

AQC Challenge Hanging Device Instructions

Your entry in the AQC Challenge is required to have a Velcro strip with casing as well as a hanging sleeve attached to the back. The Velcro strip must be attached to the sleeve. Please note: your quilt may be disqualified if it does not comply with the requirements below.

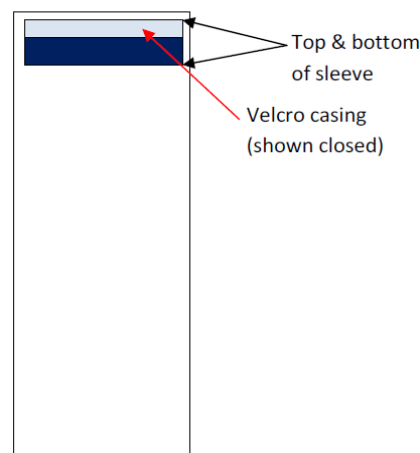


1. Hanging sleeve

Cut the fabric for the hanging sleeve 8in x the width of the quilt plus 1in. Machine hem the short edges by folding the edges over 1/4in then 1/4in again then stitch.

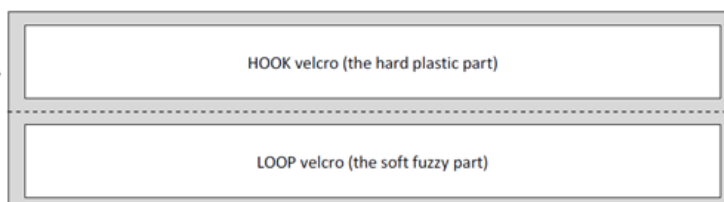
2. Velcro casing strip

Make a casing for the Velcro strips as shown in the diagram below. Cut fabric 4in x the width of the quilt. Machine hem the short edges by folding the edges over 1/4in then 1/4in again then stitch. Then stitch the 'hook' part of the Velcro above a strip of matching 'loop'. The lower part of the casing must fold up to completely cover the hook Velcro strip.



Fold the Velcro casing strip in half and finger-press the fold.

Fold the hanging sleeve in half lengthways and finger-press the fold. Open out the hanging sleeve fabric then place the Velcro casing strip on top of it so that the finger pressed lines are aligned.



Pin then stitch the Velcro casing strip to the sleeve, stitching the centre of the Velcro casing – as shown by the broken line in the above diagram – on the foldline of the sleeve. You are stitching through two layers of fabric; the Velcro casing and the hanging sleeve.

Then sew a second line of stitching to attach the upper edge of the casing to the sleeve – above the 'hook' strip.

Align the two raw edges of the hanging sleeve, wrong sides together then stitch with a 1/4in seam.

Fold the sleeve in half lengthways, with the seam positioned at the centre of the back of the sleeve, then stitch the upper edge of the sleeve to the back of the quilt, about 1in from the top. Flatten the sleeve down the back of the quilt, finger-press the foldline then slide the fold up the sleeve by 1in and sew the lower edge of the sleeve in place.



The sleeve should have a 'D' shape to hold a hanging rod without distorting the quilt (as pictured above).