

All quilts entered in the OPQG Quilt Show MUST have a sleeve. The sleeve must be sewn to the quilt back, not pinned. Any quilt that does not have a sleeve WILL NOT be hung. One exception: Antique quilts entered for Bed Turning do not require a sleeve.

HOW TO MAKE A QUILT SLEEVE

This sleeve leaves extra space (forming a “D”) for the rod to slide through the sleeve for hanging. These instructions can be seen on You Tube - “Sew Easy Hanging Sleeve” by Fons and Porter.

Your sleeve will finish with a 4 inch, “D” opening for hanging. (Quilts less than 40” wide require only a 2 ½” opening. Follow the same instructions but begin with a 5 ½” tall strip of fabric.)

1. Cut a strip of fabric 8 ½” tall by the width of your quilt + 1”.
2. Hem each short side of your sleeve by turning the edge ¼” and then another ¼”. Press. Sew close to the folded edge.
3. Fold the strip in half lengthwise **wrong sides together** and press a center fold.
4. Open the strip, wrong side facing you, and fold a raw edge to meet the center fold. Press. Do this on both sides. (You will now have 3 pressed creases in your sleeve.)
5. Take the raw edges, again **wrong sides together**, and sew a ¼” seam on the right side. (This seam will go against the quilt and not be seen.)
6. Press this seam open, being careful to keep the folded edges crisply creased.
7. Place the seam side down on our quilt with the 2 pressed edges flat to the surface of your quilt.
8. You will now have the center crease up so that your sleeve has formed a “D” shape.
9. Position the sleeve ½” from the top of the quilt. Pin along both folded edges. **(If your quilt is longer than 90”, the top of the sleeve must be 90” from the bottom of your quilt to insure that the quilt does not touch the floor.)**
10. Hand stitch along the top and bottom edges of your sleeve. Take care so that your stitches do not go through the front of the quilt.
11. Now look at the ends of your sleeve. The rod needs to slip into the sleeve, not behind it. Hand stitch the flat part of your sleeve (the part next to your quilt and between the top and bottom stitching) to your quilt.