1. Start with an upholstery sample, about 12" square. Place it face UP on your table.

2. Fold the top down 1.5 inches.

3. Fold the bottom up to meet the top fold. The pouch is now inside-out, or has the WRONG side facing out.

4. Stitch along each short side using a straight stitch, with about 1/2’ seam allowance.

5. Looking good!

6. Turn the bottom RIGHT side out. Keep the flap inside out for this next step - placing the elastic. Measure to the middle of the pouch.

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7. Place the elastic on the inside (WRONG) side, about 3/4" up and stitch back and forth.

8. Just keep on going back and forth until you’ve got nice zigzags over about 1/2” of the elastic. Neatness counts!

9. Turn the top flap right side out, and it’ll look like this!

10. Look, it’s a pencil pouch!

11. The elastic holds it all in place.

12. Deliver your finished projects to Clever Octopus and we’ll get them distributed!