

## Instructions for 4 Inch Quilt Sleeve

ALL quilts accepted for exhibit in FGQG Quilt Shows must have a 4-inch sleeves on the back of the quilt. All quilts will be hung using poles and chain. No pinning.

**If you already have a 4-inch sleeve** you do not need to change it except if your quilt is more than 60 inches wide. Please the paragraph below regarding quilts more than 60 inches wide.

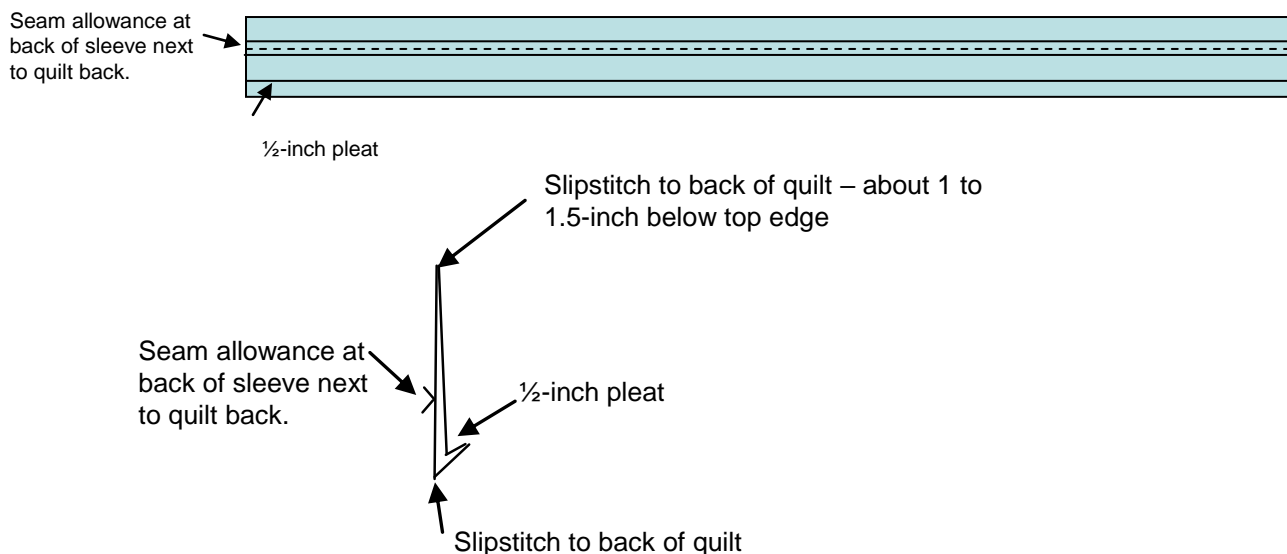
### For quilts up to 60 inches wide:

The sleeve should span the width of the quilt – less 1 to 2 inches on either side. **DO NOT** apply the sleeve to the full width of the quilt.

### For quilts wider than 60 inches:

Provide a broken sleeve by making two pieces of sleeve that are each long enough to cover half of the width of your quilt, then follow these instructions. We will need one opening in the center of the sleeve. Space the sleeve pieces about 2 inches apart. We'll use the opening in the sleeve to hang an additional "S" hook from the quilt frame to support the weight of the quilt. This will ensure the larger quilts hang evenly with no sag. **If you already have a sleeve on the quilt** that meets the 4-inch requirement, slit open the sleeve from the top on the exposed side of the sleeve at the center (like a buttonhole) so that we can insert the hook. The edges of the slit do not have to be finished and we will be as careful as possible with inserting the hook.

**To make your sleeve**, cut an 8.5-inch-wide strip long enough to span the width of the quilt less 2 inches. Finish the ends of the tube by turning the fabric under 1/2 inch and stitching. Sew the strip lengthwise. Do not turn the tube. Leave the seam on the outside. Press the seam open so that it falls at the back of the sleeve. You should now have a sleeve that is about 3 inches shorter than the width of your quilt. Any measurement 2 inches to 4 inches shorter than the width of your quilt is acceptable.



Slip stitch top of the sleeve to the top of the quilt about 1- to 1 1/2-inch below the top edge. Press a pleat into the sleeve and then stitch the bottom edge of the sleeve to the quilt. This will allow room for the pipe and will help keep the pipe from distorting the top edge of the quilt.

If your quilt has scalloped edges, please affix the sleeve so that the pipe won't show where the quilt edge dips down. As you affix the sleeve, think about how the quilt will look when it's hung at the show on the pipe.