

Integrated Quilt sleeve

How to create a sleeve while binding the quilt using the backing fabric!

Plan the layout of your quilt top on the backing to allow for a minimum of 8" excess fabric on the side that you want your hanging sleeve. Do not stitch in this area at all as we will use this to create the sleeve.

Once your quilt has been completely quilted you can make the choice of adding the binding whilst still on your longarm machine using instructions in the '[Binding your quilt 2 ways](#)' course, or add to your quilt after trimming and folding/stitching the hanging sleeve, then add binding using your domestic machine.

Remove from your quilting machine table and trim using a rotary cutter & ruler $\frac{1}{4}$ " outside the raw edge of the quilt top on all sides except the top where you plan to have your hanging sleeve.

Trim the backing for the sleeve to approximately 8" (or double the required depth of the required sleeve for the hanging system you need to use)



Image 1

Using a ruler and rotary cutter, cut $2\frac{1}{2}$ " in from each side of the quilt and $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the raw edge of the quilt top. Refer to image 1

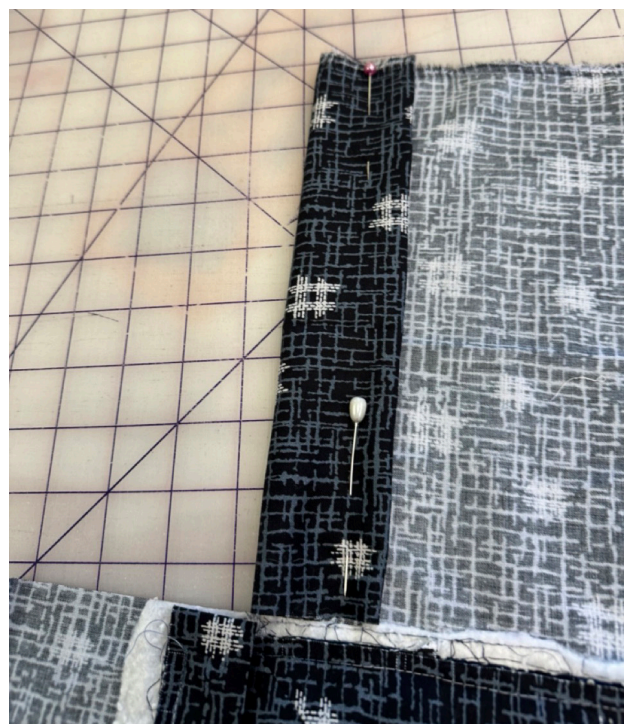


Image 2

Fold over the short ends twice to hem to hide raw edges. Pin and sew from top to bottom on both sides of the quilt sleeve.

Refer to images 2 & 3



Image 3.

Turn quilt over and fold the sleeve fabric in half to match the raw edges. Pin from the top of the quilt along the binding seam line. Sew to secure the top of the sleeve along existing binding stitching. Use rotary cutter and ruler to do a final trim just smaller than 1/2" from the seam line of the binding. The extra layers of fabric will fill the finished 1/2" binding.



Fold over the binding and hand stitch to cover the stitched line on the back.

Lay the quilt flat right side down with the sleeve sitting flat on the back.

Smooth the sleeve downward along the quilt back, then make a $\frac{1}{2}$ " (12mm) fold along its length to create a pleat. Leaving the pleat intact, pin the lower edge of the sleeve to the quilt. Hand stitch the lower edge of the sleeve to the quilt, stitching through to the batting occasionally. Hand stitch the back of the side edges of the sleeve tube to the quilt so that hanging poles can be cleanly inserted.

