

Quilt Show Sleeves

Sleeves can be permanent or temporary and can be sewn on after or at the same time you apply binding.

Before Binding the Quilt: You can sew a hanging sleeve to the top of the quilt at the same time you sew on the binding.

1. Trim batting and backing to match the quilt top along the edge where the sleeve will be sewn.
2. Cut or piece together fabric to make a strip 9" tall and the same width as the quilt.
3. Fold under short edges 1/4", wrong sides together. Fold under again. Press. Sew a straight or zigzag seam to hem the folds.
4. Fold the strip lengthwise, wrong sides together, aligning raw edges.
5. Center the folded strip along the top edge of the quilt, against the backing, aligning its matched raw edges with the edge of the quilt.
6. Sew the sleeve to the quilt with an approximate 1/8" seam allowance. Bind the quilt.

Finish the sleeve by following directions below from ** .

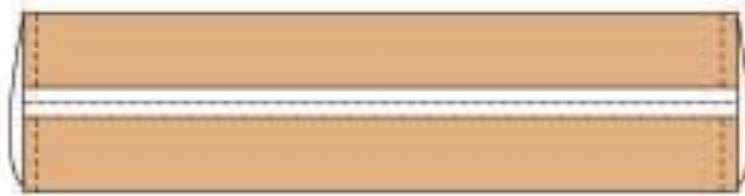
After Binding the Quilt: Follow #2 & #3 above. Now fold the strip lengthwise, wrong sides together, aligning its raw edges. Sew together with a 1/2" seam allowance. Press the seam allowance open. Place the open seam against the quilt's back. Center and pin the top edge of the tube to the back of the quilt, about 1/2" below the binding. 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.

** Smooth the sleeve downward along the quilt back, then make a 1/2" fold along its length to create a pleat. Leaving the pleat intact, pin the sleeve bottom to the quilt. Whip- stitch the lower edge of the sleeve to

the quilt. Remove pins. The sleeve will pooch out a bit to allow space for a hanging rod. Whipstitch the back sides of the sleeve to the quilt. Leave the front sides unsewn to allow for rod insertion.



Fold sides and sew.



Sew lengthwise, wrong sides together.
Press seam open.



After sewing to quilt, sleeve will pooch out to allow space for rod.