

QUILT SLEEVE CONSTRUCTION

Miniature and Small Quilts

Most small and miniature quilts can be hung with a 3/8" dowel rod suspended on chains. To allow for the dowel, cut the sleeve fabric 3" to 4.5" wide to make a 1' to 2" sleeve. We can also hang your quilt with a regular size sleeve on the regular quilt poles. Follow the directions for the Medium/Large quilts.

Medium and Large Quilts

Quilts may not be more than 120" wide. For quilts 94" or longer, the sleeve must be placed 90" from the bottom to keep the quilt from dragging on the floor.

1. Cut a 9" wide strip of fabric that is 2" longer than the top edge of the quilt. If seaming is necessary, sew two strips together at the short edges and trim the length of the joined strip so that this seam is in the middle. Press open.
2. On each short end of your strip, fold over 1" twice. Press and sew in place.
3. With wrong sides facing, sew the long edges together using a 1/2" seam. Center the seam in the middle of your sleeve and press open.
4. With the seam facing the back of your quilt, sew the sleeve to the top of the quilt backing, along the edge of the binding. Use thread color that matches your quilt top, so that it will not show in case you should catch all three layers.
5. After sewing the sleeve's top edge, fold a pleat of your pocket over the top edge to make room for the rod. Press so that you will have a straight edge. Sew the bottom edge of the sleeve to the backing.
6. It is important to reinforce each end of the sleeve with extra stitches. Quiltfest will not be responsible for sleeves that cause the quilt to hang crooked because of loosening stitches.

