



All entries MUST have a sleeve.

The sleeve must be sewn to the back of the quilt, not pinned.

Any entry that does not have a sleeve may not be hung.

QUILT HANGING SLEEVE DIRECTIONS

A quilt sleeve leaves extra space (forming a D shape) for the rod to slide through the sleeve for hanging. Follow the instructions to form a 4" finished sleeve. These instructions may be seen the AQS You Tube video titled "How to add a sleeve step by step" by Bonnie Browning.

1. Cut a strip of fabric 8 ½" wide by the width of your quilt. You may add an additional 1" if you prefer.
2. Hem each short side of your sleeve by turning the back each of the 2 edges ¼" and then another ¼" and press. Sew down both hems to finish edges.
3. Fold the strip in half lengthwise **wrong sides together**, and press a center fold.
4. Open the strip and with the wrong side facing you fold a raw edge to meet the center fold. Press. Repeat on other side. You will now have 3 pressed creases in your sleeve.
5. Take the 2 raw edges (wrong sides together) and sew a ¼" seam. (You do not have to turn your sleeve with this method, as this seam will be against the quilt and will not be seen).
6. Press this seam open, being careful to keep the folded edges crisply creased.
7. Place the seam side down on your quilt with the 2 pressed edges flat to the surface of your quilt.
8. You will now have the center crease up so that your sleeve has formed a D shape.
9. Position the sleeve binding, a half inch below the binding along the folded edges. You may also place under your binding as per the video.
10. Hand stitch along the top and the bottom of the sleeve. Take care so that your stitches do not go through the front of the quilt.
11. Now look at the ends of your sleeve. The rod needs to slip into the sleeve and NOT behind it, so be sure to hand stitch the flat ends of the sleeve to your quilt.
12. There are many different ways to make your hanging sleeve, and you are not required to use this one specifically, so feel free to use your preferred method just as long as you still have a 4" finished sleeve.