

## **PINE TREE QUILT GUILD**

### **Quilt Sleeve Directions**

1. Cut fabric 9" x width of quilt.
2. Make a small finish hem on each 9" end of sleeve for the rod.
3. There are two ways of making the sleeve.
  - A. First method is to fold the sleeve in half, attaching it to the top of the quilt before sewing on the binding. After sewing on the binding, hand stitch the bottom of the sleeve to the back of the quilt.
  - B. Second method: After finishing the rod sleeve edges, fold the top long side of sleeve to the middle, meeting the bottom long side folded to the middle. This is usually 2 ¼" fold on the top and bottom of sleeve with raw edges meeting in middle. Press to make a definite impression of folds. These ironed edges will remain your guides throughout the process. Sew the raw edges together (wrong sides back-to-back) using ¼" seam allowance. Using one of the impressed folds, press open the recently sewn seam so sleeve will lie flat. This raw-edged seam will not be seen. Iron the two impressed folds again to deepen the impression. Using the impressed folds on sleeve, hand sew top of sleeve to the bottom of the top binding on the back of quilt, then sew all around the sleeve connecting it to the quilt back. When completed there will a gap in the sleeve that will be taken up by the rod.

This method will eliminate the usual pullback of the quilt evident with the first method, allowing the quilt to hang straight w/o pulling the top of the quilt to the back.