

Dog Collar and Leash

Dog Collar Materials List

- Nylon webbing (Enough to equal the measurement of your dog's neck, plus 6-8")

Nylon webbing is softer and thicker than polypro, but can stretch when wet. If your dog swims, either remove the nylon collar before allowing them to swim, or consider polypropylene webbing. If your dog has a sensitive neck, though, nylon is less scratchy and will keep them more comfortable. Another option for sensitive skin is a cotton or hemp dog collar.

Decide on a width of webbing that suits the size of your dog. This is entirely subjective, but most people like widths of 1/2" to 1" for tiny dogs, 1"- 2" for medium dogs and 1" to 2 1/2" for large/giant breeds. Webbing can be purchased at your local fabric store.

- Coordinating printed or grosgrain ribbons in same or smaller width than chosen webbing, and equal in length to your strapping
- (1) D-Ring (width across the flat side should be the same as your webbing width)
- Heavy-duty sewing machine needles
- Matching Thread
- (1) set of hardware: adjuster strap & buckle (sometimes called a "parachute buckle")

Although it is possible to find metal side clip buckles, most of the time, these are plastic. They are easily found in your local sewing notions department. The buckle size needs to match the width of webbing you are going to use. For best results, see what sizes of buckles are available before you select webbing.



See the video How-To of this project on www.NationalSewingMonth.org

Dog Collar Instructions

1. Stitch one side of the ribbon to the webbing-very close to the edges on each side. Sew grosgrain ribbon to nylon webbing along both edges of ribbon.
2. Thread the end of your webbing through the female end of the buckle. Sew 1/2" from the female end, securing it in place.
3. Slide the D-Ring towards the female end of the buckle and stitch it in place to secure the D-Ring in place. Make sure your seams are reinforced.
4. Thread 5" of webbing from opposite side through the adjuster strap. Thread the same end through the inner bar of the male end of the buckle. Pull the end of the webbing back toward the adjuster strap and loop under the first layer of webbing. Looping back around to the underside of the webbing towards the male end of the buckle. Sew flat to secure.
5. Connect the female to male end of the buckle. Make sure to test the fit on your dog for safety and his/her comfort.



Leash Materials List

- (1) 6' length of webbing-whatever width you desire, but at least one inch
- At least 6' of ribbon equal in length and width to your strapping
- (1) set of hardware: loop ring, clasp connector
- (1) D-Ring
- Heavy-duty sewing machine needles
- Matching Thread

Gather supplies. Decide on the length and width of your leash, based on the size of your dog. Buy grosgrain ribbon in a slightly smaller width than that of the webbing. In this example, I bought 1" webbing and 3/4" wide ribbon. Cut (or buy already cut) nylon webbing to desired length of leash plus 6". I made a 6' leash (not including length of swivel hook) so I cut 72" of webbing. Swivel hooks can be purchased from some sewing supply stores or online. You can also take one from a leash you no longer use.

Leash Instructions

1. Stitch one side of the ribbon to the webbing-very close to the edges on each side. Sew grosgrain ribbon to nylon webbing along both edges of ribbon.
2. Turn the opposite end and measure down about 6" on one end of nylon webbing, fold in place. Sew straight line approximately 7/8 inch from edge. Sew another straight line 1" away from first line. Sew an "X" between these stitches for extra security.
3. Slip one end of nylon webbing (opposite end of the handle) through the d-ring. Fold over 2 inches and pin. Sew straight line in place approximately 7/8 inch from edge. Sew another straight line 1" away from first line. Sew an "X" between these stitches for extra security. Attach attachment clasp to the D-ring.
3. Clasp the leash to the collar and take your dog out for a walk!