



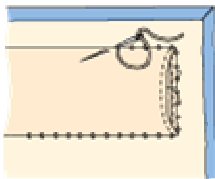
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HANGING SLEEVE

This method of making a hanging sleeve allows extra fullness in the sleeve which accommodates the rod without distortion. Measure the width of the quilt *between the edge bindings* but not including them. Cut a strip 9" wide by this length. If the length requires two strips, join the strips with a 1/4" seam allowance; press seam allowances to one side. Hem the short ends by folding under 1/2", pressing, then folding and pressing once more. Blindstitch by hand or topstitch close to the edge of the hem. Fold the sleeve in half lengthwise, **wrong sides together** and press. Bring each cut edge to the center fold and press. These two folds are your sewing guides--press them crisply. Unfold and with *wrong* sides together, sew the raw edges of the sleeve length together with a 1/2" seam allowance. Finger press the seam open.

Using a long acrylic ruler and your favorite method for marking, draw a line across the width of the quilt about 1" below the binding. With the seam allowance against the backing, center the sleeve and pin the top fold on the line you just drew. Smooth the sleeve against the backing and pin at the bottom fold. Using thread to match, blindstitch along both folds and ends of sleeve. To reduce the pull on the backing, catch some of the batting in the stitches (But be careful not to stitch all the way through to the front of the quilt!).



Remove any quilt marking that still shows.