

# Craft Leftovers

# Pencil Clutch

I was one day in desperate need of something to carry my various pencils and markers in and whipped up a little pencil clutch out of things I had laying around, mainly strips of canvas from my painting class last semester and of course a random button. The second attempt was a little more elaborate with the canvas as the base fabric and material from an old shirt for the fashion fabric. In fact, the button I used was from the same shirt too. There is a lot to be said about old clothes that are out of style but are made from really swanky threads and buttons!

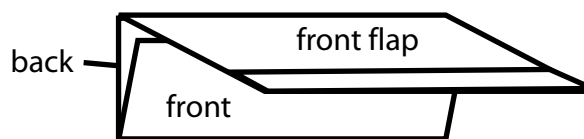
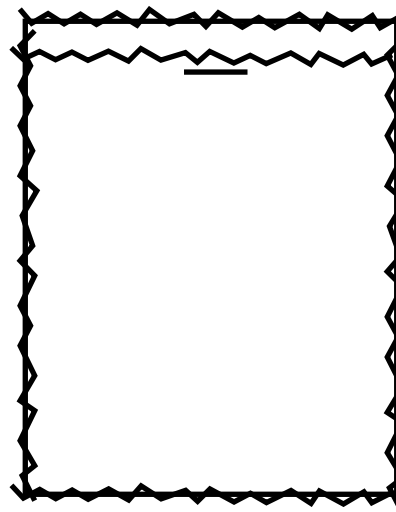
## Ingredients

- 1 old button up shirt
- 1 strip of sturdy fabric (i.e. canvas, felt, etc)
- 1 button from the old shirt
- 1 piece of ribbon, bias tape or lace 9" long



## Directions

- 1) Cut 2 pieces of fabric 9" x 9.5"
- 2) Use the zig-zag stitch on your sewing machine to go around the edge of the fabric to secure them together.
- 3) Then use the zig-zag stitch to sew the ribbon or other decorative border to the outside of the front flap.
- 4) Fold the "front" up and line it up so that the the "front flap" falls on it how you would like it to. Use the zig-zag stitch to sew the back and the front together to form the pouch.
- 5) Make a button hole in the front flap. Fold over the front flap and mark where the center of the button hole is and sew a button to this spot.



Now go fill it with random pencils and pens to your hearts content!



