

How to Attach a Quilt Sleeve for Hanging

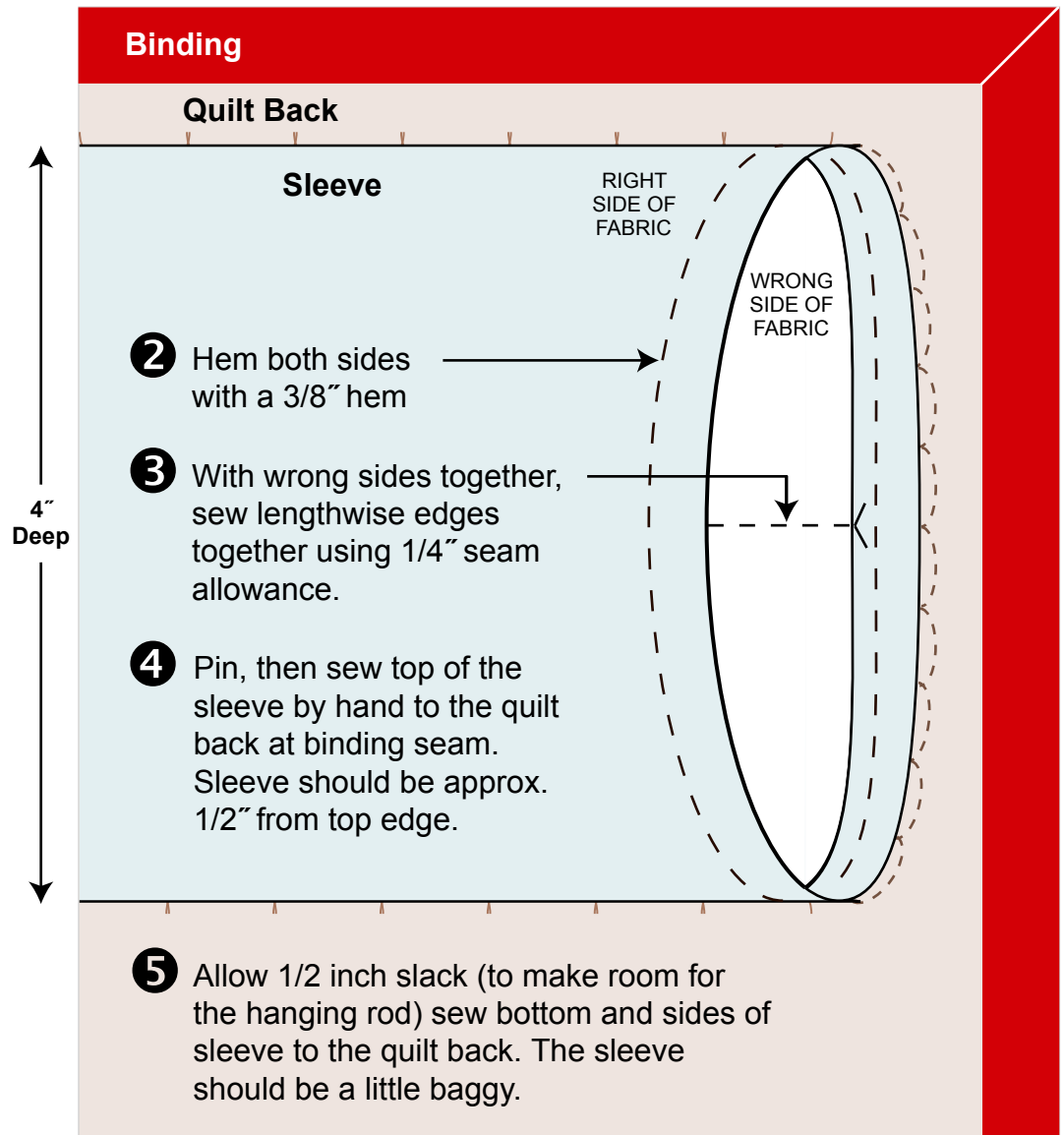
What is a Quilt Sleeve and why do I need one?

Quilt sleeves are designed to slip a pole or rod through, and then hang the quilt in some kind of frame. The most common need for a quilt sleeve is a quilt show. The sleeve fabric can be anything you like, but often matches the backing fabric or is a fabric that looks nice to the eye. Creative sleeves can be fun and add to the beauty of a quilt. Your sleeve should be strong enough to hold the weight of the quilt so a light-weight lace, for example, would not work unless your quilt is small.

Smaller quilts made for hanging on a wall can have a smaller sleeve, and often have them top and bottom to hold 1-1/2" x 1/4" wooden slats, which keep the edges hanging straight and square. Top slats often have eye screws on the outside to attach a wire, like a picture frame often has, and then the quilt hangs nicely on a wall without any pressure on the edges of the quilt. Professional quilters paint the slats white or a color to match the quilt, and keep the slats with the quilt for exhibits as they are custom cut for each quilt. For a small quilt that is permanently displayed, insert the top and bottom slats and then sew the ends closed.

- 1 Cut a strip of fabric 9 inches by the width of the quilt.

NOTE: If you need to piece multiple strips for the length, finish the inside edge by zigzaging or making a French seam.



OPTIONAL: If you plan the quilt sleeve prior to adding your binding, you can place the raw edge of the sleeve in between the binding and quilt, and then sew the binding as normal. This will save step 4. You should pin the sleeve in place before sewing to ensure it doesn't slip.