**Casing Sample**

(Follow the directions on your guidesheet. They may differ from this method.)

1-Cut a rectangle of fabric 15” x 5”. Cut a piece of elastic 8” (be sure you will still have enough for your pajama pants).

2-With right sides together, pin and then sew the two 5” sides together.

3-Finish the seam edges in some way (serge, zig zag the edges, use pinking shears, etc.)

4-Using a seam roll or sleeve board, turn the top edge of your loop down 1 1/8” and press. Turn under the raw edge ¼” and press.

5- Pin this folded edge down around your sample. Starting at your previous seam, stitch close to the edge around your loop leaving a 1” gap in your stitching. Be sure to backstitch.

6-Use a safety pin or bodkin to feed your elastic through the opening you left. Pin the two ends of elastic together overlapping 1”. Use a zig-zag stitch to sew along the edge of the elastic on the front and the back. (See my example.)

7-Close up your hole in the casing by pulling your fabric flat at the opening and stitching close to the edge of your fold again. Remember to backstitch. Your stitching may overlap a bit.