

MAKING A ROD POCKET FOR YOUR QUILT (A)

1. Cut a 7" strip of fabric the width of your finished quilt. (Join strips if necessary).
2. Turn side edges under in two $\frac{1}{4}$ " folds toward wrong side of fabric – topstitch and press.
Finished length of pocket should be about 2" less than quilt width.
3. Fold the 7" strip in half, wrong sides together and sew a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam.
4. Press seam open, centering seam allowance on the back side of the sleeve. This seam allowance will lie against the quilt backing.
5. Sew sleeve onto quilt back by hand, stitching long sides to the quilt back.

MAKING A ROD POCKET FOR YOUR QUILT (B)

If you wish to incorporate your rod pocket into the top binding seam of your quilt, follow the above directions to the end of step # 2.

3. Fold the 7" strip in half, wrong sides together and press.
4. Position rod pocket on the back of the quilt, along top edge of quilt, matching raw edge of rod pocket, edge of quilt. At this point, I find it easier to baste the rod pocket to the quilt edge with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam but that is optional.
5. Sew binding as you normally would, including the rod pocket in the seam. When you turn the binding to the back the binding is sewn to the top of the rod pocket.
6. Hand stitch the bottom of the rod pocket to the quilt back.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. If you are going to use a large, round rod to hang your quilt, it may hang better if you pull the front side of the pocket up to the top of the binding before stitching the bottom edge. This gives more fullness to the pocket to allow for a round rod.
2. When hanging a large or heavy quilt, have a break in the sleeve in order to support the weight at the centre of the quilt. This works best if you do two sleeves and butt the ends at the centre of the quilt. If there is a large space between the sleeves at the centre, the quilt will droop at the centre when it is hung.

HANGING THE QUILT USING FLAT MOLDING

1. Cut a piece of flat wooden molding (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x 3/8") the exact length of the rod pocket.
2. Insert screw eyes into ends of flat molding. These screw eyes can be hung on picture hangers fastened to the wall or they can be screwed directly onto the wall.