

Directions: Hanging Sleeve for Quilt

All quilts (with exception of miniatures) must have a 4" sleeve at top of quilt back for quilt shows. On quilt back, hand stitch sleeve on top, sides, and bottom with stitches not visible from front.

Directions for making sleeve:

1. Cut a strip of fabric 9 ¼" wide and exactly the width of the quilt.
2. Hem both short ends by turning under ½" TWICE on each end. Stitch close to folded edge.
3. Fold hemmed strip in half, lengthwise, WRONG sides together. Stitch ½" seam, then center seam on back, press seam open, and press sleeve flat.
4. With center seam to back, fold up ¼" along bottom edge and press fold to mark stitching line. This will provide ¼" slack in the sleeve. Without slack, hanging rod will bulge out on the front of quilt.
5. Pin sleeve to back of quilt below binding and about ½" from top edge so sleeve will not show from the front when rod is in. Pin bottom on pressed line to make ¼" slack to accommodate rod.
6. Hand stitch hemmed sides and edges of sleeve to quilt using a double thread and stitching only through backing and batting. Hanging rod will be encased in sleeve and will not touch quilt backing.

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