

Quilt Hanging Sleeve

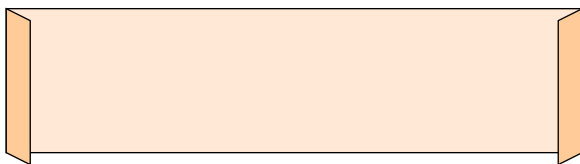
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If your quilt project is to be a wall hanging, a hanging sleeve must be added before the binding is added.

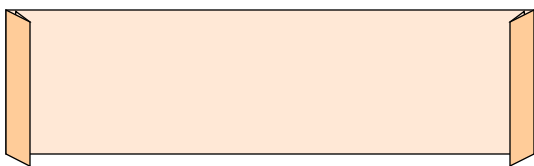
1. Cut a piece of fabric 1-1/2" less than the width of your quilt and 9" long.

Note: 9" makes the sleeve the regulation size for hanging quilts at quilt shows.

2. Press the raw edges of the short sides 1/4" to the wrong side of the fabric strip.



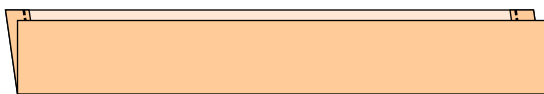
3. Fold the 1/4" over again to make a double fold and enclose the raw edge.



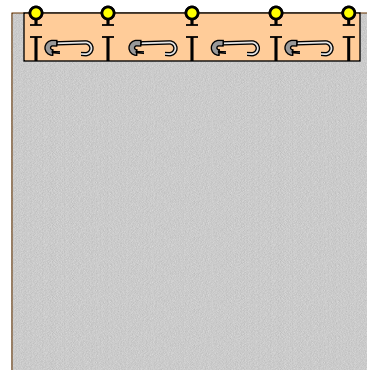
4. Stitch down close to the fold.



5. Fold the strip in half lengthwise. Press.



6. Center and align the raw edges of the sleeve with the raw edges of the top of the quilt back. Pin along the raw edges and along the fold.



Note: Use safety pins along the fold so that you need not worry about catching your hands on them. The pins will keep the sleeve in place and prevent it from getting caught when adding the binding.

7. Stitch the sleeve to the quilt 1/8" from the raw edge or closer. This row of stitches will be hidden by the binding when it is applied.

Instead of a straight stitch, you can choose to use a zigzag stitch over the raw edges.

8. Use a ladder or a whip stitch to sew the sleeve to the quilt back. Stitch along one short side (back of tube only), across the bottom, then up the other short side (back of tube only).

9. Add your binding using your favourite method.

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