

SLEEVES FOR QUILTS OVER 40" WIDE

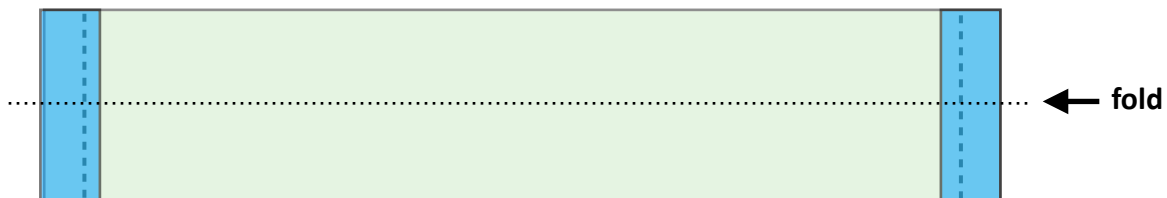
For the WCQG 2019 Quilt Exhibit hanging sleeves are required on all quilts. Quilts over 40" wide should have a sleeve **6" wide**. This is wider than has been requested in the past. Since we use PVC pipe to hang most quilts, this wider sleeve will accommodate the pipe without distorting the quilt.

Instructions for adding a 6" sleeve:

1. Cut the fabric **12½"** wide by the exact width of your quilt.
2. Hem the short ends, turning them in a ¼" and a ¼" again.



3. Fold the sleeve in half lengthwise and press to create a centre crease.



4. With wrong sides together, fold the raw edges of the sleeve to meet the centre crease from step 3.



5. With wrong sides together stitch a 1/4 " seam along the long edges of the sleeve and press the seam **OPEN**. *You may need to repress the fold lines, as you need them for attaching the sleeve to your quilt.*



6. Center the sleeve across the width of your quilt **AN INCH DOWN** from the top binding.
The edge of the sleeve should lie about half an inch inside your binding on each side of the quilt.
7. Using the fold, pin your sleeve to the back of your quilt **AN INCH DOWN** from the top binding *This spacing is needed so the sleeve and hanging rod will not show after the quilt is hung.*
8. Use the lower fold line to sew the sleeve in place. Also stitch the inside ends of the sleeve to the quilt. *The sleeve will fit flat against the quilt, leaving some ease for the hanging rod.*

Very wide quilts would benefit with a split sleeve. This provides an opportunity to support the quilts in the centre as well as the sides. The two sleeves are made the same size and are attached about an inch apart in the centre and about half an inch from the sides.

Here is a link to a Fons & Porter video illustrating the recommended method. *Note that it is not the size we are requesting.*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NO70_ENjQk

