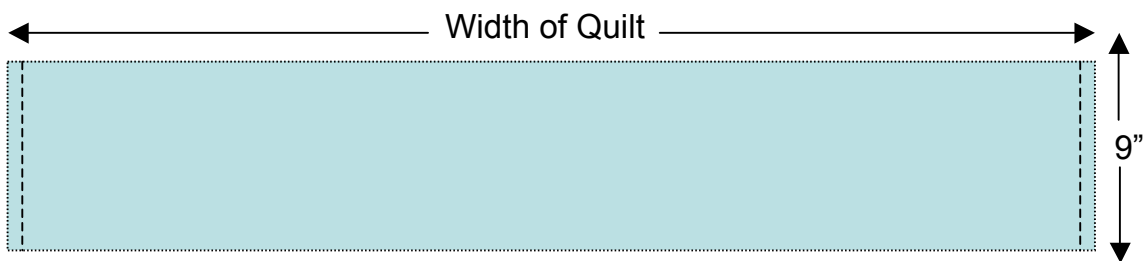


How to Make a Hanging Sleeve©

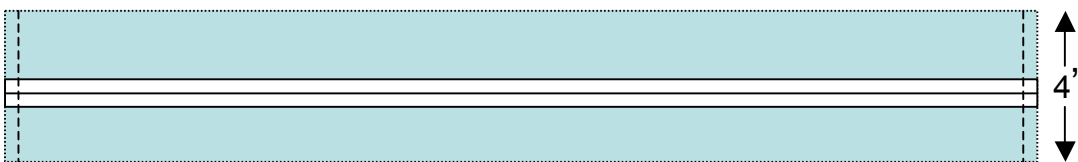
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The following guidelines will help you create a hanging sleeve that will allow your work to be displayed on a hanging rod. Although this sleeve will meet the requirements for most shows, always check each show's rules.

1. Cut a piece of fabric 9" long, and the width of your quilt.
2. With wrong sides together, turn under a $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the short ends of your sleeve. Press. Fold under a second $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press. Stitch along the short ends of your fabric to create a hem.



3. With wrong sides together, align the long edges of your sleeve. Sew the ends of your fabric strip together with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Press seam open.
4. Center the seam along the tube. Press.



5. Make a fold $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the bottom of the sleeve, creating a pleat. Press. The sleeve will have extra fabric allowance to insert a pole or rod for hanging.



6. Center the sleeve on the quilt back, with the open seam facing the quilt. Pin the sleeve in place, making certain that the sleeve is invisible from the quilt front.
7. Hand stitch the sleeve to the quilt, attaching the edges all the way around, leaving the sleeve ends open for insertion of a quilt display rod.