

GEORGIA'S QUILT SLEEVE DIRECTIONS

Measure the top of your Quilt edge to edge inside binding and subtract 1 inch. This is the length needed for sleeve.

Cut sleeve fabric 8 ½ inches wide, cutting across fabric selvage to selvage. Cut as many 8 1/2 inch wide pieces as needed to equal desired sleeve length. Join pieces, pressing seams open.

Hem both short edges of sleeve fabric by folding under the ends ¼ inch twice and then stitching. Now is the time to check the sleeve length to the quilt to verify measurement.

While sleeve is still one long flat piece fold in half lengthwise, right sides together, and press fold. Machine baste a ½ inch “tuck” or “pleat” along fold. NOTE: This tuck will allow room for the round pole so that the top of the quilt does not roll back or bulge when the pole is placed inside.

With seams and tuck to the outside (right sides together) sew the two long raw edges of sleeve together. NOTE: Wrong sides to the outside means that the pole can slip easily into the sleeve and not catch on any seams. You now have a long tube.

Press the long seam open so it is centered on the sleeve on one side and the tuck is about centered on the other side. Seam will face the back of quilt and tuck will be on the outside of sleeve facing up.

Sleeve is now ready to be hand stitched down on the quilt back. Pin the upper edge of sleeve onto the quilt back, about one inch below the binding. Use a slip stitch (stitches can be about ½ to ¾ inches apart. Next pin and stitch the bottom edge of sleeve to quilt in the same manner. Also stitch down the short edges of sleeve that touch the quilt back.

Finally, remove the basting stitches and sleeve is done. Hooray!! The next time you make a sleeve it will be much easier and faster, promise.

When you remove the sleeve after the quilt show, save it for use at the next show!