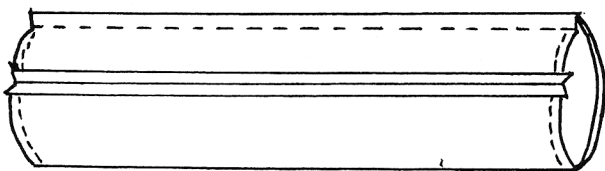


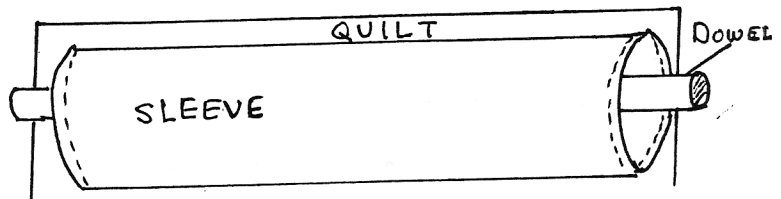
# Hanging Sleeve

Hanging a quilt is a great way to display it, but you should protect the quilt by hanging it properly. Nails, staples, and tacks cause rusting and tearing, and put stress on the fabric. A popular hanging method is to slip a dowel or curtain rod through a sleeve sewn to the backing. This distributes weight and strain evenly across the quilt width.

1. Cut a fabric strip 9" wide and as long as the top edge of the quilt. Piece strips as needed to achieve desired length.
2. On each end of the strip, turn under  $\frac{1}{2}$ "; then turn under another  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Topstitch to hem both ends.
3. With wrong sides facing, fold the strip in half lengthwise. Sew the long edges together with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, leaving the ends open.
4. Press seam allowances open and to the middle back. (*Diagram 1*); pressing creases at top and bottom. On the back side, press in another crease 1" down from the first crease.
5. With the seam against the backing, center the sleeve just below the binding and pin. Hand-sew sleeve to backing along bottom crease. No stitches should show on the front.
6. Remove pins and fold the top of the sleeve along the second crease. Hand-stitch the second crease in place on the backing. (*Diagram 2*). This "pleat" allows for more fullness to accommodate the bulk of the dowel and the quilt will hang flat on the front side.



*Diagram 1*



*Diagram 2*