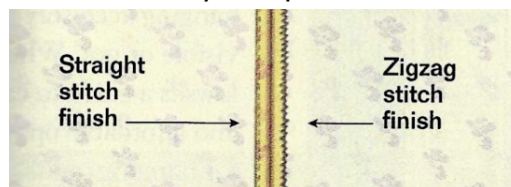


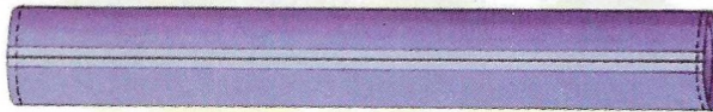
# HANGING SLEEVES

Constructing a tube of tightly woven fabric, a sleeve, provides an excellent way to hang a quilt and gives it protection from the hanging rod. Generally, permanent sleeves are sewn into the bindings of quilts, while temporary sleeves are used for quilt show display items and can be removed when no longer needed. Either type of sleeve can be used for the Mountain Top Quilt Guild Show, but it should be constructed per the instructions below.

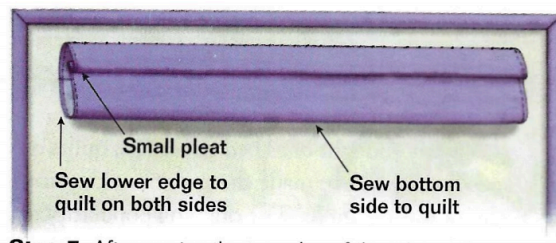
1. Cut **9-inch** strips across the width of the fabric. Cut enough strips so that the finished width of the sleeve will be one inch less than the width of your quilt. Plan for  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch seam allowances when calculating the sleeve length.
2. Sew the strips together using a  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch seam allowance. Press the seams open. Stitch the seams down using a zig-zag or straight stitch. This prevents the rod from catching the seams when it is inserted. Also hem each end with a  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch hem. The resulting length should be 2 to 3 inches shorter than the width of your quilt.



3. With **wrong sides** together, sew the long edges, using a  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch seam allowance. Press the seam open and center it on the tube.

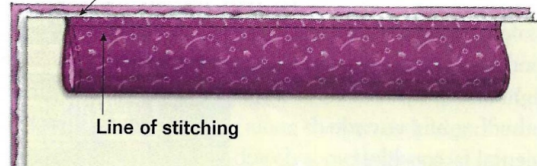


4. With the seam of the tube facing the quilt back, hand sew the sleeve to the top of the quilt along the edge of the binding. Use a thread color that matches the front of the quilt, as the stitches should occasionally catch all three layers of the quilts. Doing so puts less tension on the back of the quilt, preventing it from pulling out of shape.
5. After sewing the top edge of the tube, make a small pleat in the tube to allow space for the rod. This causes the sleeve to bow out slightly, with the front of the sleeve now larger than the back. Hand sew the lower edge of the sleeve and the bottom layer of the tube at each end.



6. For a permanent sleeve, follow steps one and two. The sleeve is attached after the quilt is quilted but before it is bound. Align the raw edges of the sleeve with the raw edges of the top of the quilt and sew the sleeve through all layers with a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam. Hand sew the bottom of the tube as in step 5 above.

Align raw edge of sleeve with raw edge of quilt top



Line of stitching