

Easy Method to Sew on a 4 Inch Sleeve After Binding the Quilt

1. Cut or piece together fabric to make a strip 9" tall and the same width as the quilt. Sew down seam allowances.
2. Fold under short edges 1/4", wrong sides together. Press. Sew a straight or zigzag seam to hem the folds.
3. Now fold the strip lengthwise, wrong sides together, aligning its raw edges. Sew together with a 1/2" seam allowance. Press the seam allowance open. Press your sleeve flat, keeping the seam in the center.
4. Place the open seam against the quilt's back. Center and pin the top edge of the tube to the back of the quilt, about 1/2" below the binding.
5. Use a [whipstitch](#) to sew the top edge of the tube to the quilt backing, making sure your stitches don't go through the top. Stitch into the batting occasionally to help strengthen the seam.
6. Smooth the sleeve downward along the quilt back, then make a 1/2" fold along its length to create a pleat or pull the pressing line up 1/2 inch. Pin the new sleeve bottom to the quilt.
7. Whipstitch the lower edge of the sleeve to the quilt. Remove pins. The sleeve will pooch out a bit to allow space for a hanging rod.
8. **Whipstitch the back sides of the sleeve ends to the quilt.** Leave the front sides unsewn to allow for rod insertion.

Wall hangings of 30 inch width or less may use a 2 inch sleeve. Use the above instructions but cut a strip 5 inches tall instead of 9 inches.

Note: Most sleeves are made of muslin because it is less expensive but another idea is to use fabric that matches your quilt back. It is not as obvious and you have extra fabric in case repairs are needed.