

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING SLEEVES

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Cut a strip of fabric 9 inches wide, 2 inches longer than the width of the quilt.

Turn under a 1 1/2 inch hem at both short ends of the strip. Top stitch.



Fold the sleeve wrong sides together lengthwise and press the crease on the long edge. Baste  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the fold of the long edge. Press basted edge to one side so sleeve fabric is flat.

Baste  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from edge



Pin long edges of sleeve fabric right sides together, sew a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam. Press seam open, and turn sleeve right side out.



Press flat, with the seam in the center of the back side, and the basted edge in the center of the front side.



Center the sleeve 1 inch below the binding of the quilt on the back side of the quilt, with the seam side down, and the basted side up. Hand sew the top and bottom edges to the back of the quilt with a slip stitch. The short edges touching the quilt should also be sewn down. Make sure that the short edges not touching the quilt are not sewn down, so that the sleeve is left open for the rod to be inserted.



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