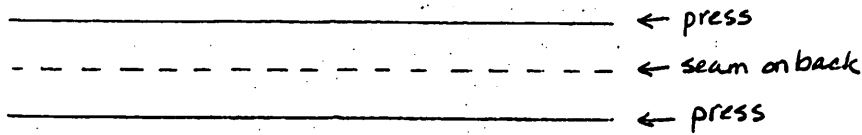


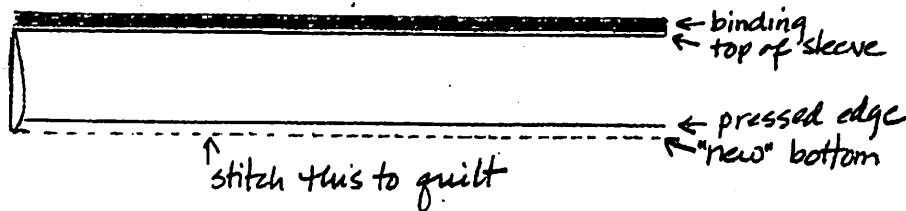
CONSTRUCTING HANGING SLEEVE FOR QUILTS

1. Cut fabric for sleeve 9" wide x a length which is 1" shorter than the width of the quilt at the top. You may have to stitch several pieces together to achieve this length. The sleeve fabric(s) may coordinate with the backing fabric(s) or be totally unrelated – it's up to you.
2. Sew the long edges together, **wrong side to wrong side**, using a ½" seam. Press seam open. This puts the seam allowances on the outside of the sleeve.
3. Turn in and hem the ends of the sleeve.
4. Press the sleeve in half along its length, with the long seam at the midpoint of one side.



5. Place one pressed edge of the sleeve against the stitched edge of the binding, centering the sleeve along the top of the quilt, with the seamed side of the sleeve against the back of the quilt. Pin in place. Hand stitch the top pressed edge of the sleeve to the quilt back. Stitches need not be especially beautiful, but they must be sturdy so that the sleeve can support the weight of your quilt.

6. To stitch the remaining edges to the quilt, first prepare the bottom pressed edge of the sleeve. Keeping the back of the sleeve flat, lift and move the bottom pressed edge of the sleeve ½" toward the top of the sleeve and pin the "new" bottom edge of the sleeve in place. This causes the sleeve to bow out slightly, with the front of the sleeve now larger than the back. This type of sleeve helps to prevent distortion of the front of the quilt caused by the pole on which the quilt hangs. Hand stitch the back edges of the ends of the sleeve and the bottom edge of the sleeve to the quilt.



Important Notice Regarding Sleeves For Large Quilts

Large quilts frequently are longer than the piping and drag on the floor. In the past, to protect your quilts, we have folded plastic or sheets under the bottom edge of the quilts. This is time consuming and does not look attractive. The plastic and sheets get kicked, stepped on and pushed out of place which requires more straightening. More importantly, the bottom of the quilt is always in danger of being stepped upon. We are adopting a policy now being implemented in many of the major quilt shows. If your quilt is longer than 85", you must place a 4" sleeve so the top of the sleeve is 85" from the bottom of the quilt. The top of the quilt will be folded over the piping and the bottom of the quilt will clear the floor.

If you are submitting a quilt greater than 85" in length, please comply with our new rule.