

SUPER SIMPLE QUILT SLEEVE

A continuous 4" sleeve is required on quilts an edge longer than 60". However, don't sweat the sleeve! Below is the super simple way to meet this requirement. For those that want a more permanent sleeve or can't stand the thought of raw edges, there is another set of instructions in the Files of the Salt Creek Patchmaker's public Facebook site. You can also Google quilt sleeves for options. Just remember we need a continuous sleeve.

1. Cut a piece of fabric 9" wide and a couple of inches shorter than your quilt. It can be ugly fabric that you know you will never use in a quilt, fat quarters pieced together, or scraps from the backing after it was trimmed. The sleeve is not visible when looking at your quilt.
2. Fold the strip in half so it's 4.5" inches wide and make a ¼" seam. Right sides together or wrong sides together, your choice.
3. Smash the tube down so the seam is to the back. If you want to press the seam, you can. If you want to turn the tube inside out so the seam allowance is on the inside you can. We don't care since we won't see it. It IS recommended to put the seam to the back (against the quilt) since it is the weak point and will take the least amount of weight for the quilt if it's on the back.
4. Use safety pins and pin very closely to the top of the tube to the top of your quilt. Use enough pins to evenly distribute the weight of the quilt.
5. THIS IS AS TRICKY AS IT GETS – Pull up on the tube a bit so there is an inch or so "pooch". This is so there is room to get the rod through the sleeve.
6. Use safety pins and pin very closely to the bottom of the sleeve to the quilt, making sure to leave plenty of "pooch".
7. You're done! After the show, take the safety pins out and roll up the sleeve to use on next year's entry.

NOTE: If your quilt is more than 90 inches long, please do the following:

1. Measure 88" from the bottom of the quilt. Pin the top of the sleeve at this measurement. Follow the remaining instructions from #5 onwards.
2. Doing this will make the excess quilt fold over the bar on the top so it won't get damaged from people stepping on it. If you forget and pin the sleeve to the very top, we'll have to pin up the bottom of the quilt to protect it.