

Making a Quilt Hanger

This quilt hanger was made from a length of wood casing, a dowel rod, and 2 plates which screw down to hold the quilt between the dowel rod and casing.

Materials required:

1. A length of wood casing (wide molding) available at building supply stores, such as Lowes. One edge of the casing must be at least about ½” thick to accept a screw and T-nut; the other edge should be thinner. (Cost about \$1.25 per foot.)
2. A 3/8” diameter dowel rod at least as long as the finished hanger.
3. Two 8–32 threaded T-nuts.
4. Two 8-32 threaded bolts 1-1/4” long.
5. Two drawer or cabinet pull knobs which accept 8-32 thread bolts.
6. Two pieces of wood (or other material), about ¼” thick and 2” wide and 2” high, plain or decorative (of the desired shape: circle, star, diamond, etc.) to serve as plates for holding the dowel rod. (The plates in the photos are ornamental wood rosettes purchased at Lowes, 2 for \$5.)

Additional plates (made with items 3, 4, 5, and 6) would be required to support larger quilts.

Fabrication:

Cut the casing to the desired length. [The pictured hanger is 2” longer than the quilt width; 28” long casing for a 26” wide quilt.]

Drill ¼” holes (to accept the T-nuts) where the plates will be positioned. [The plates in the pictured hanger are 8” from the ends of the hanger.]

Lightly hammer the T-nuts through the holes into the back of the hanger.

Cut the dowel rod the same length as the casing.

Cut the heads off the bolts and screw the bolt bodies into the knobs.

Cut the plates to the desired shape (if needed) and drill a hole slightly larger than the bolt diameter in the center of the plate.

Stain or paint the casing and dowel rod the desired color.

Insert the knobs with attached bolt through the plates (place a washer in front of the plate if desired), position the dowel rod and quilt between the plate and casing, and screw the knobs into the T-nuts, holding the quilt in place.



Thanks to Pat Wettack for sharing the instructions her husband used to make this wonderful quilt hanger. The instructions will also be put on the HSQG website.