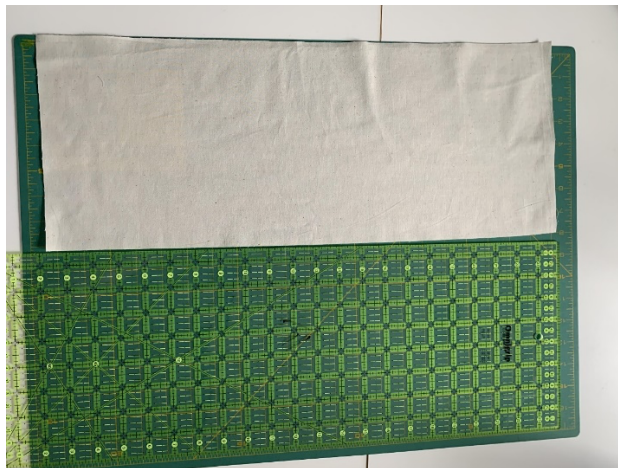


## **PUT A SLEEVE ON IT!**

<https://www.americanquilter.com/hanging-sleeve-instructions>

### **Step-by-steps instructions for adding a new sleeve:**

1. Cut the sleeve 8½” wide x the exact width of your quilt.  
(I cut mine an inch or two shorter).



2. Fold the ends in twice (¼” and ¼” again) to finish each end of the sleeve.



Press



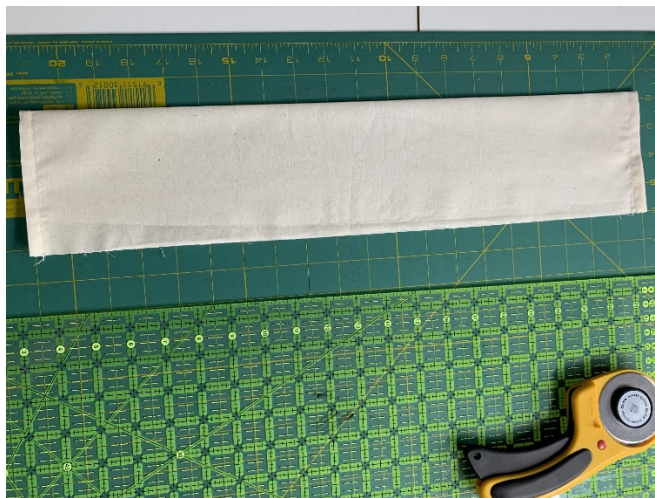
3. Stitch using a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. (I use an Edge Stitching foot, move my needle over, and stitch close to the fold).



Both ends turned, pressed, and stitched.



4. Fold the wrong sides together and lightly press in a fold.



5. Press the long sides of the sleeve so they meet in the center.



6. Fold wrong sides together and stitch a ¼” seam on the long edge of the sleeve.  
(AQS has you stitch right sides together and turning sleeve inside).



7. Press seam open. The seam is on the back and will lie against the quilt instead of being inside the sleeve.



8. Repress the fold lines – you’ll need those for attaching the sleeve to your quilt. (I stitch close to the edge of the folds. It maintains the edge and makes it easier to stitch onto the quilt).

This is the step that provides the give needed in the sleeve.



9. Center the sleeve across the width of your quilt. The edge of the sleeve should lie just inside your binding on each side of the quilt.
10. Using the fold, pin your sleeve in place  $\frac{1}{2}$ " -  $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the top outside edge on the back of the quilt. *This spacing is needed so the sleeve won't show after it's hung.*
11. Pin the top of the sleeve along the fold and blind stitch in place. Use the opposite fold line to pin the bottom edge of the sleeve in place, blind stitch to the quilt. (I use a small whip stitch).



12. The sleeve will fit flat against the quilt from fold line to fold line; the rest of the sleeve will cup out, giving enough play in the fabric to fit into the hanging device without damaging the sleeve.

