

Step-by-steps instructions for adding a new sleeve:

1. Cut the sleeve 8½" wide x the exact width of your quilt. Fold the ends in twice (¼" and ¼" again) to finish each end of the sleeve. Stitch using a scant ¼" seam allowance.

Butt the lengthwise edges together and press. These top and bottom fold-lines will be used later when stitching the sleeve to the quilt.



2. Fold right sides together and stitch ¼" seam on the long edge of the sleeve creating a tube.

This is what we call a 4" sleeve because the opening is 4" high.

A larger opening is better than an opening which is too small for your rod!

Turn the sleeve right-side out.



3. You may need to repress the fold lines – you'll need those for attaching the sleeve to your quilt. This is the step that provides the give needed in the sleeve.



4. Center the sleeve across the width of your quilt. The edge of the sleeve should lie just inside your binding on each side of the quilt. Using the fold, pin your sleeve in place ½" to ¾" from the top outside edge on the back of the quilt. This spacing is needed so the sleeve will not show after it is hung



5. Pin the top of the sleeve along the fold and blindstitch in place. Use the opposite fold line to pin the bottom edge of the sleeve in place; blindstitch to the quilt. The sleeve will fit flat against the quilt from fold line to fold line; the rest of the sleeve will cup out giving enough play in the fabric to fit into the hanging device without damaging the sleeve.



Miniature and Very Small Quilts: Miniature and very small quilts are pinned and do not need to have a sleeve applied to the back of the quilt. Adapted from AQS Bonnie Browning 2008

Odd-shaped quilts and quilts with multiple panels may be mounted on black fabric containing a sleeve. The top portion of these quilts must be sewn securely to the black fabric. The bottom portion should be loose so the judges can examine the back of the quilts. (Quilts with multiple panels hanging side-by-side horizontally may be mounted to a single black sleeve.) Adapted from Asheville Quilt Guild rules.