

Sleeve for Hanging: if you require a finished sleeve of 2.5" placed ½" from the top and 1" from each side on a piece that is 16" wide.

Extra fullness on the sleeve accommodates the rod without bulging.

Cut the sleeve fabric 6" wide by 16" wide. Hem the short ends by folding under 1/2" and press, fold this edge under another ½" and press again, blind stitch or topstitch close to the edge of the hem. Fold the sleeve in half lengthwise, wrong sides together and press. Bring each cut edge to the center fold and press. These two edges are your sewing guides – press them crisply. Unfold and, wrong sides together, sew the length of sleeve with a 1/2" seam allowance. Finger press the seam open.

With the seam allowance against the back of the backing, center the sleeve and pin the top fold about 1" below the top of your piece. Smooth the sleeve against the backing and pin at the bottom fold. Using thread to match, blind stitch along both folds and at the ends of the sleeve. To reduce the pull on the backing, catch some of the batting in the stitches (but not the front of your piece!)