Quilt Hanging Sleeve Instructions

To prevent quilts from dragging on the floor when hung, any quilt longer than 90” must have a secondary sleeve attached no higher than 90” from the bottom of the quilt. You may still have a primary sleeve at the top.

Removable Sleeve Option

Creating the sleeve(s)
- Cut (and piece, if necessary) a strip of fabric 9 inches tall and the width of the finished quilt including binding.
- On the short ends, turn 1/4” over twice to create a hem and stitch down.
- Fold the strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and press the crease firmly.
- Open the strip. Bring one long unfinished edge to the pressed fold line in the center. Press firmly. Repeat for the other long unfinished edge.
- Optional - To keep these long edges firmly creased, edge stitch along the long outside folds.
- Bring the long unfinished edges wrong sides together and stitch with a ¼” seam to create a tube. Press this seam open. Do not turn the resulting tube.

Attaching the sleeve(s) to the quilt back
- Primary Sleeve
  - With the open seam against the quilt’s back, pin one long pressed edge just under the finished upper binding edge on the back of the quilt.
- If your quilt is longer than 90”
  - Create the secondary sleeve as instructed above.
  - Lay out your quilt on a flat surface with the backing up.
  - Measure 90 inches up from the bottom of your quilt and mark the backing. Do this in several locations.
  - Using your ruler, draw a chalk pencil line connecting the markings across the quilt back.
  - Center the tube, and place the top edge of the tube along the marked line. The tube’s unfinished seam faces the quilt.
  - Pin the tube securely in place.
  - Hand stitch the top edge of the sleeve(s) to the back of your quilt.
  - Tack the ends of the sleeve(s) in place so it cannot be lifted from the quilt.
  - Hand stitch the bottom of the sleeve(s) in place.

Permanent Sleeve Option

Complete before binding is hand sewn to the back of the quilt.

- Machine sew the binding as you usually would to the front of the quilt.
- Cut (and piece, if necessary) a strip of fabric 9 inches tall and the width of the finished quilt.
- On the short ends, turn 1/4” over twice to create a hem and stitch down.
- Fold the strip lengthwise, wrong sides together, bringing one raw edge up to an inch below the other long edge. Press the folded edge well.
- To keep this long edges firmly creased, edge stitch along the long outside fold.
- Center the folded strip along the top edge of the quilt, against the backing, aligning its matched raw edges with the edge of the quilt. Have the side of the tube with the “bump” or extra fabric facing out. Pin the layers keeping the binding out of the way so you do not sew over it.
- From the front, machine sew the sleeve to the quilt on the existing stitching line.
- Tack the ends of the sleeve in place so it cannot be lifted from the quilt.
- Hand stitch the bottom of the sleeve in place.
- Hand sew the binding over the raw edges of the tube.