



Back to Basics

May 2024
Hanging Sleeves

The Quilt Show is fast approaching....Here are some great instructions for adding your quilt sleeve.

Presented by Judy Eckhardt, with pics from Brenda Dagg.



Hanging Sleeve Construction Method by Judy Eckhardt



- Measure the width of your quilt.
- Cut fabric strips 9" x width of fabric to equal the width of the quilt. For a large quilt allow for ¼" seams where you have to join the strips if you want a single long sleeve.
- I prefer to use the WOF and make 2 or even 3 shorter units. When attaching to the quilt, leave a 1" space between each one

Hanging Sleeve Construction Method

- Stitch a narrow folded hem along each end of the strip.
- Fold the strip(s) in half, length wise, and press to create a crease in the middle.
- Open the strip and fold each long edge to the centre crease and press well to create 2 new creases.



Hanging Sleeve Construction Method (cont.)



- Place the long edges wrong sides together and sew a 1/4" seam



- Press the seam open. Press only the centre seam making sure to keep the 2 long creases in place on the sides

Hanging Sleeve Construction Method (cont.)

- You now have a tube with one side wider than the other. This allows room for the hanging pole to fit without spoiling the look of the quilt. ☐ Lay the seamed side of the tube on the back of your quilt $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 1" below the edge of the binding and pin in place.
- Hand stitch the sleeve(s) in place using a simple slip stitch. Stitch the back side edge of each tube to the quilt as well. The lower edge of the sleeve is stitched on the creased edge so that the tube has the extra space for the hanging bar on the outside of the tube.



Resources and Copyright Acknowledgement for this article:

The You Tube video by Bonnie Browning from the American Quilting Society is excellent.
www.americanquilter.com/hanging-sleeve-instructions.