

Rod Pocket/Hanging Sleeve Instructions

Hanging sleeves for Fine Art of Fiber (FAOF) need to end at least 1.5" from either side of your quilt edge. This is to allow the use of Command Strips to attach the hanging rod/wooden slat to the wall at the Botanic Garden. We need that space to hide the rod from view. The size of the slats is based on the finished width of your quilt. When you cut the fabric to create the hanging sleeve, make it 8.5" wide by the width of your quilt minus 2 (two) inches. If your piece is 38 inches wide, you would cut your material 8.5"x36".

- 1) Use a lightweight material like muslin or quilting cotton. Fold under each edge $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press, fold under again, press and sew, creating a $\frac{1}{4}$ " hem. The finished length of the fabric should now be 3 (three) inches less than the width of your piece.
- 2) Press the material in half lengthwise, wrong sides together and press. Open up and bring the raw edges to the center crease, still wrong sides together, and press again.
- 3) Match up the raw edges, still wrong sides together, and sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, press open. This will end up against the back of your quilt. If necessary, re-press the previous creases.
- 4) Place the sleeve on the back of the quilt approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ " down from the top edge and centered on the width. The sleeve should "pooch out" from the back of the quilt to allow for the hanging rod.
- 5) Pin it in place and slip stitch around the perimeter. Make sure to leave the sleeve open on the ends. If you anticipate removing the sleeve in the future, you can make your stitches pretty far apart and/or sloppy. Temporary sleeves don't need to be sewn as well as binding.

Sleeves that do not meet the requirements may be modified (It may not be pretty) to allow the command strips to be used.

Instructions for the hanging sleeve in two formats, some learn by watching and some learn by reading. I learn by doing both. Note that neither method accounts for our width requirements, they are just for an illustration of steps to take. Follow our measurement instructions above.

Fons and Porter video instructions:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NO70_ENjQk

Quiltweek written instructions:

<https://www.quiltweek.com/hanging-sleeve-instructions/>

Note that these instructions require you to turn your sleeve