

## PREPARING YOUR QUILT FOR A MLQG EXHIBIT

### HANGING SLEEVE

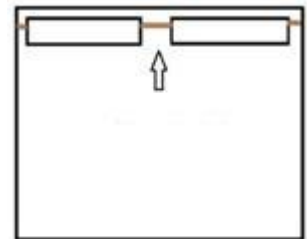
**Quilts over 30 inches wide are required to have a 4" hanging sleeve.**

1. Cut a fabric strip 8 ½" x the width of your quilt.
2. Fold the 8 ½" ends under ¼" twice and sew close to the folded edge to form a hem on both ends.
3. Fold sleeve in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. This pressed line will only be a guide.
4. Open sleeve and fold the edges to the middle press line, wrong sides together. Press. These new press lines will be the top and bottom of the sleeve.
5. Fold right sides together and stitch ¼" seam on the long edge of the sleeve.
6. Turn the sleeve right-side out.
7. You may need to repress the fold lines – they will be your hand sewing lines.
8. The sleeve will fit flat against the quilt from fold line to fold line; the rest of the sleeve will cup out giving enough play in the fabric to fit into the hanging device without damaging the sleeve or your quilt.
9. Center the sleeve on the back of the quilt ½" down from the top edge and hand sew across the top and bottom edges, being careful not to stitch through to the front of the quilt.

To view a video of these instructions visit [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m\\_Vd82aSiAA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_Vd82aSiAA)

**Quilts less than 30" are required to have a split sleeve.**

Cut the strip of fabric 3 ½" x the width of the quilt and then cut the strip in half. Follow the above instructions for both strips of fabric, creating two 1 ½" sleeves. Position the sleeves on the back of the quilt ½" down from the top edge and ½" in from each side. There should be a gap in-between the sleeves which will allow the quilt to be hung from one point in the center. Hand sew across the top and bottom edges, being careful not to stitch through to the front of the quilt.



**Quilts less than 18" may use "Fast Finish Triangles" for hanging.**

1. Cut Squares: Cut two squares of fabric. A common size is 3 ½" to 5" squares, depending on the size of your quilt and dowel.

2. Fold and Press: Fold each square in half diagonally, wrong sides together, to create a triangle. Press well.
3. Position: Place your quilt backing side up. Position one triangle in each top corner, matching the raw edges of the triangle with the raw edges of the quilt corner.
4. Baste: Pin in place and baste the triangles to the quilt back using a  $\frac{1}{8}$ " seam allowance.
5. Finish: Attach your binding to the front of the quilt as normal, ensuring it covers the basting stitches and secures the triangles.

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**\*If your quilt is not a square or rectangle and you need advice about hanging, contact the exhibit chair.**

#### **LABEL**

Each entry must have a label with the name of the quilt and the name of the entrant securely sewn to the back of the quilt, preferably on the bottom left corner.

#### **FINAL INSPECTION**

Please take time to inspect your quilt one last time and make sure your quilt is clean and ready to hang. Trim any stray threads, remove any chalk or marking lines, and use a lint brush to remove any dust or pet hair.