

Making a Hanging Sleeve by Sue Pritt

We want to display our quilts, so we need a way of doing so, short of nailing them to the wall! A better way is to make a hanging sleeve.

I've seen sleeves made from plain muslin, AND I've seen some that were a patchwork of fabrics used from the quilt front! Actually, that's a very clever thing to do, just in case a tear occurs on the quilt sometime in the future, you then have 'extra' fabric to repair it! Yup, a very neat trick, I'd say!

I generally use leftover fabric from my quilt project, there's always "chunks" remaining so why not use them? Here's how it's done

Step 1. Measure the width \longleftrightarrow of your finished quilt.

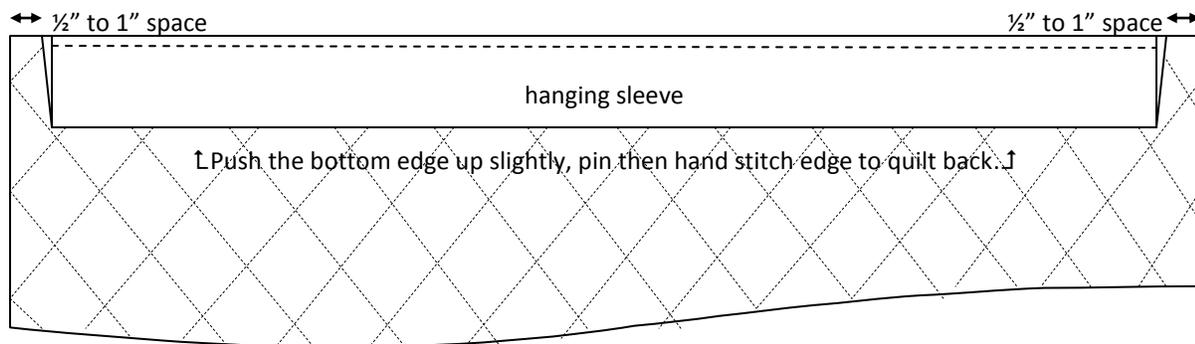
Step 2. Cut your sleeve fabric, 4" to 6" by the width of the finished quilt.

Note: If entering your quilt in a show, there may be exact dimensions required, so check the rules before making your sleeve!

Step 3. Place sleeve on ironing pad, right side down, using quarter inch turns, fold both of the six inch ends over twice. Press, then topstitch each folded end.

Step 4. Fold the sleeve in half lengthwise with wrong sides together, press.

Step 5. Position and center your sleeve along the top back edge of your quilt. You should have $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 1" space on either end.



Step 6. Stitch sleeve to top edge using a $\frac{1}{8}$ th inch seam.

Step 7. Push the bottom edge of sleeve up slightly (no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ "), pin then hand stitch bottom edge to back of quilt. Also stitch the sides of the sleeve that lay against the quilt back so that the hanging rod will not slide through the wrong opening!

And you're finished, the sleeve is complete!