

To create an omental patch:

- Tack the omentum over the GI incision site by using multiple simple interrupted sutures of rapidly absorbable monofilament suture.
- For end-to-end anastomotic sites, suture two portions of the caudal omental fold (the junction of the ventral and dorsal leaves) or the distal edge of an extended flap to either side of the incision line so that each covers half of the circumference of the anastomosis site

To create an omental pedicle extension:

- Exteriorize the omentum and spleen from the abdomen.
- Retract the dorsal leaf of the omentum cranially to expose its pancreatic attachments, and sharply transect them.
- Ligate vessels as they are encountered.
- Extend the dorsal leaf caudally, unfolding the omentum and doubling its length. This length is usually sufficient for all abdominal procedures.
- To achieve full extension, incise the flap in an inverted L-shape on its left side, just caudal to the gastrosplenic ligament.
- The incision should extend one-half to two-thirds the length of the omental width.
- Continue the incision caudally alongside the omental vessels for up to two-thirds of its length