

# Making a Sleeve

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Putting hanging sleeve on your quilt ensures that it will never be nailed to the wall. You wouldn't want that to happen, would you?

1. Cut a strip 8 1/2" x the finished width of your quilted quilt. Cut the strip wider than 8 1/2" if you know it will be hung with a particularly big rod.
2. Hem the short ends of the strip by turning under 1/4" at each end of the strip. Press. Turn under another 1/4". Press. Topstitch the hems with matching thread.
3. Fold the strip in half wrong sides together, lengthwise. Match the raw edges and sew the sleeve strip into a tube.
4. Place the sleeve on your ironing board so that the seam is centered. Press the seam allowance open and press the sleeve flat.



5. With the sleeve right side up on your ironing board, press a third lengthwise crease 1/2" away from the fold at the top of the sleeve, on the wrong side of the sleeve.



*End view of the sleeve pressed flat.*

*Press a third lengthwise crease 1/2" away from the top edge, on the seam-side of the sleeve.*

6. Place the sleeve on the back of your quilt so that the seam allowances are hidden between the sleeve and quilt back.
7. With the sleeve flat, be sure that the top fold is just below the top edge of the binding.



8. Bring that fold down to expose the third crease that is 1/2" away from it. Pin the sleeve in place along this crease and at the bottom edge of the sleeve.
9. Hand sew the sleeve to the back of the quilt.

## An Alternate Sleeve

There is a faster way to add a sleeve to your quilt. Attaching your sleeve this way makes it more difficult to remove but it also adds bulk inside the binding at the top of the quilt. This is not the method to use on quilts that will be entered in quilt shows.

1. Prepare your sleeve as in steps 1-2.
2. Press the sleeve in half lengthwise, wrong sides together.
3. Pin the raw edges of the sleeve on the wrong side of the quilt, at the top. These raw edges should be even with the raw edge of the top. If you have cut your backing and

batting bigger than your quilt top as we suggest in our books, these raw edges will stick out beyond the edge of the sleeve.



4. Sew the top of the sleeve to the quilt as you sew the binding to the quilt.
5. Press a second lengthwise crease 1/4" to 3/8" away from the fold at the bottom of the sleeve. Pin the sleeve in place along this crease at the bottom edge of the sleeve.
6. Hand sew the sleeve in place.

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