

How to make a hanging sleeve for your quilt – Summarized by Laura Boksmán.
(Based on what I can remember from being taught by Eleanor McMillán)

1. Cut a strip of fabric that is 5.5" to 6" wide by the finished length of the sleeve that you wish to have (e.g. quilt width less 2 inches). If your fabric is not long enough, piece 6" strips to get the length you desire. NOTE: For finished ends (not just zig-zagged or serged ends), then add 1" to the length.
2. To finish the short ends, zig-zag or serge the ends. Alternately, fold over and iron down ¼" two times on each end (so that the raw edge gets enclosed) and topstitch down the folds.
3. On each of the long edges, fold over ¼" to the wrong side, and iron down.
4. On the long edge that is away from you, fold over approximately 1/3 of the width (approximately 1.5 inches) and iron down. (See figure 1)
5. Turn over the sleeve so that the newly made fold is towards you, and the longer edge is on top.
6. Fold down the long edge to create a pocket that is approximately ½ deep, and iron down. (See Figure 2). If desired, baste this new fold (I find it easier to sew on the quilt if this fold stays flat).
7. The front of a finished sleeve is shown in Figure 3.
8. Hand sew the sleeve to the top of the back of the quilt, by sewing along each long edge (e.g. invisible stitch or tacking stitches), oriented with the fold facing down (i.e. in the orientation shown in Figure 3).

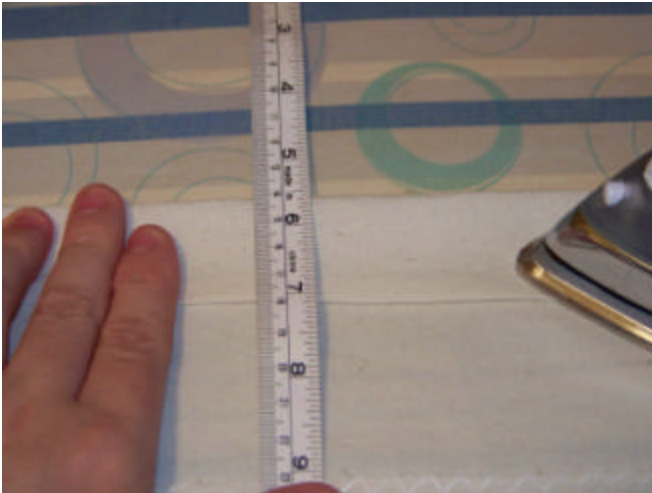


Figure 1



Figure 2

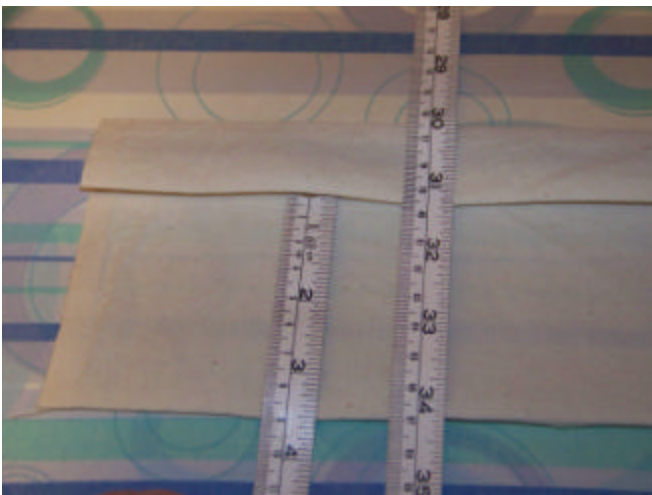


Figure 3