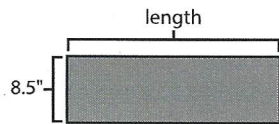
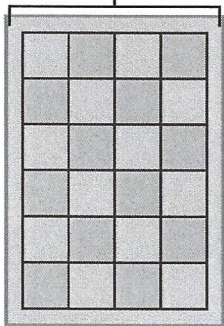


1. Cut a piece of fabric 8.5" wide by the length of the top of your quilt between the binding.

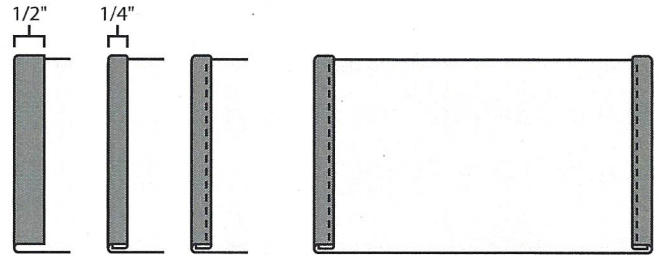
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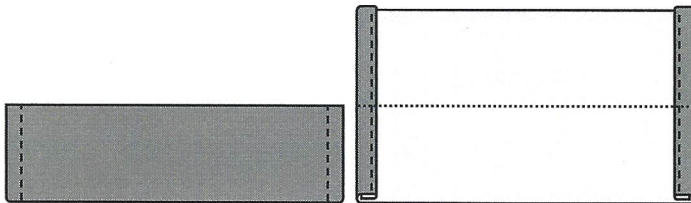
Legend:

- right side of fabric
- wrong side of fabric
- fold
- stitch
- blind hand stitch

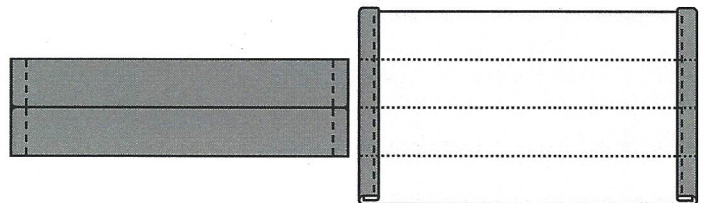
2. Hem the left short edge by folding the fabric 1/2", wrong sides together, and pressing to make a crease. Then fold the edge again under itself, pushing the edge into the crease. Press and topstitch. Repeat for the right short edge.



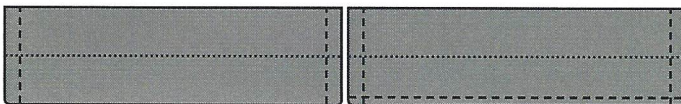
3. Fold the fabric in half length-wise, wrong sides together and lightly press the fold to mark the middle. Unfold the fabric to show the middle line.



4. Fold each half in half again, wrong sides together, so that the long edges meet at the middle line. Press the folds to create two creases. Unfold again to show the two new creases.



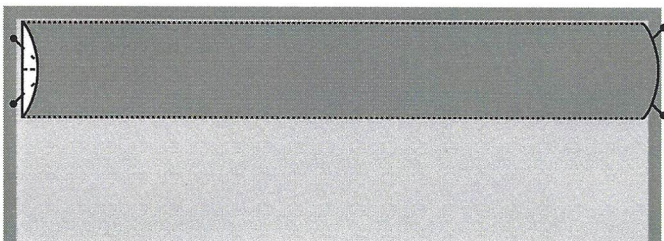
5. Refold the fabric along the original middle line, wrong sides together. Stitch the long raw edges together with a 1/4" seam to create the sleeve.



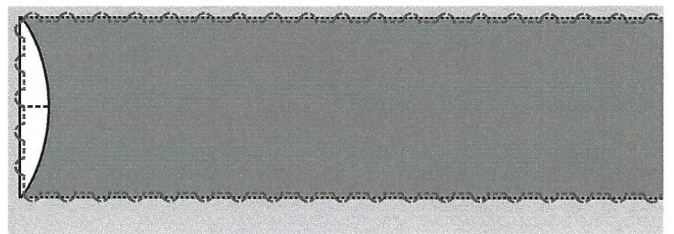
6. Press the seam open - do not try to flatten the sleeve. The seam side (bottom) will be narrower than the smooth side, causing the smooth side to curve out to accommodate the hanging dowel.



7. Position the sleeve, seam side down, centred on the quilt's back, just under the top binding. Ensure that the seam side (bottom) of the sleeve is flat. Pin in place.



8. Using a blind stitch, hand sew the sleeve to the quilt along the upper and lower creases, and along the bottom only of the two ends. Be sure to catch some of the batting for additional stability, but do not go through the quilt top.



To hang: Slide a stiff dowel, pipe or tube into the sleeve and hang the dowel on wall brackets or suspend from the ceiling with cables.

Variations: Use a decorative dowel that extends past the edges of the quilt to add some additional decorative flair.

Reduce the length of the sleeve slightly and use a dowel the width of the quilt to hide the support brackets behind the quilt.

Add an additional sleeve and dowel along the bottom of the quilt to improve the hang of the quilt and to prevent billowing.

For large or heavy quilts, use two or more short sleeves in place of one long one, to allow for additional brackets or cables.

Note: If entering a quilt into a quilt show, be sure to read the rules and regulations carefully, to comply with all show requirements.