

FREE TUTORIAL: Hanging Sleeve

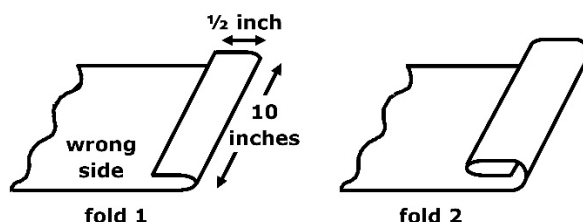
Whether you are sending your quilt to a show, or just hanging it on the wall at home, you will need to add a hanging sleeve to the back. The easiest way to do this is to include it at the binding stage. Most quilt shows and competitions ask for a 'standard 4 inch hanging sleeve' which is what I have shown you here. For smaller wall hangings or non-competition quilts, you could make a narrower sleeve (cut your sleeve fabric 5 inches wide instead of 10 inches wide – all will become clear shortly!)

Once you have trimmed your quilt, measure the top edge and cut a piece of fabric exactly this width x 10 inches

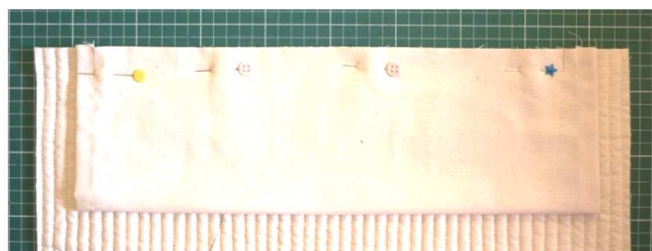
Press each end of this strip with a half inch double hem: press the first ½ inch in Wrong Sides Together (WST) then turn this hem over again to enclose the raw edge.

Stitch these hems in place.

Your sleeve piece will now be 2 inches narrower than your quilt.



Hemmed sleeve piece now 2 inches narrower than quilt top



Fold the sleeve in half WST and pin it to the back of your quilt centred along the top edge so all the raw edges are lined up



Machine stitch the sleeve in place along the top edge only – within the usual ¼ inch seam allowance



Continue to bind the quilt as desired taking care not to trap any of the loose sleeve in the seams. If hand finishing your binding on the back, make sure you stitch right through the sleeve to the quilt below



To ensure your sleeve has the capacity to take a stick or batten without distorting quilt, pin the top of the sleeve to the binding just short of the top edge. Flatten the remaining sleeve against the quilt and pin the bottom edge to the quilt



Hand stitch the bottom edge of the sleeve to the back of the quilt, careful not to stitch through to the front. At both ends of the sleeve, stitch the bottom layer of the sleeve only leaving each end open