

How to Prepare Your Quilt(s) for Hanging in the Show

Now that you've entered your quilt in the 2025 HAVQG Quilt Show you may be wondering what is next, besides finishing and binding it. You will receive a confirmation letter with detailed instructions plus a drop-off/pick-up slip as the show date gets closer.

Here are the instructions for making and attaching a “hanging sleeve” to the back of your quilt. (The sleeve prevents the metal rod from touching the back of your quilt when it is hung.)

PREPARING YOUR QUILT

All quilts must have a 4-inch-wide sleeve attached to the top of the quilt back if its top border is greater than 36”. It is your responsibility to have the sleeve securely attached to your quilt(s) before dropping it off. (Exceptions: miniatures, table runners, and tree skirts do not need sleeves.)

To make a sleeve, cut a strip of fabric as long as the top of the quilt by 8 ½” wide. Fold it in half lengthwise and stitch with a ¼” seam. Pin the sleeve in place on the quilt back and whipstitch it in place along both the top and bottom edges of the sleeve.

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