How to make a Hanging Sleeve
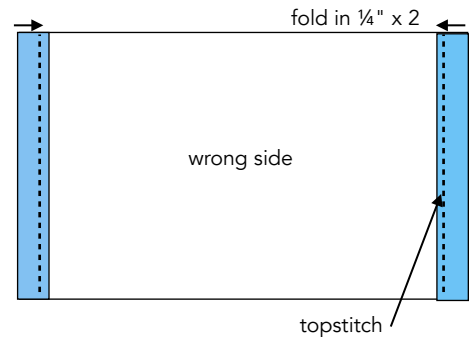
Option 1- a temporary sleeve hand sewn to the quilt along both long edges.

Step 1

Measure across the quilt and cut your hanging sleeve
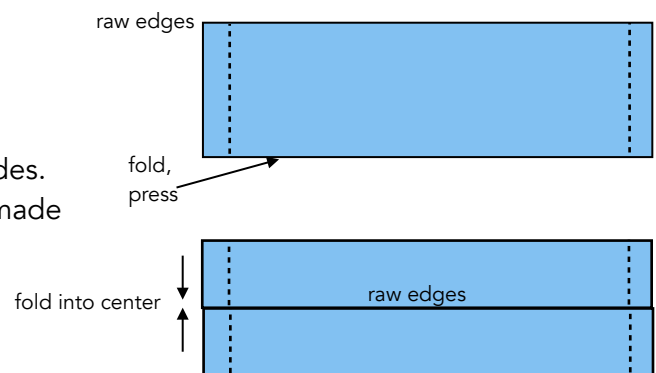8 ½" x width of quilt.

Step 2

Fold in the short ends ¼", press and fold in again ¼".
Topstitch the folded edge about ⅛" away from the fold.

Step 3

Fold the sleeve in half, wrong sides together.
Press a center crease. Open up the strip, fold the
long edges into the center, and press the long sides.
You will be pressing out the center fold you just made
which is perfect; it was there to help as a guide.

Step 4

Open up the sleeve, fold wrong sides together, matching long raw edges and sew the long
edge with a ¼" seam. I like to backstitch at each end of the seam. Press the seam open being
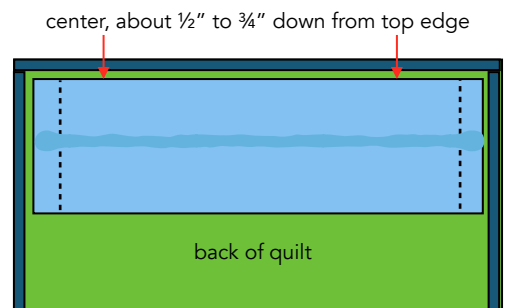careful not to press out the long fold lines!
A pressing bar can be very helpful.
Repress the long fold lines if needed.

Step 5

Center the sleeve on the back of the quilt, about ½" - ¾" from the top edge and pin sleeve in
place using the folds as a guide. The raw edges of the long seam will be against the back of
the quilt and not visible.

The top of the sleeve will poof out a bit; this allows the quilt
to hang nicely once the hanging rod is inserted. I like to push
the poof towards the top of the quilt to check that the sleeve
will not be visible once it is hung. If the sleeve shows past the
top of the quilt, move it a little lower on the back.

Hand sew the sleeve to the quilt along the long fold lines.
Be sure to hand sew the bottom of the short ends of the sleeve to the quilt.
This allows easy access for the hanging pole and it won't touch your quilt.
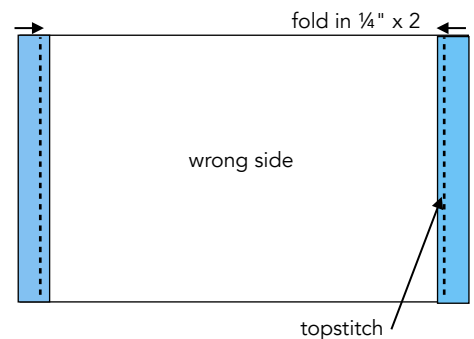
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Option 2 - a permanent sleeve; you machine sewn one edge, attaching it to the quilt along with the binding and then only have to hand sew the other sides.

Step 1

Measure across the quilt and cut your
hanging sleeve 8 ½" x width of quilt.

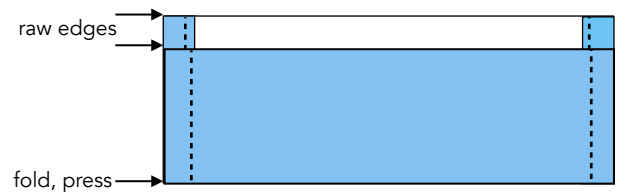### Step 2

Fold in the short ends ¼", press and fold in again ¼".
Topstitch the folded edge about ⅛" away from the fold.

Step 3

Fold the sleeve in half, wrong sides together.
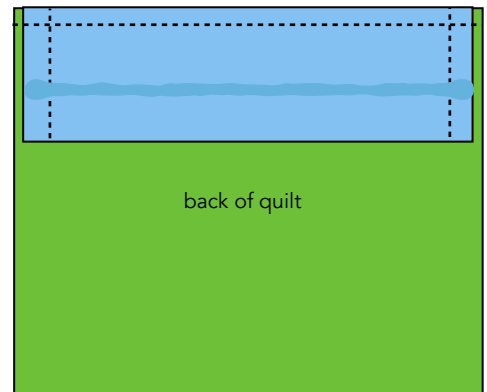Move one long edge down ½".
Press the long folded edge.

Step 4

Open up the sleeve, fold wrong sides together, matching long raw edges and
center along the top of the quilt. The side of the sleeve with excess fabric should be on the
outside. The smaller side of the sleeve will be against the quilt.

Pin raw edges to the back of the quilt. The top of the sleeve
will poof out a bit; this allows the quilt to hang nicely once the
hanging rod is inserted.

I like to push the poof towards the top
of the quilt to check that the sleeve will not be visible once it is
hung. If the sleeve shows past the top of the quilt, re-press
your crease from step 3 and make it a little bit smaller-
about ⅜" instead ½".

Step 5

Attach binding to the front of the quilt, catching the sleeve in the top seam. Hand sew the
binding to the back of the quilt and hand sew the long folded edge of the hanging sleeve. Be
sure to hand sew the bottom of the short ends of the sleeve to the quilt. This allows easy
access for the hanging pole and it won't touch your quilt.

Note: if you prefer to machine sew both sides of the binding, that method works as well!