

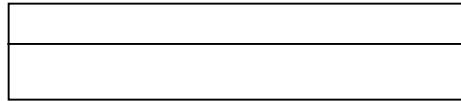
Adding a Hanging Sleeve to a Quilt

A hanging sleeve is added to a quilt so that a rod or dowel can be inserted and hung from above. When picking the fabric to make the hanging sleeve, choose a fabric that contrasts with the backing of the quilt so that the sleeve can be located quickly.

1. Cut a 10 inch strip of fabric about 1 inch shorter than the width of the quilt.
2. Turn under and stitch about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of fabric on each of the short ends of the sleeve fabric.



3. Fold the fabric with right sides together. Stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam along the length of the fabric. Turn the sleeve right side out.
4. Press the sleeve so that the seam is centered.



5. Slip stitch the top edge of the sleeve just under the binding at the top of the quilt, placing the seam next to the quilt top. The stitches should go through the backing of the quilt and not show on the front of the quilt.
6. Pin the lower edge of the sleeve in place about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above the bottom edge of the sleeve. Turn the folded edge up and slip stitch the bottom edge of the sleeve to the backing next to the row of pins, being careful to only catch the back layer of the sleeve and the backing of the quilt. This will create a little pocket for the dowel and the sleeve not the quilt will hold the weight of the quilt.