

How to Attach a Quilt Sleeve for Hanging

What is a Quilt Sleeve and why do I need one?

Quilt sleeves are designed to slip a pole or rod through, and then hang the quilt in some kind of frame. The most common need for a quilt sleeve is a quilt show. The sleeve fabric can be anything you like, but often matches the backing fabric or is a fabric that looks nice to the eye.

Creative sleeves can be fun and add to the beauty of a quilt. Your sleeve should be strong enough to hold the weight of the quilt so a light-weight lace, for example, would not work unless your quilt is small.

Smaller quilts made for hanging on a wall can have a smaller sleeve, and often have them top and bottom to hold 1-1/2" x 1/4" wooden slats, which keep the edges hanging straight and square. Top slats often have eye screws on the outside to attach a wire, like a picture frame often has, and then the quilt hangs nicely on a wall without any pressure on the edges of the quilt.

For a small quilt that is permanently displayed, insert the top and bottom slats and then sew the ends closed.

- 1 Cut a strip of fabric 9 inches by the width of the quilt.

NOTE: If you need to piece multiple strips for the length, finish the inside edge by zigzagging or making a French seam.

