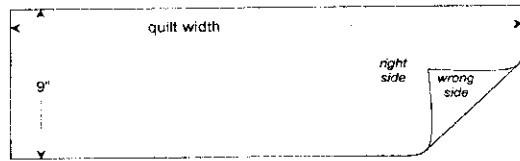
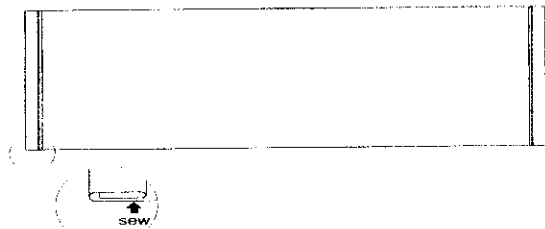


How to Make a Sleeve for Quilts

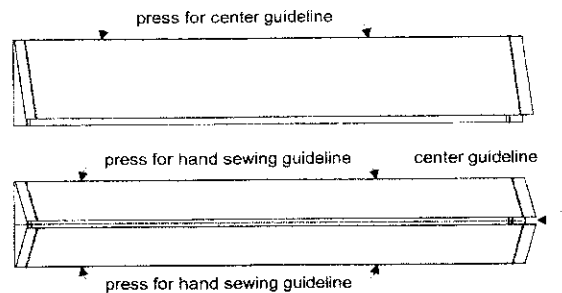
A sleeve is made from a 9-inch strip of fabric, cut to the width of the quilt.



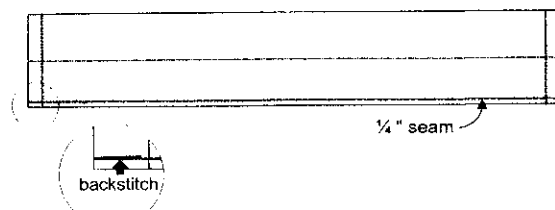
Fold and press each end of the strip twice toward the wrong side, sewing together near the inner fold line.



Fold and press the sleeve lengthwise with wrong sides together to create a guideline down the center of the strip. Then after opening the strip, fold and press each long edge to the center guideline to create two hand-sewing guidelines for the finished sleeve.



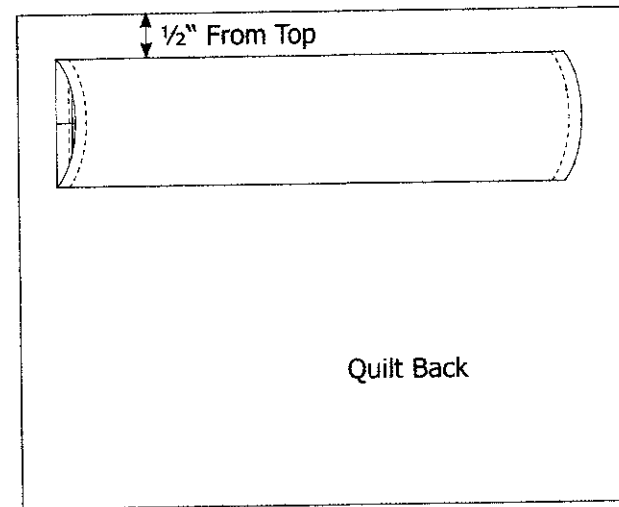
Rejoin and sew the two long edges, backstitching at both ends, to create a quarter inch seam along the entire length.



Press this seam to one side, and also press out the center guideline which is no longer needed. Be careful not to press out the hand-sewing guidelines. The front of the sleeve will now be rounded outward between the hand-sewing guidelines.



Pin the sleeve along the hand-sewing guidelines to the back of the quilt. The top edge of the sleeve should be about half an inch below the top edge of the quilt. Hand-sew the sleeve to the quilt back along the guidelines without stitching through the quilt top.



Editor's Note:

Position the top edge of the hand sewing guideline $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top of the quilt and blind stitch without stitching through the quilt top, first.

Then gently roll the tube upwards towards the top of the quilt. When the top edge of the sleeve-tube is parallel with the top edge of the quilt, flatten out the tube carefully, towards the bottom of the quilt.

Ignore the bottom hand sewing guideline. The new fold created by the smoothing out of the sleeve tube will be the new hand sewing guideline.

Blind stitch along the new fold line, taking care not to stitch through the quilt top.

When finished, moved the tube around and make sure your stitches are secure.

The resulting sleeve will allow for the insertion of the hanging bar.