

www.gonesleeveless.com round hoop that fits into binding.
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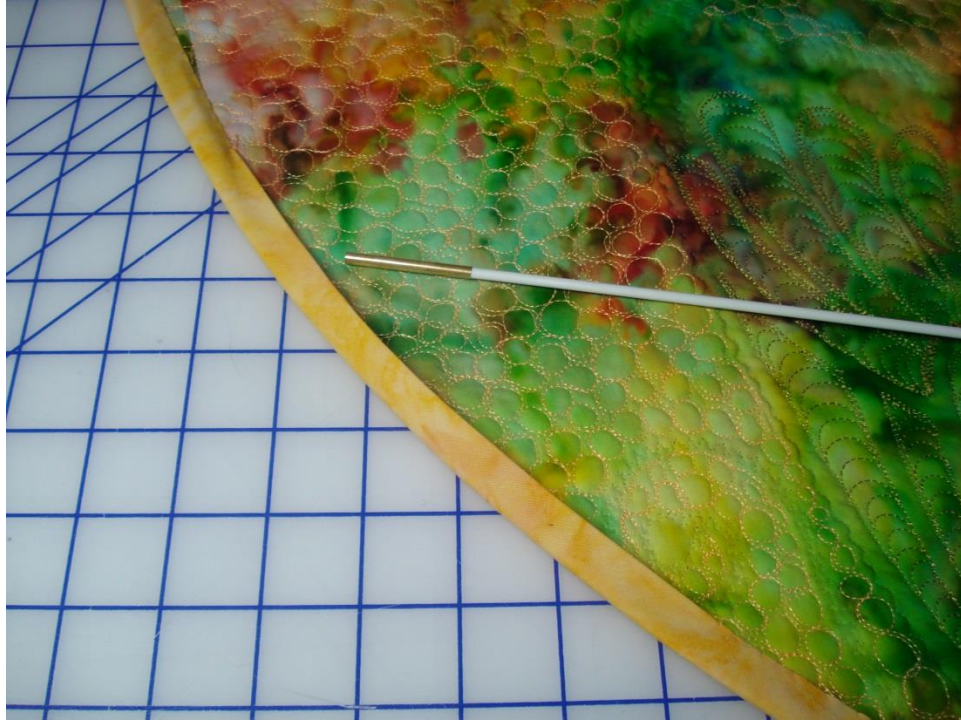


You will need a wire cutter with little slots, emery sponge for sanding, glue stick, toothpick, plyers and a Sharpie pen.

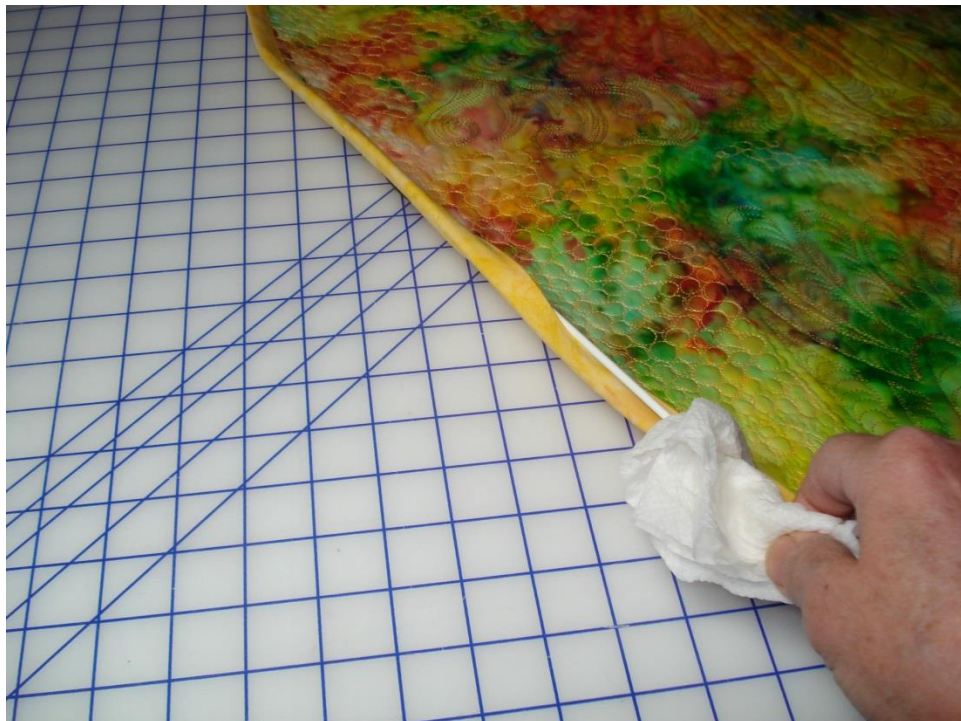
You should use garden gloves or paper towel to hold rod. The rod is made of fiberglass and you will get splinters if you try to do it bare handed.



Lay quilt on a flat surface and look at end of rods.
You might want to put the cats and dogs out for a while.



Insert finial end in first into binding.



Feed it into the binding till you reach end of first rod.



Add second rod to end of first rod. I give it a little pinch with plyers to secure it.



Continue to feed rod into binding. It will gather, then you smooth, then you feed it in some more.
Add the third rod same as you added the last one.



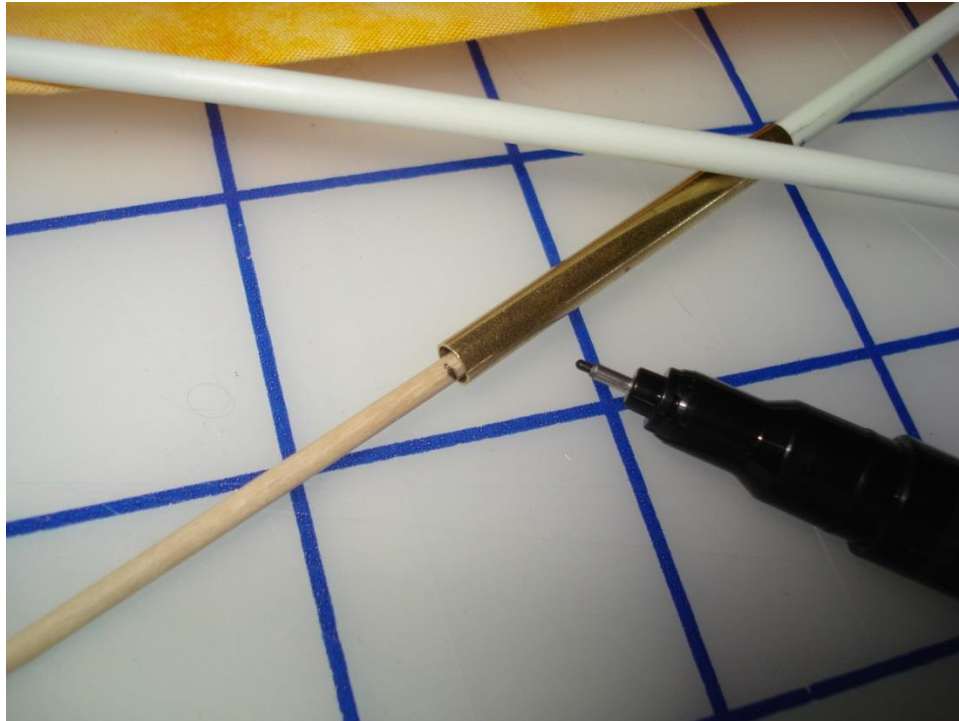
It's not a pretty site but continue till you get a flat pancake. You might have to lift and shake it a little to settle it down. You want it flat.



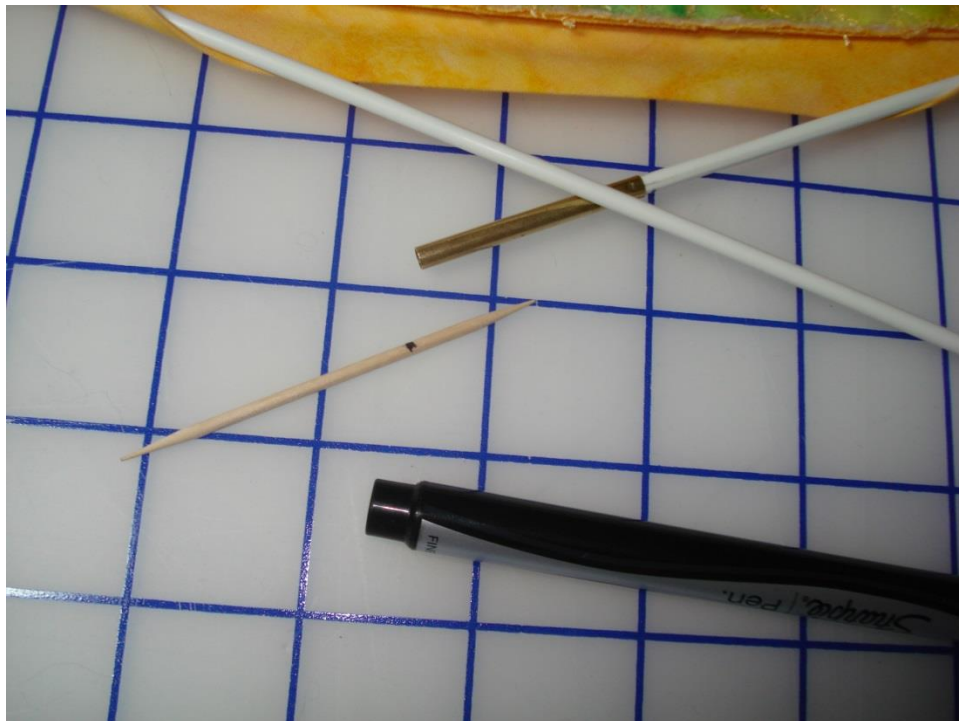
Flat pancake



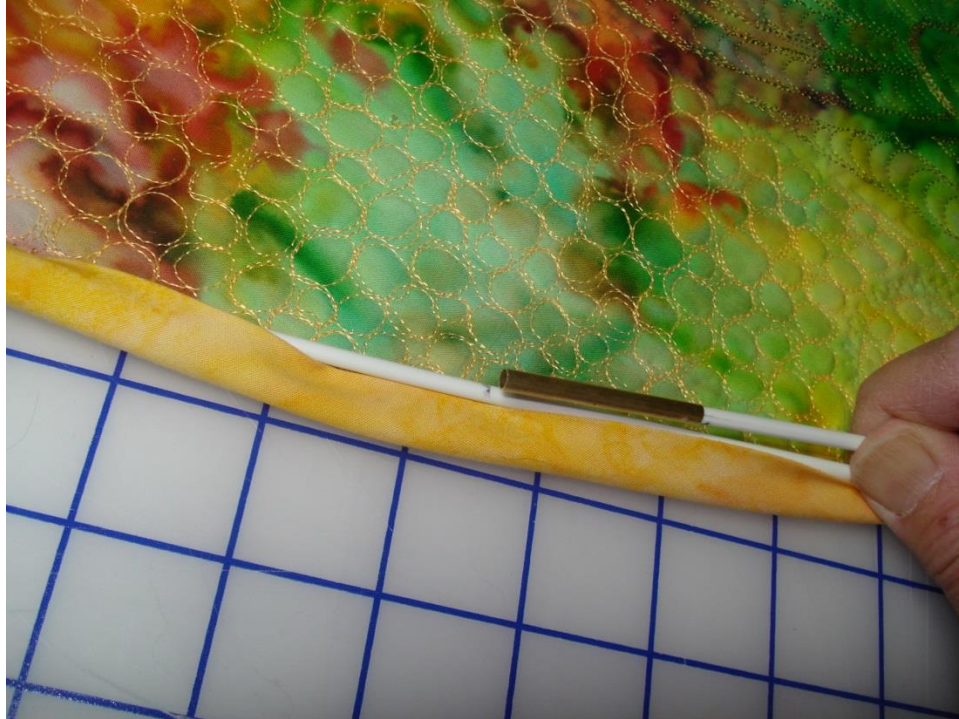
Your finial should land about right in the middle of your opening. You will place the tooth pick inside the finial till it touches the end of the rod. Make a mark with the Sharpie pen on the tooth pick.



Mark toothpick. Toothpick is pushed in all the way.



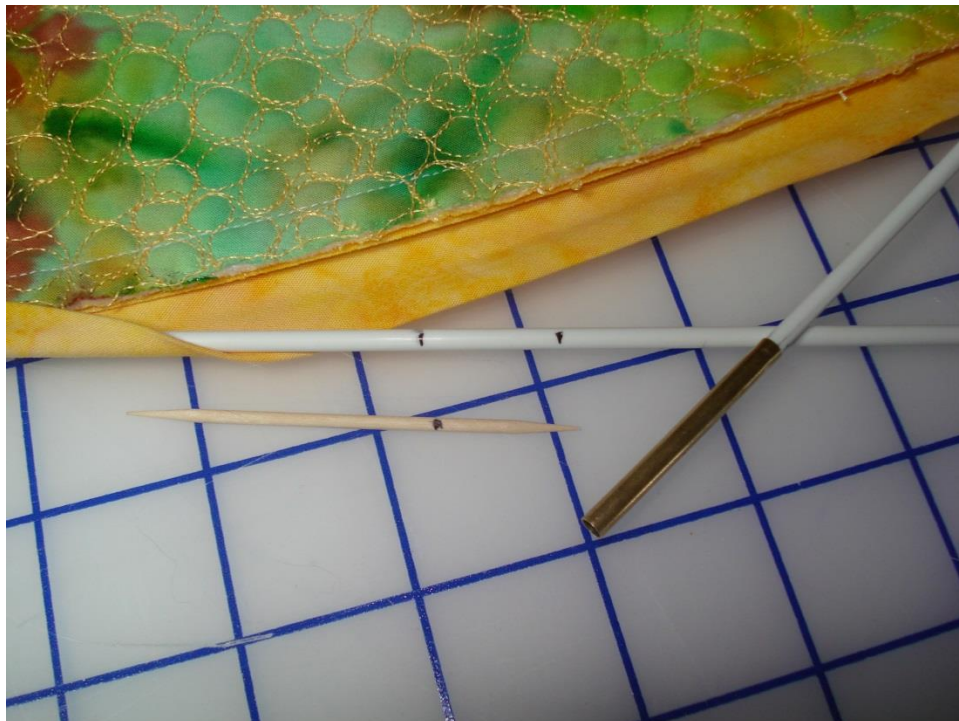
This is the measurement you will need for next step.



Heavy handedly force rods on top of each other keeping inside the binding area.

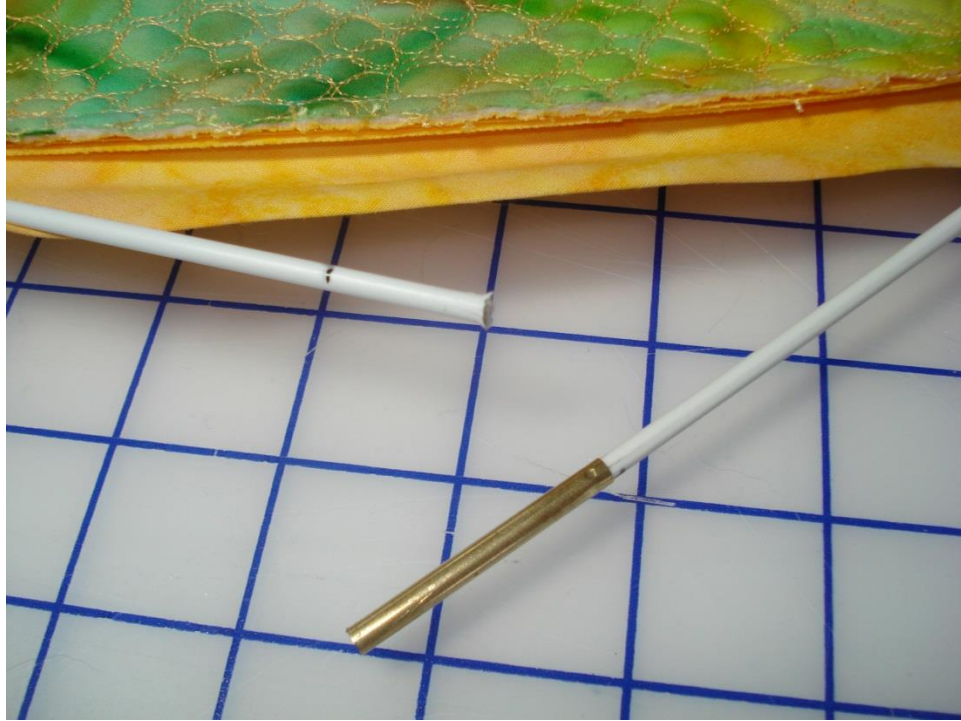
Mark with Sharpie where the end of the finial rests on top of the other rod.

See little black mark on white rod? **This is CRITICAL, if you over stretch your quilt it will look warped, if you under stretch, it will sag. Look at your quilt and see that it lays flat on the table. You will know when you see it.**

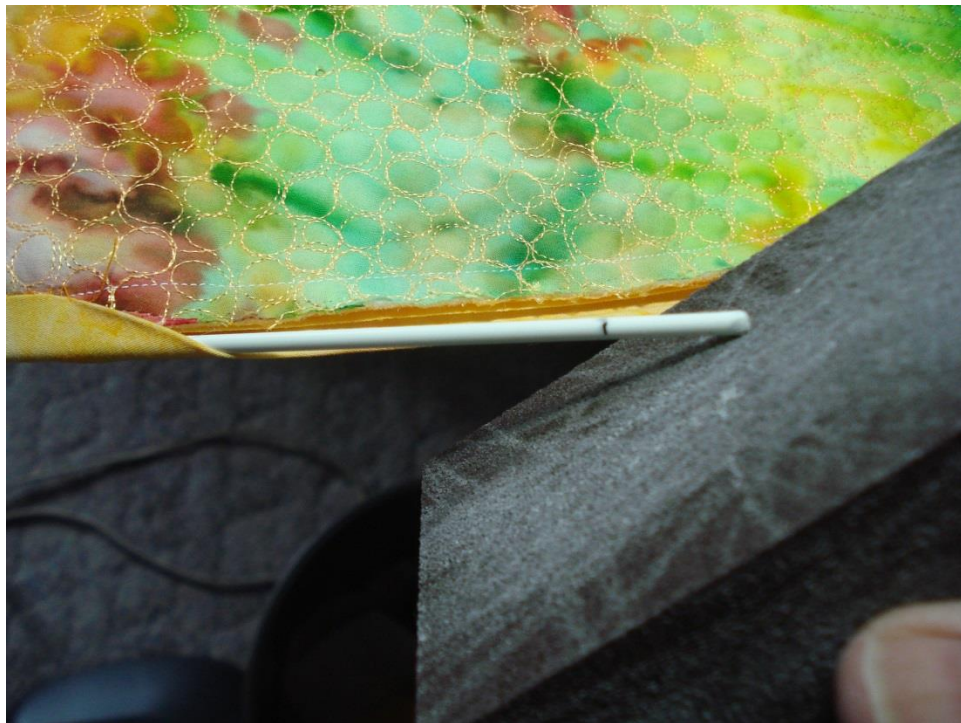


Lay toothpick on rod and make second mark. This is the distance it takes to fit into finial properly.

You are adding distance not taking away. You will cut on second mark.



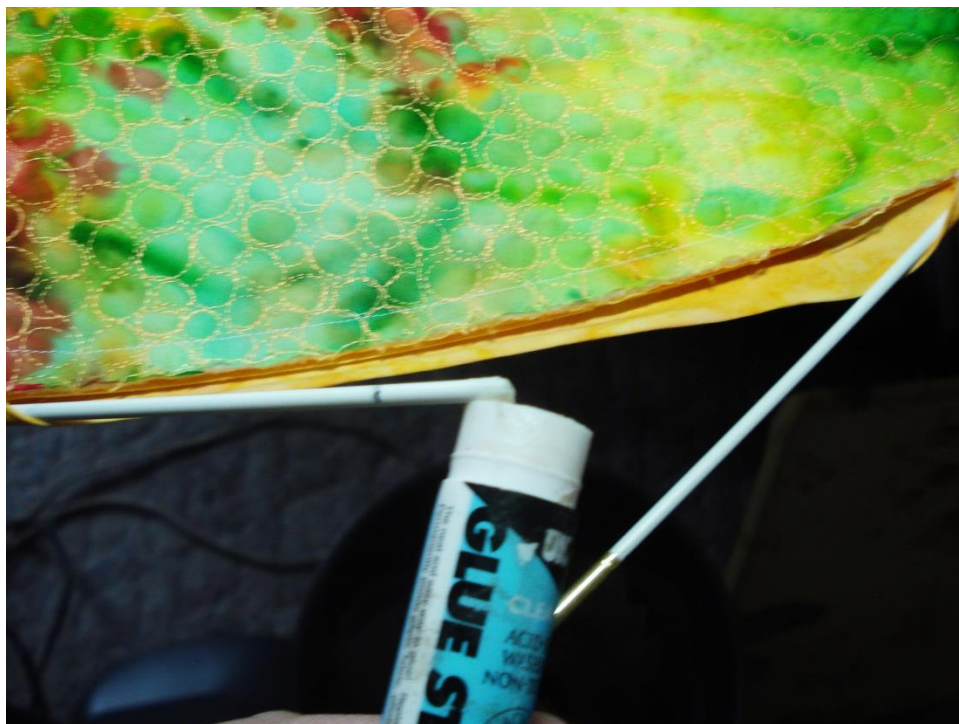
Use slotted wire cutter to indent around rod, then press and cut. It will look squished and ragged.

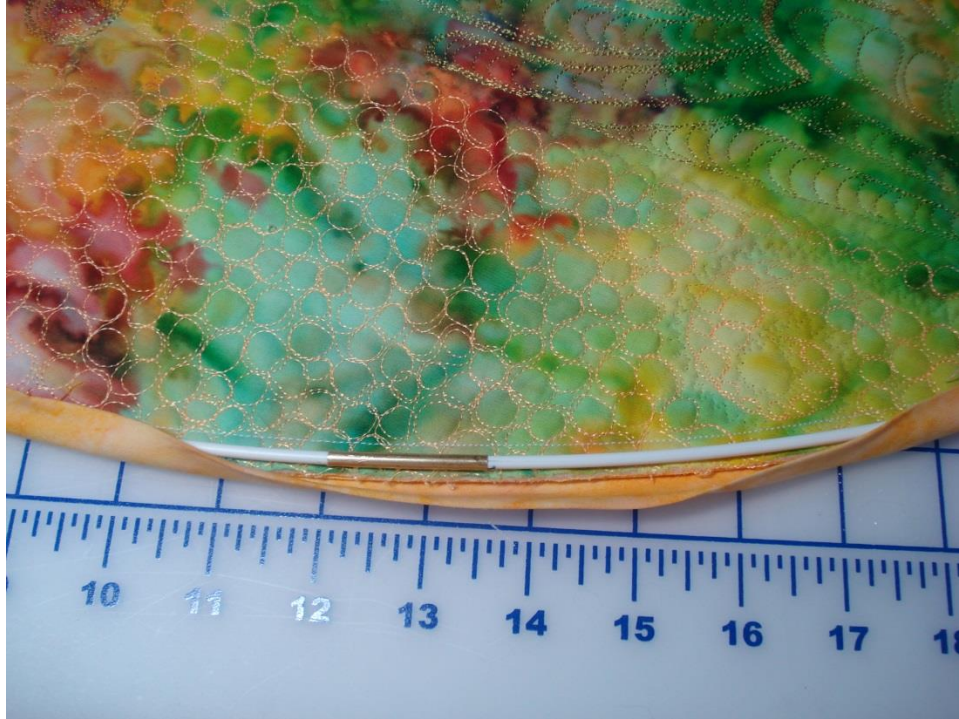


Use an emery sponge to smooth edges and create a rounded point.

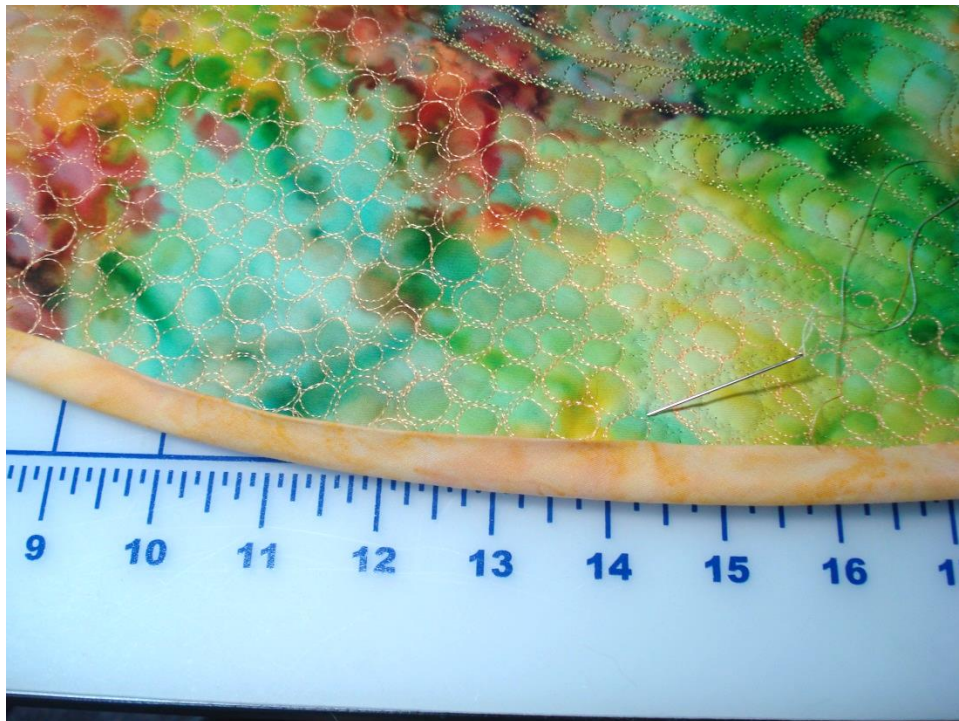


Add glue stick to end of rod and rub it in.
This glue will hold ends together and make it easier to insert into final finial.





Place raw edge of rod into finial. This takes a little muscle. Be very careful to line it up when inserting it. You do not want to catch end of fiberglass rod on edge of metal finial. It will splay apart. Re-sand and use glue stick if this happens. See how perfect it fits into binding area.



Hand stitch opening closed. Next step is sleeve for back of quilt for hanging.