

## **Hanging Sleeve Construction Method**

- 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  $\frac{1}{4}$ " 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.
- 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.
- Place the long edges wrong sides together and sew a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.
- Press the seam open. Press only the centre seam making sure to keep the 2 long creases in place on the sides.
- 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.

The You Tube video by Bonnie Browning from the American Quilting Society is excellent.

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