

HOW TO MAKE A HANGING SLEEVE

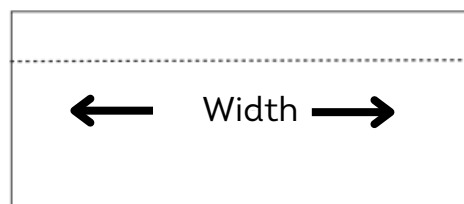
Entries into The Festival of Quilts competition require a **hanging sleeve of 10cm (4inches)** to be attached to the back of the piece, through which a wooden batten will be placed to hang your quilt.

These instructions are for sleeves that measure 10cm, the required size for FOQ.

If you are entering a miniature, please follow the same steps but the depth of the hanging sleeve should be **5cm (2inches)**.

The aim is to produce a sleeve with a curved side to accommodate the batten so as not to distort your quilt when hung. The sleeve needs to be at the top of the quilt but not so high that it folds above it and inset at each edge so the batten can easily be screwed to the wall but not seen when the quilt is hung. The sleeve is functional, any fabric can be used

1. Measure the width of the top of your quilt and cut a strip of fabric this width and **21.5cm (8.5inches)** deep. For a miniature it needs to be **11.5cm (4.5 inches)** deep.



2. Finish the short ends of the sleeve with a double turn hem.


3. The end hems can be on the inside (wrong side) of the sleeve for a clean finish, or the fabric can be folded to the outside (right side), so the hanging rod doesn't get caught on the hem.

4. Fold the strip in half lengthwise, bring WRONG sides together and iron a fold.

5. Open up the fabric, fold the long edges to the centre (ironed line) and press

6. With the WRONG sides together, sew a **0.5cm** seam and iron the seam open being careful not to remove the creases made in step 5.

From the end, your sleeve will look like a "D" with the seam on the straight side of the D. The seam allowances will be hidden once the sleeve is sewn to the artwork.

This side goes next to the back of your quilt →  ← The curved side accommodates a batten without distorting your quilt

7. Position the sleeve on your quilt, with the seam next to the quilt back. The sleeve should sit about **1.5cm** below the top of the quilt and about **1.5cm** in from each side.

Using the folds made in step 3 pin and then sew the sleeve flat against the quilt, catch the batting as well as the backing fabric.

Ideally sew down the back of the sleeve at each end, leaving the D open for the batten.

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