

How to Make a Quilt Sleeve to Display your Quilt

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The last step in preparing your quilt for display either in a quilt show or in your home, should be done with care to help ensure that your quilt hangs properly. By following these step-by-step instructions, your quilt sleeve will easily accommodate a hanging pole and your quilt will hang straighter and flatter.

1. Cut the sleeve 9 inches times the exact width of your quilt. Fold and press in the short ends two times ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch again). Stitch using a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance.
2. With wrong sides together, press the long sides of the sleeve so that they meet in the center.
3. Top stitch a very narrow seam ($\frac{1}{8}$ inch or less) along both of the new fold lines.



4. Fold wrong sides together and stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on the long edge of the sleeve.
5. Re-press the fold lines. You can now see the “pouf” in the sleeve that will help your quilt hang straight.



- Center the sleeve across the width on the back of your quilt. Using the top fold line, pin the sleeve in place $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the top of your quilt.



- Blindstitch the top of the sleeve in place (*don't take long basting-type stitches, or the sleeve may not hold once the quilt is hung*).
- Using the opposite fold line, pin the bottom edge of the sleeve in place. Also pin the flat short ends of the sleeve to the quilt. Blindstitch the remaining 3 edges to the quilt.



The back of sleeve will fit flat against the quilt. The rest of the sleeve will “pouf” out slightly.

For a “Show” quilt, you could use the backing fabric for your sleeve.

For miniature or small quilts ONLY 30 inches or less on each side. The sleeve should be cut $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches times the width of the quilt.

