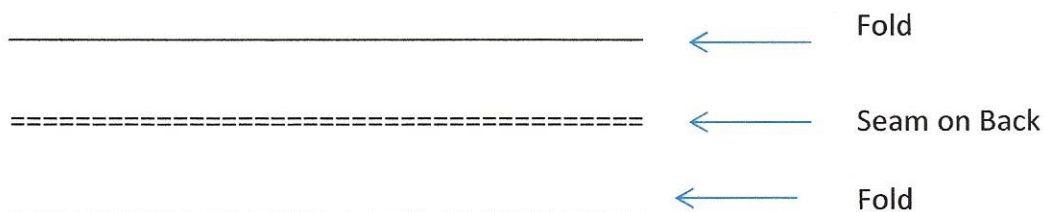
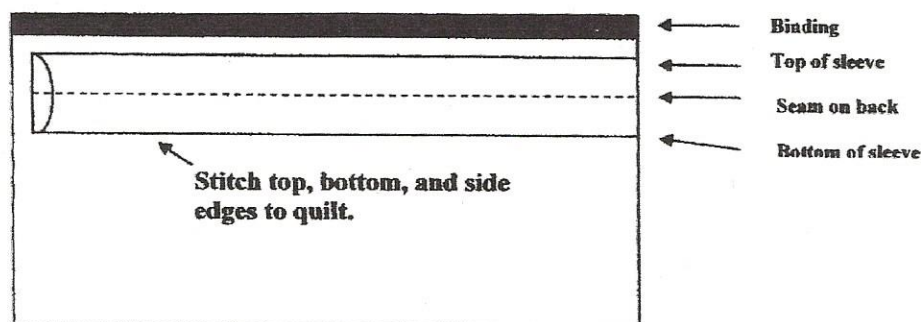


CONSTRUCTING A HANGING SLEEVE

1. Cut fabric for sleeve 9" wide x a length that is 1" shorter than the width of the quilt. You may stitch several pieces of fabric together to get the appropriate length. The sleeve fabric may coordinate with the backing fabric or be totally unrelated – it's up to you.
2. Hem the short ends by folding under $\frac{1}{2}$ ", pressing, then folding and pressing once more. Stitch.
3. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise, *wrong sides together* and press.
4. Bring each cut edge to the center fold and press. These two folds are where you will stitch the sleeve to the quilt back – press them crisply. Unfold, and with *wrong sides together*, sew the length of the fabric with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Finger press this seam open.



5. Place one pressed edge of the sleeve approximately 1" from the top edge of the quilt, with the seamed side of the sleeve against the back of the quilt. Pin in place. Now place the bottom pressed edge of the sleeve in place and pin. There will be a gap in the front of the sleeve that will accommodate the hanging pole.
6. Hand stitch the top and bottom pressed edge of the sleeve to the quilt back. Stitches need not be especially beautiful, but they should be sturdy so that the sleeve can support the weight of the quilt. To reduce the pull on the quilt backing, be sure to catch some of the batting in the stitches (but not the front of the quilt). Stitch the left and right back edges of the sleeve (leaving an opening for the hanging pole).



Other resources for making a quilt sleeve, including video instructions, are available at: quiltweek.com/hanging-sleeve-instructions/