

Quilt Sleeve Instructions

How to sew a sleeve on the back of your quilt after binding

Sewing a sleeve on the back of your quilt makes it easy to hang the quilt for display at home or in a quilt show. The quilt sleeve can be permanent or temporary and it can be sewn on after or at the same time you apply the binding.

Sew on a Sleeve after Binding the Quilt:

1. Cut or piece together a piece of fabric to make a strip 9" tall and the same width as your quilt.
2. Fold under short edges $\frac{1}{4}$ " twice, toward the wrong side of the fabric to make a hem. Press, and sew a straight or zigzag seam to hem the sleeve.
3. Now, with the strip lengthwise, wrong sides together, align the raw edges and sew together with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Press the seam allowance open.
4. Place the open seam allowance against the quilt's back. Center and pin the top edge of the tube to the back of the quilt, about $\frac{1}{2}$ " 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, and then make a $\frac{1}{2}$ " 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 the hanging rod.
8. Whipstitch the back edges of the sleeve to the quilt. Leave the front edges unsewn to allow for rod insertion.



Fold sides and sew.



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Press seam open.



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