

# HANGING SLEEVE & QUILT LABEL

The finishing touches for your work of art are the hanging sleeve and the quilt label. Here are the instructions on how to make both.

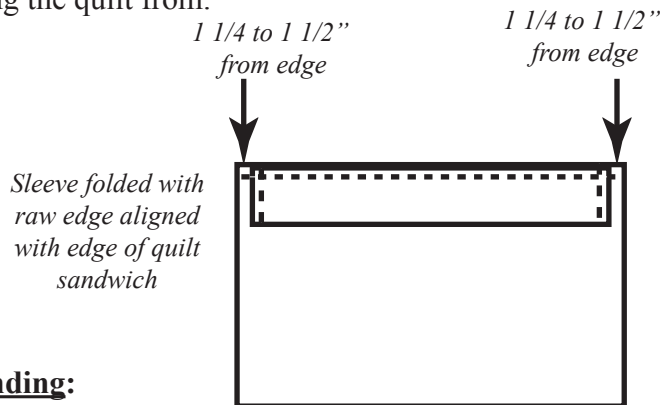
## HANGING SLEEVE

### Preparation:

1. Cut a piece of fabric that is 2" less than the width of the top of the quilt x 8" wide.
2. Finish both short ends with a narrow hem. (Turn raw edge ¼" and again, another ¼" and sew with a straight stitch).
3. Fold in half lengthwise and press. Both long raw edges should align.

### Sewing Hanging Sleeve to Back of Quilt:

1. Once you're finished quilting the quilt, cut away excess batting and backing by squaring off all four edges of your quilt.
2. Center and pin long raw edges of folded hanging sleeve along (or over?) raw edge of quilt top. There should be about 1 ¼" to 1 ½" clear space at both ends. This will conceal the rod or slat you'll be using to hang the quilt from.



### Binding:

With my "all-by-machine binding method", you'll start placing & sewing the binding on the **wrong/back** side of your quilt. This way, the upper edge of the hanging sleeve will be caught between the quilt and the binding twice. (1- when you first sew binding from the back and 2 – again when you finish sewing binding on the front/ top of the quilt). The binding will be very securely attached.

**NOTE:** If quilt is larger than 40" square, it's best to make 2 hanging sleeves, one for the top and another for the bottom. The bottom weight will help your quilt hang perfectly straight.

## QUILT LABEL

### Preparation:

I print my quilt labels on silk, using an ink jet printer. I buy a kit from Jacquard ([www.jacquardproducts.com](http://www.jacquardproducts.com)) that includes 6 - 8.5" x 11" sheets of silk fused to freezer paper, a bottle of fixative and an instruction booklet.

I include a lot of information on my labels, and I prefer to use silk because it gives me the best resolution, even with small lettering.

To give the label a more *tailored* look, I line it with soft, thin muslin. Put label and muslin right sides together. With a ¼" seam, sew only three sides (left, top and right sides). Bottom of label should remain unsewn. Finger press seams towards the muslin as far into the corners as possible. Snip off corners and gently turn label to the right side. Press lovingly.

### Sewing:

To sew the label to the quilt, I use the same trick as with the hanging sleeve: I align the raw bottom edges of the lined label to the raw bottom edge of the quilt. Pin all around label as you straighten it up. I catch the bottom of the label with two rows of seams when I sew the binding on to the quilt (back & front).

Slipstitch the other three sides by hand. ...and your wonderful creation is ready to be admired by all!