

QUILT SLEEVES

It has been determined that all quilts submitted for the quilt show must have a “HANGING SLEEVE” regardless of the size of the quilt. This is necessary as the placement will not be known until all quilts are submitted and it has been figured out how to fit them on the quilt frames.

Here are two methods of attaching a hanging sleeve on a quilt. It is the consensus of experienced quilters that “Method Two” sewing on a sleeve before binding the quilt is preferred. For your finished quilts that do not have a hanging sleeve, “Method One” will be for you.

QUILT SLEEVE Method One: Sewing on a Sleeve After Binding the Quilt

1. Cut or piece together fabric to make a strip 9 inches tall and the same width as the quilt.
2. Fold under short edges $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, wrong side together. Fold under again. Press. Sew a straight or zigzag seam to hem the folds.
3. Now fold the strip lengthwise, wrong sides together, aligning its raw edges. Sew together with a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam allowance. Press the seam allowance open.
4. 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below the binding.
5. 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.
6. Smooth the sleeve downward along the quilt back, then make a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch fold along its length to create a pleat. Leaving the pleat intact, pin the sleeve bottom to the quilt.
7. Whipstitch 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.
8. Whipstitch the back sides of the sleeve to the quilt. Leave the front sides unsewn to allow for the rod insertion.

QUILT SLEEVE Method Two: Sewing on a Sleeve Before Binding the Quilt

1. Sandwich the quilt top, batting and backing. Quilt. 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 inches tall and the same width as the quilt.
3. Fold under short edges $\frac{1}{4}$ inches, 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. Centre 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 $\frac{1}{8}$ inch seam allowance.
7. Bind the quilt. If you plan to use the TUCKED METHOD to end double fold binding, start binding on a side without the sleeve to help avoid bulk from extra layers of fabric.
8. Smooth the sleeve downward along the quilt back, then make a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch fold along its length to create a pleat. Leaving the pleat intact, pin the sleeve bottom to the quilt.
9. Whipstitch 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.
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