This holster uses the pancake style holster, with only slight revision, to make a basic IWB holster. If you aren’t familiar with making “50/50” pancake holsters, you can download those instructions [ jlsleather.com/diy/pattern-making/gun-holster-patterns ].

You should have either the actual gun or a "dummy" gun -a replica made for training purposes and holster molding – and your pancake style holster pattern. To continue, I like graph paper.

With the ‘pancake’ pattern finished, we just need to replace the belt slots with belt loops, and alter the front “wing” to allow for a ‘stiffener’ panel to help the holster stay open under the waistband.

Determine the ride height you want – how high you want the holster to carry.
Since we already have slots on this one, I’ll use the same height for the loops for this example.

Decide on the width of the loops. ¾” is fairly common, since it will allow the use of line 24 snaps without adding significant bulk. Cut two straps of the holster leather with length equal to the distance around the belt plus 2 ½”. The top edge can be trimmed for look desired and, if your belts are commonly the same width and thickness, you can use this length of strap as a template for future builds.
Draw lines on the pattern for the belt…

and mark the position of the belt loops and the snaps.

Determine size and shape of the reinforcement panel, if used.

The panel is drawn up to the front stitch line on the pattern.

This one is drawn to the bottom of the belt, but this is at your discretion.

If you want the reinforcement to wrap around the holster, cut out a narrow slot using the leading stitch line as one side and extending to the bottom of reinforcement panel. On this example, the slot is ¼” wide. Revise stitch line to suit this new slot.

Determine how much, if any, of the back portion you would like to reinforce, and add this to the front panel.

Assemble as before.