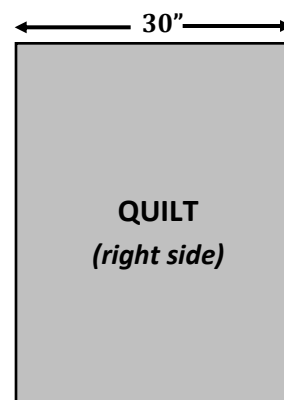
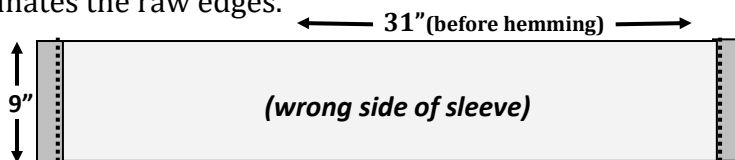


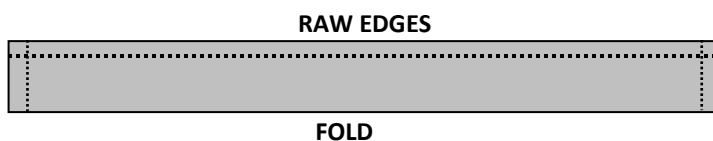
HOW TO MAKE A QUILT SLEEVE

BASIC INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE A 4-INCH* HANGING SLEEVE FOR QUILTS TO BE EXHIBITED:

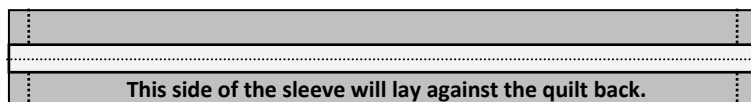
1. Measure the top edge of your finished quilt, where the sleeve will go, about 1/2" from the top. In this example, the width measures 30".
2. Cut a rectangle strip of fabric that is 9" wide* by the width of your quilt plus 1" (for the example shown here, this rectangle would be 9" x 31").
3. On the rectangle, fold in each short end a scant 1/2" and press. Fold in again 1/2" and press. Sew along the folded edges, forming a narrow 1/2" hem on each end. This eliminates the raw edges.



4. Fold the rectangle strip in half lengthwise with the wrong sides together and press. Using this method, you will not have to turn the tube inside-out after you sew it. The seam will be hidden between the sleeve and the quilt backing. Stitch the long raw edges together using a 1/2" seam.



5. Finger press the seam open, center it, and press the entire sleeve, creasing the 2 folds.



6. Turn the sleeve over. Along one of the long edges, fold down and press about 1/4" from the first fold (this new crease will be 1/4" closer to the seam). This allows for a little slack so the quilt will hang better on a rod or slat. Without this slack on the back, you may have a bulge on the front where the hanging rod goes through the sleeve. You can see this slack clearly in the photo at right (*shown from an open end of the sleeve*).



7. Before pinning the sleeve to the quilt, fold the sleeve in half and mark the center of the sleeve. Also do the same thing with the quilt to mark the center point of the top edge of the quilt. Pin the sleeve to the back of the quilt, about 1/2" from the top edge, matching up the center of the sleeve to the center of the quilt edge. Your sleeve is a bit shorter than the width of your quilt. Do NOT stretch the sleeve to go all the way to the side edges of the quilt. **NOTE:** For the CBQNG Quilt Show, the top of the sleeve should be placed no more than 84" from the bottom on any quilt that exceeds 84" in vertical length (see quilt show rule #9).
8. Hand-stitch the sleeve securely to the quilt. Remember that the sleeve will be holding the full weight of the quilt on a hanging rod. Stitch around all 4 edges, including the short ends (leaving the quilt sleeve open at both ends). Your stitches should only go through the backing and into the batting. You should not be able to see them on the front of the quilt.

*To make a 2-inch sleeve (for a miniature quilt), use a strip that is cut 5" wide for Step #2.

Adapted from instructions originally written by Susan Brubaker Knapp