

Leader Grips

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Thank you for your interest in Leader Grips! Leader Grips allow you to set up your quilt projects without pins, staples or Velcro.

The parts...

Your Leader Grip package contains dowel rods, 6 shrink tubes, grips for three leaders and 6 mini grips.

You will need a hair dryer or heat gun during assembly.

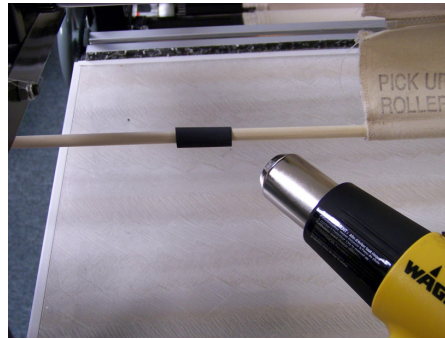
8 ft. dowel set up: 2' - 4' - 2' in casing

10 ft. dowel set up: 3' - 4' - 3' in casing

12 ft. dowel set up: 4' - 4' - 4' in casing

Setting up your quilt machine..

1. Slip one end of the dowel rod into the leader casing, leaving about 6 inches exposed.
2. Join the second dowel to the first with shrink tube, using a heat gun or hair dryer (takes a little longer) on the hottest setting, direct the heat to every part of the shrink tube until the tube is tight on the rods.



Allow to cool for a couple of minutes, then repeat steps 1 & 2 to join the third section to the second rod. Repeat for the other two leaders. If you float your top, you won't need to do the top leader. Make sure all the fabric is being gripped. Check the clear plastic to see that the fabric edge is just past the grip edge, about 1/8 of an inch. Slide end mini grips out of the way as you come to them.



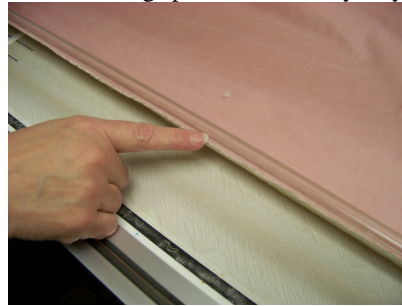
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Press the Leader Grip, catching the fabric along the edge. Use the stabilizer bar as a base to squeeze it together. Check the clear plastic to see that all edges are being gripped. Start at one end and work your way across the edges. Move the end mini grips out of the way as you work your way across. You can leave the center mini leader grip on.



Wind the rollers up and work it back and forth to get out all the wrinkles and to even up the backing. Now you are ready to apply the top.



Clamp the top leaders at the ends to hold in place. Lay the quilt top over the backing and ends just over the leaders. Match the center markings. Use the mini grips to hold center and ends in place.



Start at one end of the grip, press on over the dowels, catching the quilt top. Use the stabilizer bar as a base to squeeze the grip to the dowel. Move end mini grips away as you come to them. You can leave the center mini grip on the leader.

Work your way the length of the quilt top. Check the grip to see if all of the fabric is being held. This can be taken off when you are quilting near the end. You can then baste the ends to the backing and finish quilting.



Be aware that there will be a small bump on the roller as you roll it. If it hinders the movement of the machine, adjust the height of the roller. Most times as you roll it, it will not be a problem.

When you are done with quilting, just hold one end of the Leader Grip and lift to release the backing off the leaders.

Fast & Easy!

More information can be found on our website – www.leadergrips.com
Our website also features an instructional video to assist you with your set up.