

## Hangng Sleeve Instructions

Cut the sleeve 8 ½ inches wide by the exact width of you quilt. For large quilts, split the sleeve in half leaving space in the middle for a support.

For a **traditional permanent** sleeve: Fold the ends in twice (¼”and ¼” again) to finish each end of the sleeve. Top stitch each end.

Press the long sides of the sleeve so they meet in the center. It helps to fold the sleeve in half lengthwise first and press to the center crease.

Fold wrong sides together and stitch a ¼” seam on the long edge of the sleeve. Press seam open.

You may need to repress the fold lines – you’ll need those for attaching the sleeve to your quilt. This is the step that provides the give needed in the sleeve for inserting a hanging rod.

Center the sleeve across the width of your quilt. The edge of the sleeve should be just inside the binding of each side of the quilt.

Using the fold, pin the sleeve ¼ to ½ inch from the top outside edge on the back of the quilt. Blindstitch in place. Use the opposite fold line to pin the bottom edge of the sleeve in place; blindstitch to the quilt.

Congratulations, your quilt is ready to hang!

**For hanging in the library in March or the quilt show:** We will be attaching a clip to the dowel at each end that is 1 ½ inches wide. Therefore, Fold the ends in twice (¾”and ¾” again) to finish each end of the sleeve. Top stitch each end.

For a **temporary** sleeve: cut the sleeve 3 inches shorter than the width of the quilt. The ends do not need to be turned in and can just be the raw edge. Line up one fold with the inner edge of the binding and stitch it down with a long running stitch. Then, stitch down the other fold, again with a long running stitch or a basting stitch. You want stitching that is easy to take out after the show.

## How to hang small quilts

To hang a small quilt you don't necessarily need a quilt sleeve, but more like pocket corners. This technique is good for quilts up to baby size. For the quilt show, please supply a dowel for hanging,  $\frac{3}{8}$ " or  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Measure the top of the quilt. Divide the measurement by three. If you have a 12" wide quilt cut 2 squares 4" wide. Fold and press the squares in half diagonally with wrong sides together. Baste in place to the back of the quilt with a  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch seam allowance.

You can add 2 more corners to the bottom of your quilt. That way if you add a dowel for piece of flat wood it will keep the lower edge from curling away from the wall.

Sew on your binding and quilt is ready for hanging.