

## **HOW TO MAKE A HANGING SLEEVE FOR YOUR QUILT**

### **WHY IS THIS NECESSARY?**

The larger quilts will be suspended on quilt racks made of 2 inch wide rods. The rods slide through a fabric tube or “sleeve” at the top back of the quilts. This allows the quilts to hang evenly without stretching.

### **IS IT PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY?**

The sleeve can be sewn on after the quilt is finished and it can be removed later. If you wish to have a permanent hanging sleeve, it can be added at the same time as the binding.

### **WHAT FABRIC SHOULD YOU USE?**

This sleeve can be any fabric. If you plan to have a permanent hanging sleeve, you may wish to match the backing fabric.

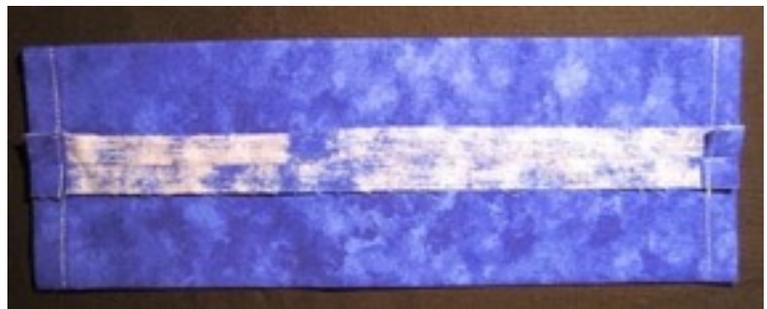
### **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Measure the width of your quilt including the binding.
2. Cut (or piece together) fabric to measure 10in. wide X width of your quilt plus 1in.
3. Fold in the short ends 1/2in. and press. Fold in again 1/2in. and press. Fold in again 1/2”, press and sew. This eliminates the raw edge.

4. Fold the fabric strip in half wrong sides together, press and sew 1/2in. seam along the long edge.



5. Press the seam open, centre it and press.



6. Along one of the long edges, fold down and press about 1/2in. pleat.  
**See photo** . This allows for a little slack so the quilt will hang better on a rod or slat. Without this slack on the back, you may have a bulge on the front of the quilt where the hanging rod goes through. You can see this slack more clearly on the side view photo below.



7. 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.

Whipstitch the lower edge of the sleeve to the quilt. Remove pins. The sleeve will bulge 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.

8. Your hanging sleeve will be the perfect 4 1/2 in. size for the BHQG quilt racks.

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