



Hanging Sleeves

Directions:

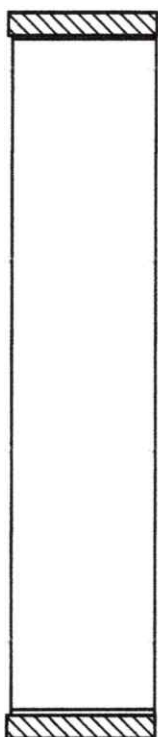
Step One: Measure the width of the quilt from binding seam to binding seam along the edge where the hanging sleeve will be attached. Add 2" to that measurement. This will be your cut length.

Step Two: Decide how wide the finished sleeve needs to be. The standard is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " sleeve. The cut width would be:

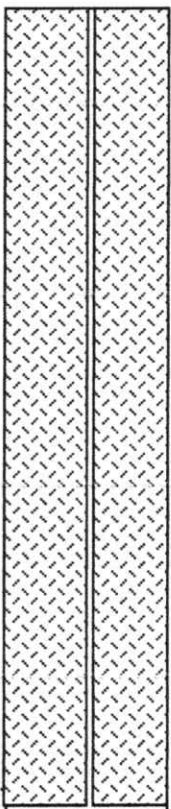
(finished width x 2) + 1" for seam allowances = cut width

For example: $4 \times 2 + 1 = 9$ " cut width

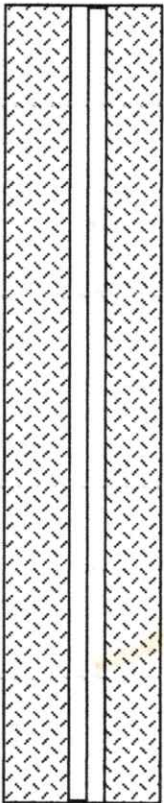
Step Three: Fold in 1" on both ends of the sleeve, fold under $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and machine stitch down.



Step Four: Fold in raw edges, right side facing out, until they meet in the center. Press edges.



Step Five: Stitch the raw edges together, wrong sides together, with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press open.



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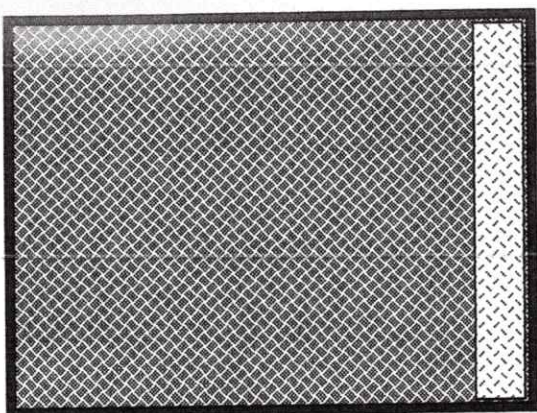
Step Six: Lay the sleeve, seam side down, on the back of the quilt just below the upper binding seam.

Hand stitch the sleeve to the back along the crease lines. The sleeve will bulge up in the center. See illustrations.



Side view of sleeve as it lays on quilt back.

Note: You can use a plain muslin fabric or, if you want the sleeve to be unnoticed, use the same fabric as the backing.



Alternative Method:

This method has you sew the hanging sleeve into the binding seam. Take the desired finished width of the sleeve and multiply by 2. Then add the binding seam allowance x 2. This gives you the cut width. Determine the length as described in Step One on page 30.

Hem the sleeve as described in Step Two.

Then fold the sleeve in half, wrong sides together, and press. Lay the sleeve with the raw edges even with the raw edge of the quilt top. Baste down. When the binding is sewn on, the top edge of the sleeve will be inside the binding seam. Hand stitch the lower pressed edge to the quilt back.

