

## Making a Quilt Sleeve

These instructions will create a "D" shaped sleeve which will help your quilt hang flatter and more evenly than a flat sleeve will. Please be sure that your sleeve is only 1-2 inches narrower than your quilt and that it is attached to the quilt on all four sides of the sleeve. If the sleeve is sewn only on one edge, the sleeve will show when it is hung and it will also put more stress on your quilt and is more likely to cause the quilt to tear.

### Making the Sleeve:

1. Cut a strip of fabric that is 8 ½ inches wide by the width of your quilt. You can round the width of your quilt up to the next full inch to make cutting easier. For example, the quilt is 42 ½ inches wide, cut the strip 8 ½ by 43.
2. At the ironing board, press in 1" on each of the short sides. Then press the strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together.
3. Open the strip and fold the two lengthwise raw edges to the center pressed line with wrong sides together. Press to form a crease on each side.
4. To make the hem on the short sides, unfold the 1" on each short side and fold the raw edge to the pressed line. Then refold on the pressed line. Stitch close to the loose folded edge.
5. Fold the strip in half lengthwise with **wrong** sides together, and pin. Stitch a quarter inch seam.
6. Press the seam open being careful not to press out the creases you made earlier.

### Attaching the sleeve to the quilt:

1. Pin one creased edge of the sleeve to the quilt about ½ inch below the top of the quilt **unless** your quilt is longer than 96". If it is longer than 96", place the top of the sleeve 95" from the bottom of the quilt. NOTE: sleeve seam should be next to the quilt.
2. Pin the other crease to the back of the quilt, being sure to keep the sleeve straight and the top of the sleeve full.
3. Slip stitch the creased edges of the sleeve to the quilt back, being careful not to let stitches show on the front of the quilt. Stitches should be about ¼ inch long. That will hold it securely, but be easy to remove if you should want to remove the sleeve.
4. Be sure to slip stitch the short edges of the sleeve that are next to the quilt as well, so that the rod can be slipped into the sleeve and not between the sleeve and the quilt back.

### Checklist:

Sleeve is "D" shaped.

All four sides of the sleeve are attached to the quilt.

Sleeve is only slightly narrower than the quilt.

No stitches show on the right side of the quilt.

Top of sleeve is no more than 95 inches from the bottom of the quilt.