QUILT SLEEVE CONSTRUCTION

Cut an 8 ½” wide strip of muslin that is 2 inches longer than the top edge of your quilt.

Fold and press 1” on each end. Fold and press 1” again on each end, creating a cuff. This is easy to do if you cut a 7/8” wide piece of card stock and fold the ends over it, lining up the edge of the fabric with the long edge of the card stock. Sew cuffs in place.

Cut a piece of card stock that is 3” wide and around 11” long. Place this along the long center of the muslin strip with the cuff side down as shown:

Fold the top and bottom edges over the card stock and press. Continue this along the length of the muslin strip. The top and bottom edges will overlap. Sew the long raw edges together using a ¼” seam allowance. Sew ¼” inch from the fold along the long edges on both the top and bottom edge. This creates two flanges.

The curved part of the sleeve should have the long seam. The flat part should not. The cuff should be to the outside of the sleeve.

Align the sleeve ½” to 1” from the top edge of the quilt, flat side against the quilt, 1” from each end. If the quilt has an uneven edge, lay the sleeve so that it is straight; do not follow the uneven edge of the quilt. Pin in place with straight pins. Stitch the sleeve to the quilt through the flanges using a single strand of cotton thread. Using ½” basting stitches, stitch through the flange and into the quilt back and batting, but not through to the front of the quilt. The curved part will take up the slat or rod, and the front of the quilt will hang flat.