

Sew a Hanging Sleeve After the Quilt Is Finished

1. Cut and Sew

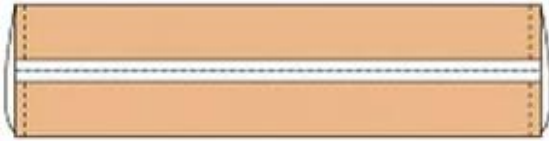
Cut or piece together fabric to make a strip 8.5" tall and the same width as the quilt. Fold under both short edges about $\frac{1}{4}$ ", wrong sides together. Fold under again to double the fabric, and press. Hem folds on both sides.



Fold sides and sew.

2. Fold and Sew Lengthwise

Now fold the strip lengthwise, wrong sides together, aligning its raw edges. Sew together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Press the seam allowance open.



Sew lengthwise, wrong sides together.
Press seam open.

3. Sew Tube to Backing

Place the open seam against the quilt's back. Center and pin the top edge of the tube to the back of the quilt, about $\frac{1}{2}$ " below the binding. Use a whipstitch to sew the top edge of the tube to the quilt backing. Stitch into the quilt batting occasionally to help strengthen the seam but do not allow the stitches to show on the front of the quilt.

4. Attach the Sleeve to Quilt

Smooth the sleeve downward along the quilt backing and then make a $\frac{1}{2}$ " fold along its length to create a pleat. Leaving the pleat intact, pin the sleeve bottom to the quilt. Whipstitch the lower edge of the sleeve to the quilt. Remove the pins. The sleeve will pooch out a bit to allow space for a hanging rod. Whipstitch the (short) back sides of the sleeve to the quilt. Leave the front sides unsewn to allow for rod insertion.



After sewing to quilt, sleeve will pooch out to allow space for rod.