

Quilt Panel with Lights
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Fabric Requirement	Yards
Quilt Panel	Approximately 20" x 40"
Batting	~30" x 50" or 4" larger than the quilt panel.
Backing	3/4 yard
Binding	1/3 yard

Quilt Sandwich

1. Select the panel of your choice.
2. Cut batting to be 2"-4" larger than your panel on all four sides.
3. Cut coordinating backing fabric to be 2"-4" larger than the panel on all sides.
4. Layer panel on top of batting and backing fabric behind the batting to create quilt sandwich. Baste and quilt as desired.
5. Trim excess batting and backing fabric flush with quilt panel. Use a square ruler to trim corners.

Battery Pack Pocket

1. Cut out two fabric squares at 4" x 4". Lay them right sides together and pin. Using a ¼" seam allowance start sewing in the middle of one of the four sides and backstitch to secure. Sew all around the square pivoting at the corners and stopping at least 2" away from your starting point. Backstitch.
2. You will have a 2" opening in the middle of one of the four sides. Trim the four corners to reduce bulk. Flip right side out through opening and press flat.
3. Orient the pocket so the opening is on the bottom edge. Position the pocket on the center back bottom of your quilted panel by first folding your quilted panel in half vertically and then folding your pocket in half vertically. Lay the pocket crease over the quilt's crease to ensure pocket is centered. Make sure the bottom edge of the pocket is flush with the bottom edge of quilt. The opening will be encased in the binding.
4. Pin pocket in position and hand stitch down the left and right sides of the pocket. Be sure to leave top open for the battery pack to slide in.

Quilt Binding

1. After attaching the battery pack pocket cut four strips at 2 ½" x WOF (width of fabric), piece together and attach your quilt binding using your favorite method.

Light Kit Installation

1. Map out where you'd like the lights to be on the quilt panel design by auditioning the bulbs on front of quilt.
2. Lights are spaced about 5"-6" apart on the wire. There are 20 lights total. To allow for some slack in the wires space your holes no more than 4.5" apart on the panel.
3. Using a temporary fabric marker mark where you want the lights to be on the front of the quilt.
4. Free motion quilt around the designated circles for your lights making sure the circle is no larger than ¼" in diameter. A smaller hole is better for gripping the light bulbs so they don't slip out easily once installed. {Note: Test one hole first to make sure the bulb doesn't slip out easily.} After stitching around holes use an awl and/or seam ripper to make a small slit inside each hole.
5. Insert bulbs through each hole from the backing side of the quilt.

Quilt Sleeve

1. Attach sleeve, loops, or other method for hanging your finished wall hanging, turn on lights and enjoy!