

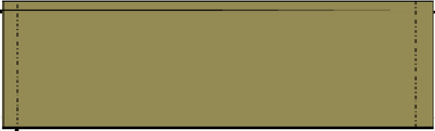
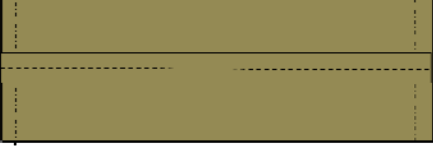



INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING SLEEVES

It is crucial that the quilt you enter into the Judged Show has a sleeve for hanging. Here is one method for making them.

Many of you already know how to attach a sleeve to the back of your quilt. For RMCQ purpose, please make sure your sleeve finishes to 4 inches. The most frequently used method of displaying a quilt is to stitch a sleeve, or casing, onto the backing of the quilt so that a rod or dowel can be slipped through it. The rod and sleeve allow the quilt's weight to be distributed evenly, so that undue stress is not put on any part of the quilt.

<p>Cut a strip of fabric 9 inches wide, 2 inches longer than the length of the quilt edge.</p>	
<p>Turn under a 1 1/2 inch hem at both short ends of the strip. Top stitch.</p>	
<p>Fold the sleeve wrong sides together lengthwise and press the crease on the long edge. Baste 1/4 inch from folded edge. Press basted edge to one side so sleeve fabric is flat.</p>	
<p>Pin long edges of sleeve fabric right sides together, sew a 1/4" seam. Press seam open, and turn sleeve right side out.</p>	
<p>Press flat, with the seam in the center of the back side, and the basted edge in the center of the front side.</p>	
<p>Center the sleeve 1" below the binding of the quilt. Hand sew the top and bottom edges to the back of the quilt. The short edges touching the quilt should also be sewn down. Make sure that the sleeve is left open so the rod can be inserted.</p>	
<p>Remove basting stitches.</p>	