

Fabric of Life

Quilt Show Quilt Prep

OCEAN WAVES QUILT GUILD SHOW
SUSSEX ACADEMY
APRIL 13-15, 2023



Prepare a Quilt for the Show



- ▶ 4-inch hanging sleeve
- ▶ Quilt labels and Show tags
 - ▶ For quilts and pillowcases
- ▶ Show-winning quilt bindings

4" Hanging Sleeve



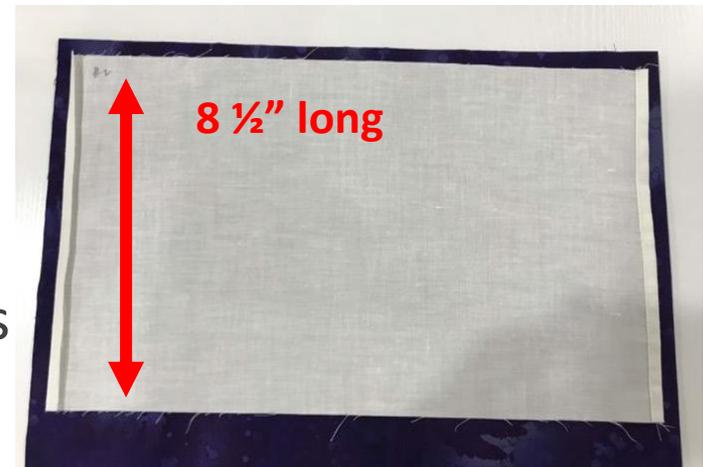
- ▶ Measure width of quilt INSIDE binding
- ▶ Add one inch to measurement



4" Hanging Sleeve



- ▶ Cut muslin or fabric:
 - ▶ Width from previous step
 - ▶ 8 ½" long
- ▶ Short end - turn under 1/4"; press
- ▶ Fold again; press
- ▶ Machine stitch pressed edges



4" Hanging Sleeve



- ▶ Fold in half lengthwise - wrong sides together.
Press a crisp edge



4" Hanging Sleeve



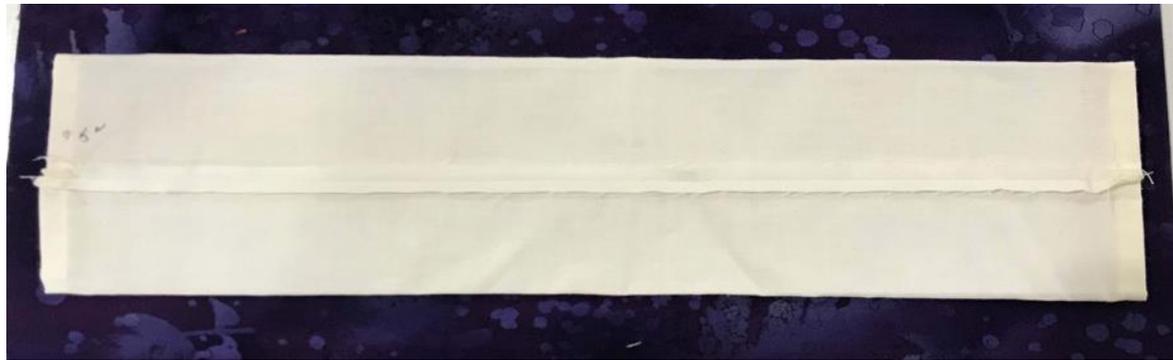
- ▶ Fold two long raw edges to meet at crease, wrong sides together
- ▶ Press folds



4" Hanging Sleeve



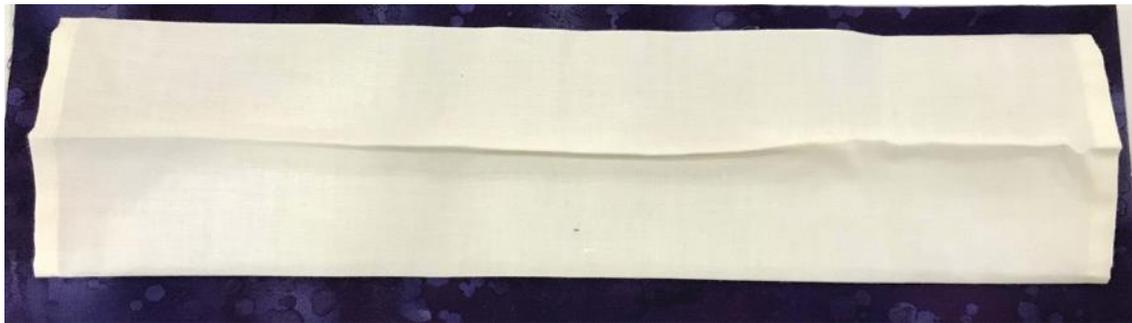
- ▶ Machine stitch raw edges wrong sides together - $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam
- ▶ Finger press seam allowance - keep 3 creases
- ▶ Seamed side will be narrower than the front



4" Hanging Sleeve



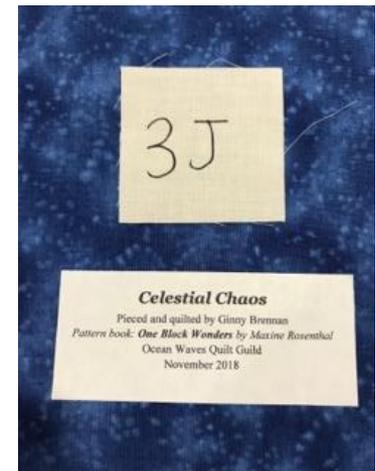
- ▶ Hand sew sleeve to back of quilt about 1" to 2" from the top.
- ▶ Sew on two outer creases so excess remains.
- ▶ Tack back half of short edges to quilt so the pole slides through sleeve.



Quilts Label



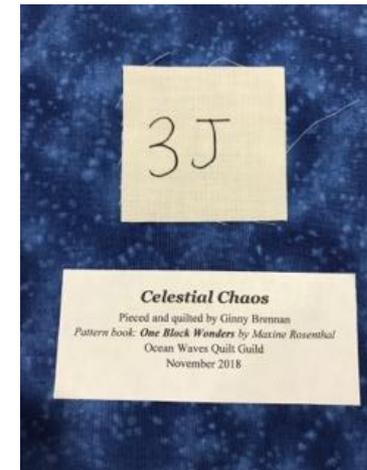
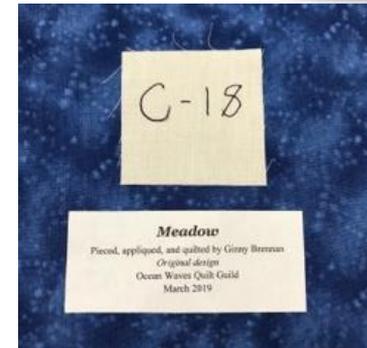
- ▶ Each quilt/item entered requires a quilt label and a show tag
- ▶ The regular entry quilt label:
 - ▶ Light solid color
 - ▶ Sewn to lower right-hand corner
 - ▶ Wearable entry labels must be sewn to the inside front of the item



Quilts Label cont'd



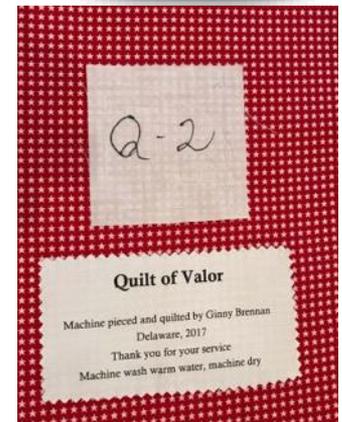
- ▶ Each quilt/item entered requires a quilt label and a show tag
- ▶ Label must contain:
 - ▶ Entrant name
 - ▶ Name of quilt/item
 - ▶ Quilter if other than entrant
 - ▶ Date completed



Quilts of Valor Labels



- ▶ Include a presentation pillowcase with label. Pillowcase will be returned at end of show as QOV **no** longer use them.
- ▶ **DO NOT include a QOV label** – QOV will attach an official QOV label when they prepare the quilt for awarding.
- ▶ Show Label
 - ▶ Follow instructions for general label
 - ▶ Pin on the back of quilt so it is easily removed



Quilt Show Tags



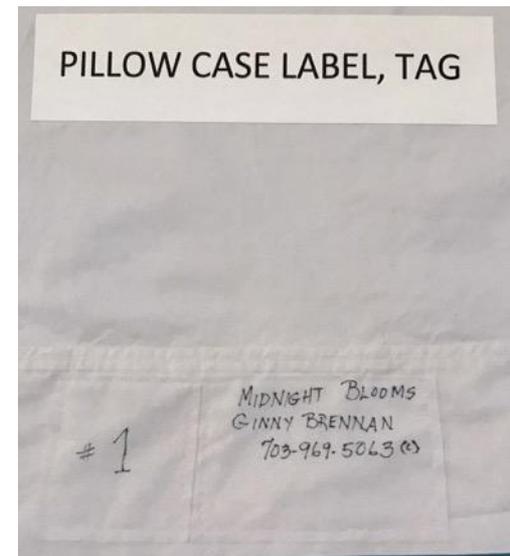
- ▶ **Tags are our tracking system** and must be attached to every quilt, decorative item, wearables, or placemat entered
- ▶ Make two tags with 3 x 3-inch squares of muslin
- ▶ Write the registration number (including all letters and numbers) with Quilt Name, Entrant Name, and Phone number on each show tag
- ▶ Pin/Attach first square to quilt/item back bottom right corner near label
- ▶ Attach second Tag at the opening of the pillowcase

Tags: Pillowcases and Entries



Include:

- ▶ Quilt name
- ▶ Entrant name
- ▶ Entrant phone number
- ▶ Quilt Show Tag with number



How to Bind a Quilt



3 steps:

- ▶ Make the binding.
 - ▶ Width - personal choice – 2", 2 ¼", 2 ½"
- ▶ Joining strips: use diagonal seam to distribute the bulk
- ▶ Machine sew binding to front of quilt
- ▶ Hand stitch binding to back of quilt with ladder stitch

Binding Resources



- ▶ I strongly urge you to watch **YouTube video Sharon Schamber binding, Perfect Straight Binding** (28.47 minutes.) She uses spray starch and Elmer's glue to stabilize and secure the binding.
- ▶ **Other sources:**
- ▶ Borders & Bindings by Mimi Dietrich
- ▶ The Quilter's Edge by Darlene Zimmerman
- ▶ FonsandPorter.com/bindinglesson

Binding Goals



- ▶ Square corners
- ▶ Full binding
- ▶ Binding width is even on front and back of quilt
- ▶ Hand stitching on back is less visible

Binding Tips



- ▶ Before sewing, lay binding around entire quilt to make sure no connecting seams fall on corners.
 - ▶ Move the binding around until it is just right.
- ▶ If using Sharon Schamber's method, don't glue binding down on back side for hand stitching.
 - ▶ Difficult to get the hand needle into fold of binding.

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When is drop-off and pick-up?



- ▶ **Quilt Drop-off** – Tuesday, April 12, 2023 at Sussex Academy from 9:00-11:00 AM.
- ▶ **Quilt Pick-up** – Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Sussex Academy from 4:30-5:00 PM.
- ▶ **Note** – Quilts of Valor being donated will be picked up by QOV representative at end of show
- ▶ **Note** – Placemats will be collected and given to Habitat for Humanity or Meals on Wheels

Questions?



- ▶ There will be premeeting demos on:
 - ▶ 4" Hanging Sleeve
 - ▶ Quilts Label
 - ▶ Quilt Show Tags and Pillowcases
 - ▶ Binding
- ▶ Videos on these topics will be on our website:
<https://www.oceanwavesquiltguild.org>