open seam against the quilt's back. Center and pin the top edge of the tube to the back of the quilt, about 1/2" below the binding.
6. Use a whipstitch to sew the top edge of the tube to the quilt backing. Stitch into the batting occasionally to help strengthen the seam.
7. Smooth the sleeve downward along the quilt back, and then pin the sleeve bottom along the additional fold along its length.
8. Whipstitch the lower edge of the sleeve to the quilt. Remove pins and temporary basting stitches. The sleeve will pooch out a bit to allow space for a hanging rod.
9. Whipstitch the back sides of the sleeve to the quilt. Leave front sides unsewn to allow for rod insertion.

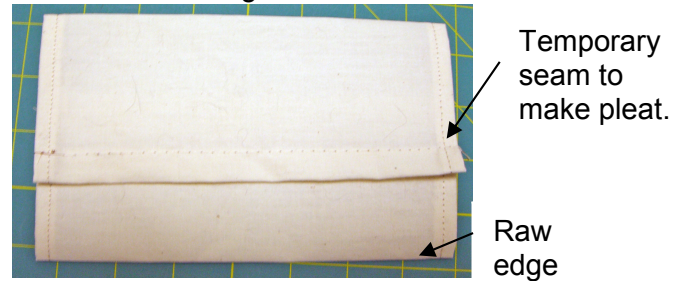


Directions for a Permanent Sleeve:

1. This sleeve is completed before the binding is machine stitched to the front of the quilt.
2. Cut and piece, if necessary, a strip of fabric 13" wide and 1" less than the width of the finished quilt. (This will give you a 6" hanging sleeve. Adjust width as needed.)
3. Hem both short ends by turning $\frac{1}{2}$ " twice, towards the back and stitching close to the folded edge.



4. Approximately 2" down from a long edge, fold and press the fabric lengthwise together (wrong sides together) and sew a $\frac{1}{2}$ " temporary seam from the edge of the fold to make a pleat, using a basting stitch.
5. Fold the entire strip lengthwise, wrong sides together, aligning raw edges. You should now have something that looks like a tube. DO NOT TURN. Press.
6. Center the tube along the top edge of the quilt, against the backing, aligning its matched raw edges with the edge of the quilt and with the temporary seam on top.



7. Machine sew the sleeve to the top edge of the quilt with an approximate $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam allowance.
8. Attach the binding, as you usually do, to the front of the quilt.
9. Finish the binding as you normally do being sure to sew the binding over the raw edge of the tube at the top.
10. Hand sew the bottom edge and sides of the tube to your quilt using a whipstitch.
11. Remove the basting stitch from the temporary seam facing outward to create added fullness on top. The sleeve should "pouch" a little to help the quilt hang flat.

