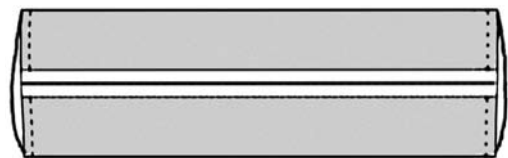


## Hanging Sleeve Instructions

All quilts entered, regardless of exhibit, must have a 4" finished sleeve securely attached to the top back of the quilt. Below are instructions for creating the sleeve. 3-D and clothing entries must have an appropriate stand or hanger.

### Removable Sleeve Option

1. Cut (and piece, if necessary) a strip of fabric 9" wide and exactly the width of the finished quilt.
2. Hem both short ends by turning 1/4" twice towards the back and stitch close to the folded edge.
3. Fold the strip in half, lengthwise, wrong sides together and then press well.
4. Open strip and refold, bringing long, unfinished edges just to center of the strip, to meet at the pressed fold line. Do not overlap. Press the two folds.
5. Machine top stitch on the very edge of both long folds.
6. Bring long edges together, matching up the long edges, wrong sides together and sew using a 1/4" seam. Do not turn the resulting tube.
7. Hand-sew the top-stitched edges of your tube to your quilt, having the side with "the bump" facing out. Use a double thread and a medium hemstitch. Be sure to tack the ends of the tube.



### Permanent Sleeve

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

1. Machine sew binding, as you usually do, to the front of the quilt. Do not hand sew to the back at this time.
2. Cut (and piece, if necessary) a strip of fabric 9" wide and exactly the width of the finished quilt.
3. Hem both of the short ends by turning 1/4" twice towards the back and then stitch close to the folded edge.
4. Fold the hemmed strip lengthwise, wrong sides together, bringing the bottom edge up to an inch below the top edge. Press well.
5. Machine top-stitch on the very edge of the long fold.
6. Bring long edges together, match them up and sew the wrong sides together using a 1/4" seam. Do not turn the resulting tube.
7. After you machine sew the binding to the front, but before you hand-sew the binding to the back, line up the stitching line at the top raw edge of the tube with the stitching line holding the binding to the quilt. Have the side of the tube with the "bump" facing out. Be sure to pin the binding out of the way so you do not sew over it. Have the front of the quilt facing you as you sew so you can stitch on the existing line of stitching. Machine sew the top raw edge of the tube to the top of the quilt.
8. Hand sew the bottom edge of the tube to your quilt. Use double thread and a medium hemstitch. Be sure to tack the ends securely.
9. Hand sew the binding over the raw edge of the tube.

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