



Putting a Sleeve on your Exhibition quilt

Quilts have been stolen from Canberra Quilters' exhibitions in the past, and to prevent it happening again a security wire is threaded through a sleeve on the back of the small quilts. The wire is thin, but the dowel 'needle' used is 2cm in diameter, so a sleeve 10cm (4 inches) finished depth is needed. The sleeve is also utilized during the photographing of the quilts for the electronic catalogue.

All quilts, including tiny treasures quilts and challenge quilts, need to have a sleeve on the back. The sleeve is attached at the top of the quilt, just below the binding or edge finish.

There are number of tutorials online about sleeves, but [here](#) is a quick video from Fons & Porter, that covers the basics.

If you can slide your hand in, palm and fingers flat, then it is of sufficient depth. These sleeves may be scrap material stitched securely to your quilt back. A narrower sleeve could result in damage to your quilt.

Putting a split sleeve on large quilts

If the length of your exhibition quilt entry measures 240 cm or more, it will be displayed at the Exhibition on one of our custom-made quilting frames.

These frames are specially designed to show the quilt whilst hiding the upright supports and cross bar. In various publications you may find other instructions for split sleeves, but the instructions that follow are prepared specifically for our frames. In order to use our frames effectively and display your quilt to its best advantage, please follow these instructions.

The split sleeve is to be on the top edge of the back of the quilt, constructed as follows.

1. Prepare a sleeve that measures the width of your quilt, and make it large enough to take a 3.5cm diameter rod. (Tip: start with a 13 centimetre or 5 inch strip of fabric.
2. Cut four 10 centimetre lengths from the prepared sleeve.
3. Position and pin one of the 10 centimetre lengths 4 centimetres in from the edge and at least 4 centimetres from the top of the quilt on the reverse side.
4. Repeat at the other end of the top of your quilt. *See diagram below.*
5. Measure 4 centimetre spaces from the first two placements and position and pin the other two 10 centimetre lengths next to the first two.
6. **Measure** a further 4 centimetres from the last two lengths.
7. Position the remaining long length of sleeve between these two points. Adjust length to fit. *See diagram below.*
8. Turn the raw edges under on the 13 centimetre side and hand sew a hem.
9. Stitch sleeve to quilt along top and bottom of all casing pieces.
10. Check that you have attached a quilt label that shows your full name, phone number and the name of your quilt.

Top reverse side of quilt

