



## How To Add A Hanging Sleeve To A Quilt



This is the Libby Lehman's method of adding a sleeve, the back of the sleeve will lay flat against the back of the quilt but has some "give" allowing enough room for a larger hanging rod.

1. Cut sleeve 9-12" deep by the width of your quilt top less 1". If the quilt is wider than 40", two or more strips can be joined to accommodate the width less 1" of your quilt. If piecing is required to add to the length of the sleeve, zigzag the seams flat or sew French seams so the rod doesn't catch on the seams when inserted through the sleeve.
2. Make a narrow double ¼" hem on each end. Sleeve will be about 2" narrower than your quilt.
3. Fold sleeve in half lengthwise, wrong sides together. Steam press. This is a temporary guide.
4. Open sleeve and fold the edges to the middle pressed line, wrong sides together. Steam press these new lines very firmly. These will be your hand-sewing lines.
5. With wrong sides and raw edges together, stitch along the length of the sleeve using a ¼" seam allowance. Backstitch the start and stop of this seam.
6. Press this center seam to one side, being careful not to press over the hand-sewing lines.
7. Place pressed edge of the sleeve, seam side to the back, ½" from the top edge of the quilt. The sleeve will be about 1" shorter on each end than the quilt. Hand stitch along the top of the sleeve, taking a few reinforcing stitches at each corner.
8. Fold sleeve along lower pressed stitching line. Pin in place and hand sew along pressed edge.
9. Allow sleeve to roll up almost to top edge of quilt.

If your quilt is large (80") or more and heavy, a split sleeve might be better. This allows access to the hanging rod between the two sleeves for extra support in the center of the quilt. When making the split sleeve, finish the ends of each sleeve as you would for a single sleeve and attach them in the usual manner. The two sleeves will come almost together in the center.

Here is another link for instructions for attaching a quilt hanging sleeve:

[http://quilting.about.com/od/decoratingwithquilts/ss/quilt\\_sleeve.htm](http://quilting.about.com/od/decoratingwithquilts/ss/quilt_sleeve.htm)

