## Instructions for adding a sleeve/rod pocket

**1.** Cut the sleeve 22cm wide x the exact width of the quilt. Fold the short ends over twice (equivalent of a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " again) and hem.



**2.** Fold the sleeve in half lengthwise first and press to give a centre crease.

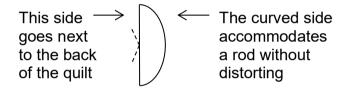


**3.** Fold the long sides of the sleeve in so they meet at the centre crease. Press along both edges.

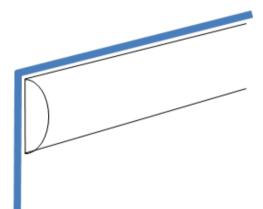
When the sides are pressed to the centre the crease will be pressed out – it is only used as a guide to save measuring and marking.

**4.** Fold together wrong sides touching and stitch a seam (equivalent of a  $\frac{1}{4}$ ") on the long edge of the sleeve. Press seam open.

When attached the raw edge seam will be hidden behind the back of the sleeve



You may need to re-press the side fold lines – they will be needed as a guide to attach the sleeve to the guilt.

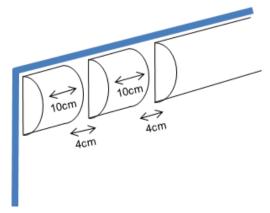


- **5.** Centre the sleeve across the width of the quilt.
- **6.** Using the top fold line, pin the sleeve in place just below the binding of the quilt.

The sides of the sleeve should be pinned just inside or close to the side binding.

Pin the sleeve in place along the bottom fold line. Stitch the sleeve along all sides allowing the front of the sleeve to cup out giving enough play in the fabric to fit the rod.

## Split Sleeve - if a quilt is over 240cm it will require a split sleeve



For a split sleeve follow the above process making a sleeve the width of the quilt but before stitching the long edge of the sleeve together (see Point 4.), cut two 10cm wide pieces from either end of the sleeve. Hem raw edges of short seams (see Point 1.), when completed place wrong sides together on all pieces and stitch seams (see Point 4.), press seams open. Using the fold lines pin all pieces in place, two10cm wide pieces on either side of the quilt, leaving a 4cm gap between each of the pieces and the longer central piece (see diagram at left) then stitch down.