

Preparing a Quilt for Hanging

The most effective way to display quilts for viewing is by hanging them with a wooden hanging bar that is approximately 1" shorter than the width of the measurement of the quilt width. This allows for the whole quilt to be seen with no distractions of a bar showing beyond the quilt.

To accommodate the hanging bar, a sleeve needs to be sewn onto the back of the quilt. An 'interrupted sleeve' is essential for larger quilts if wooden hanging bars are used and is recommended for all quilts larger than 60" in width.

To Make An Interrupted Sleeve

1. Cut a strip of fabric 8" or 9" and the width of fabric. (40" – 45")
2. Turn under 1" on each end and press. Then stitch that into a small hem.
3. Fold this long strip in half, wrong sides together and sew a ¼" seam.
4. Centre the seam on the back of the tube that is formed and press seam open.
5. Matching the mid point of the sleeve to the centre of the top of the quilt, pin the sleeve section, just under the binding with the seam to the back.
6. Sew this section in place, - top, bottom and the bottom layer of each end, catching the backing/batting layers of the quilt only.
7. Now measure from each end of this centre section of sleeve to ½" from the edge of the quilt.
8. Prepare two small sleeve sections that are this length, using the same method as above.
9. Butt the ends up to the ends of the centre section. They should extend to ½" from the edge of the quilt. *Note – there should be no more than a 1" space at either end of these smaller sections.
10. Sew in place, as above

Hanging Bars

You have put a great deal of time and effort into making your quilt. Be proud of your accomplishment and ensure that it is shown to it's greatest advantage by providing a hanging bar that is the correct length.

1. Go to a lumber yard/building centre and choose a piece of 1" – 2" doorstop (pine or mahogany) that has a flat edge.
2. Cut a piece that is approximately 1" shorter than the width of the quilt. Sand the end smooth.

3. Insert the rod into the '**interrupted sleeve**' and centre it.
4. With a pencil, make a dot on the flat edge at each of the spaces between the sections.
5. Insert a small eye screw at each of the dots. An awl or a metal skewer is helpful to start the eye screw hole.
6. You may now hang the quilt rod using small finishing nails and the quilt will be well supported as the weight is evenly distributed along the rod and not concentrated at the ends