



Basic Breakaway Cat Collar

A lightweight adjustable cat collar with a breakaway-style closure.



OVERVIEW

- 1 Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate
- 2 Pages: 10
- 3 Finished Width: 1/2 in
- 4 Use: ID tag or light bell only
- 5 Safety: Do not use for leash walking



PRODUCT DETAILS



SMALL



MEDIUM



LARGE



This guide uses 3 seller-friendly cat sizes.





≡• Sizes & Cutting Lengths ≡

Use these 3 seller-friendly cat sizes for a lightweight breakaway collar.

 SIZE	NECK RANGE	FABRIC STRIP	INTERFACING STRIP	FINISHED WIDTH
1 SMALL	6 1/2–8 1/2 in	2 x 13 in	2 x 13 in	1/2 in
2 MEDIUM	8–10 in	2 x 15 in	2 x 15 in	1/2 in
3 LARGE	9 1/2–12 in	2 x 17 in	2 x 17 in	1/2 in



 All sizes use 1/2 in breakaway hardware.

 This collar is for ID tags or a light bell only.



PRODUCT MEASUREMENTS



 **SMALL** 



6 1/2–8 1/2 in

 **MEDIUM** 



8–10 in

LARGE 



9 1/2–12 in





Tools & Materials

Gather everything before you begin.

- 1 Lightweight cotton fabric



- 2 Light fusible interfacing



- 3 Matching thread



- 4 1/2 in breakaway buckle set



- 5 1/2 in tri-glide slider



- 6 1/2 in D-ring



- 7 Small bell + split ring (optional)



- 8 Ruler or tape measure



- 9 Fabric marker or chalk



- 10 Fabric scissors or rotary cutter



- 11 Pins or clips



- 12 Iron



NOTES

- Use lightweight, non-bulky fabric.
- Choose hardware made for cats or lightweight collars.
- Never use a breakaway collar for leash walking.

- 13 Sewing machine



Finished Collar Preview



≡• Cut the Fabric Pieces •≡

Cut 1 fabric strip and 1 interfacing strip for each collar.



CUTTING CHART



SMALL:

Fabric 2 x 13 in | Interfacing 2 x 13 in



MEDIUM:

Fabric 2 x 15 in | Interfacing 2 x 15 in



LARGE:

Fabric 2 x 17 in | Interfacing 2 x 17 in



TIP

Keep the print centered if you want a balanced finished collar.



STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Choose the size you want to make.
- 2 Measure and mark the fabric strip.
- 3 Measure and mark the interfacing strip.
- 4 Cut 1 fabric strip and 1 interfacing strip.
- 5 Keep the strips straight and even.
- 6 Label the cut pieces by size.



≡ • Fuse and Press the Strap • ≡

Stabilize the strip, then fold it into a clean collar band.



STEPS

- 1** **Fuse** the interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric strip.
- 2** **Place** the strip right side down.
- 3** **Fold** one long edge 1/2 in toward the center and press.
- 4** Fold the second long edge 1/2 in toward the center and press.
- 5** Fold the strip in half lengthwise and press again.
- 6** Keep the strap even from end to end.



PRESS AS YOU GO



FOLD DETAIL

Folded strip shape before stitching.



TIP



Good pressing makes the collar easier to sew neatly.



≡• Topstitch the Collar Strap •≡

Secure the folded strap before adding the hardware.



STEPS

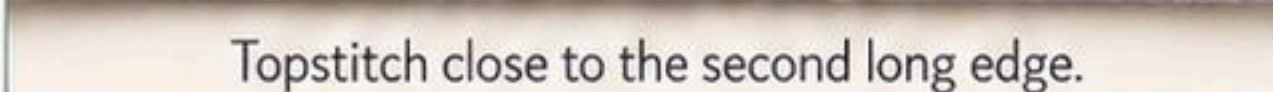
- 1 Fold each short end in 1/4 in for a clean finish.
- 2 Clip the strap closed.
- 3 Topstitch close to one long edge.
- 4 Topstitch close to the second long edge.
- 5 Stitch across both short ends.
- 6 Backstitch at the start and finish.
- 7 Trim loose threads.



PAW ... EDGE STITCHING ... PAW



Topstitch close to one long edge.



Topstitch close to the second long edge.

PAW ... FINISHED STRAP ... PAW



All edges topstitched and short ends secured.

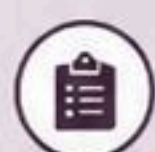


TIP: *Keep the stitching straight so the narrow cat collar looks polished.*



≡• Attach the Fixed End ≡

Add the female buckle and D-ring to one end of the collar.

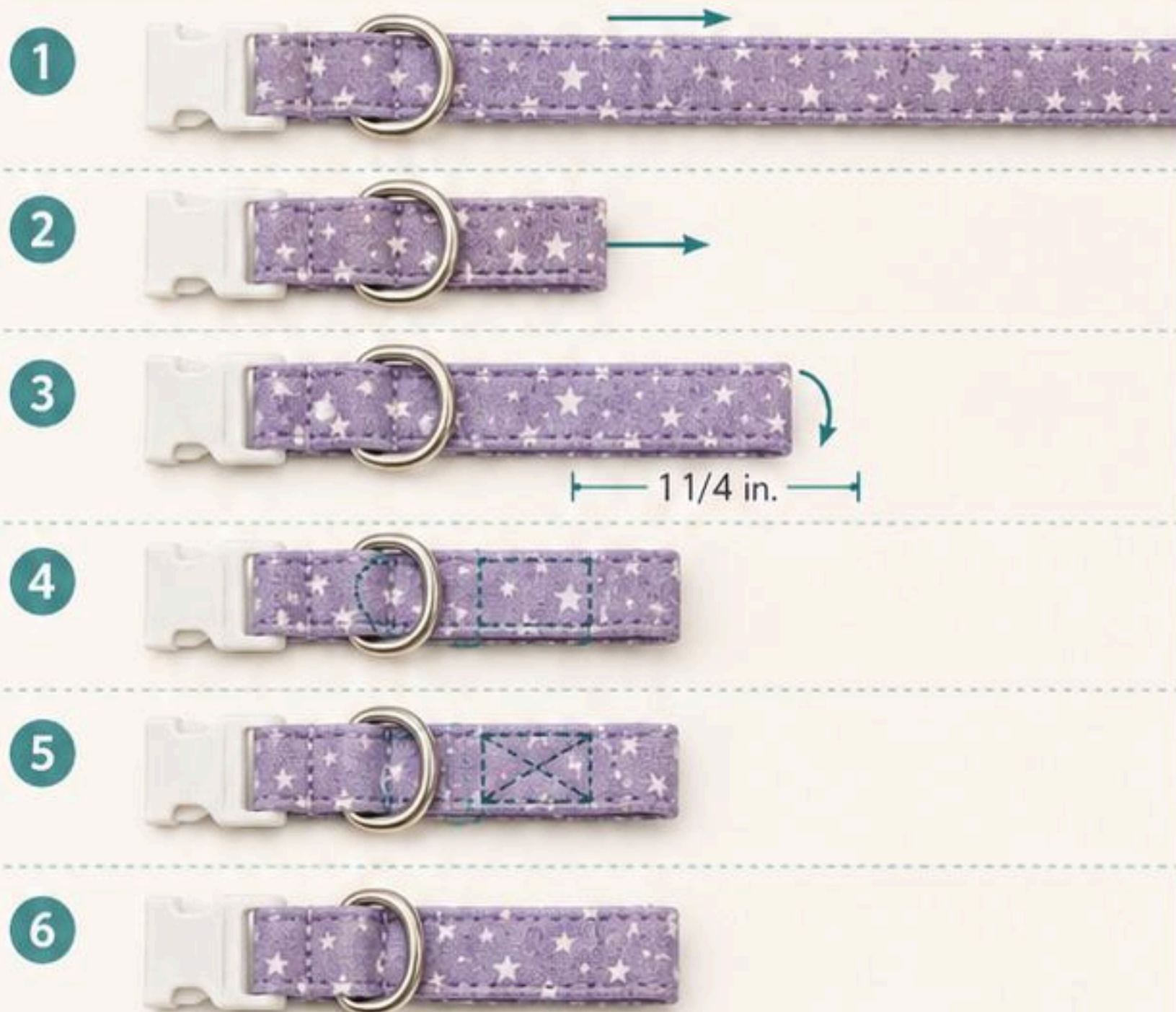


STEPS

- 1 Slide 1 end of the strap through the D-ring.
- 2 Pass the same end through the female buckle slot.
- 3 Fold the end back about 1 1/4 in.
- 4 Keep the D-ring between the buckle and the folded end.
- 5 Stitch a secure box or 2 strong straight lines to hold it.
- 6 This becomes the fixed end of the collar.



THREADING DIAGRAM



FEMALE BUCKLE



D-RING POSITION



SECURED STITCHING



Make sure the buckle is facing the correct direction before stitching.





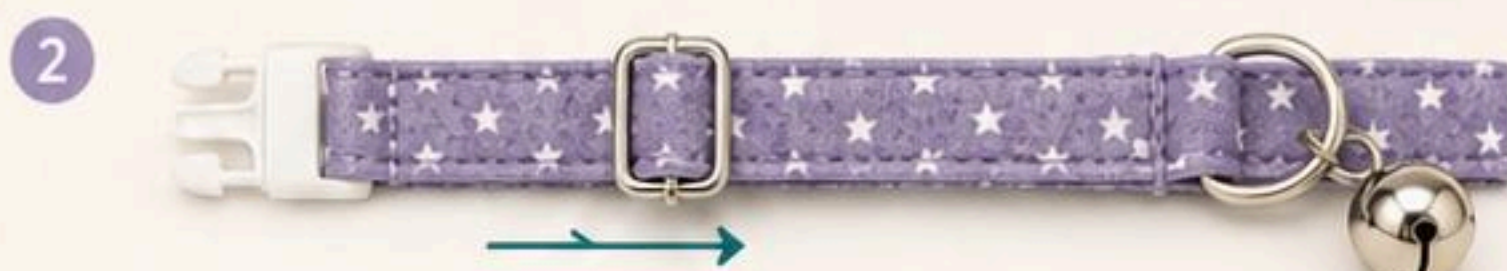
Thread the Adjustable End

Add the slider and male buckle to complete the adjustable collar.



STEPS

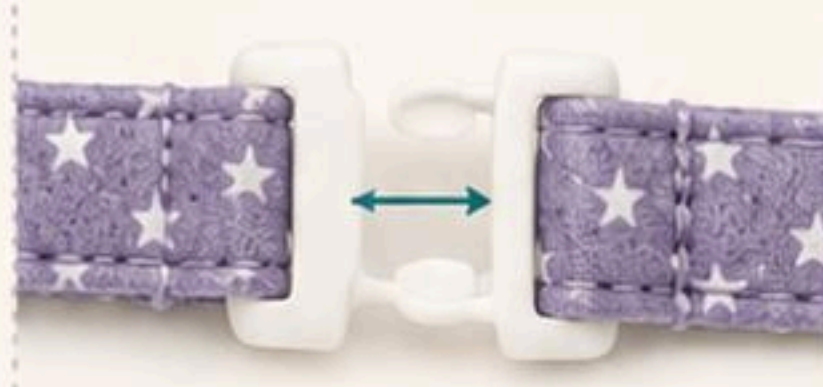
- 1 Slide the free end through the tri-glide slider.
- 2 Pass the same end through the male buckle slot.
- 3 Bring the end back through the tri-glide.
- 4 Leave about a 2 in adjustment tail.
- 5 Check that the buckle halves face each other correctly.
- 6 Snap the buckle closed to test the shape.



SLIDER PATH



MALE BUCKLE



FINISHED ADJUSTABLE END



The collar should adjust smoothly without twisting.



Fit & Safety Check

Adjust the collar, test the breakaway buckle, and confirm a safe fit.



STEP-BY-STEP

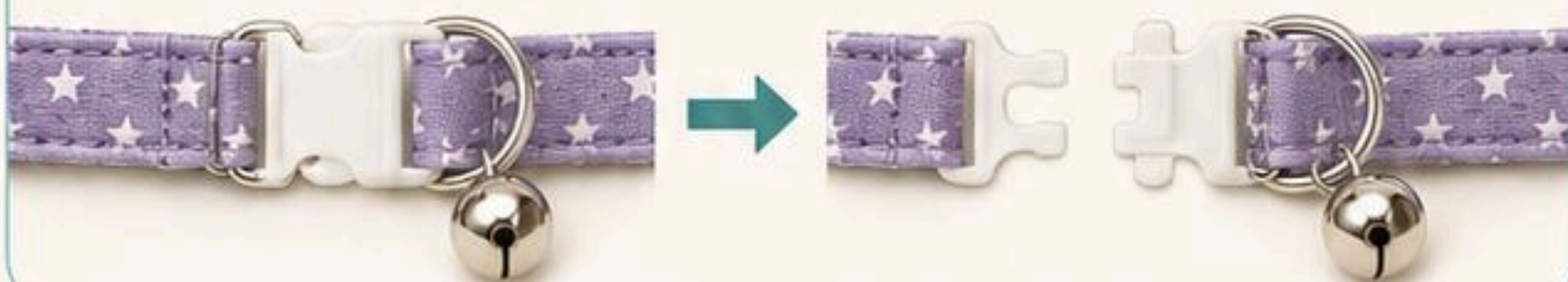
- 1 Close the buckle.
- 2 Adjust the slider to the correct size range.
- 3 Leave room for 2 fingers between collar and neck.
- 4 Test the breakaway buckle with a firm straight pull.
- 5 Attach only a light bell or ID tag.
- 6 Do not use this collar for leash walking.



FINISHED COLLAR ON CAT MANNEQUINS



BREAKAWAY BUCKLE TEST



SIZE REMINDER



SMALL: 6 1/2–8 1/2 in



MEDIUM: 8–10 in



LARGE: 9 1/2–12 in



SAFETY NOTE



A breakaway collar should release when pulled sharply.



Finished Collars & Quick Recap

Your breakaway cat collars are ready to label, package, and sell.

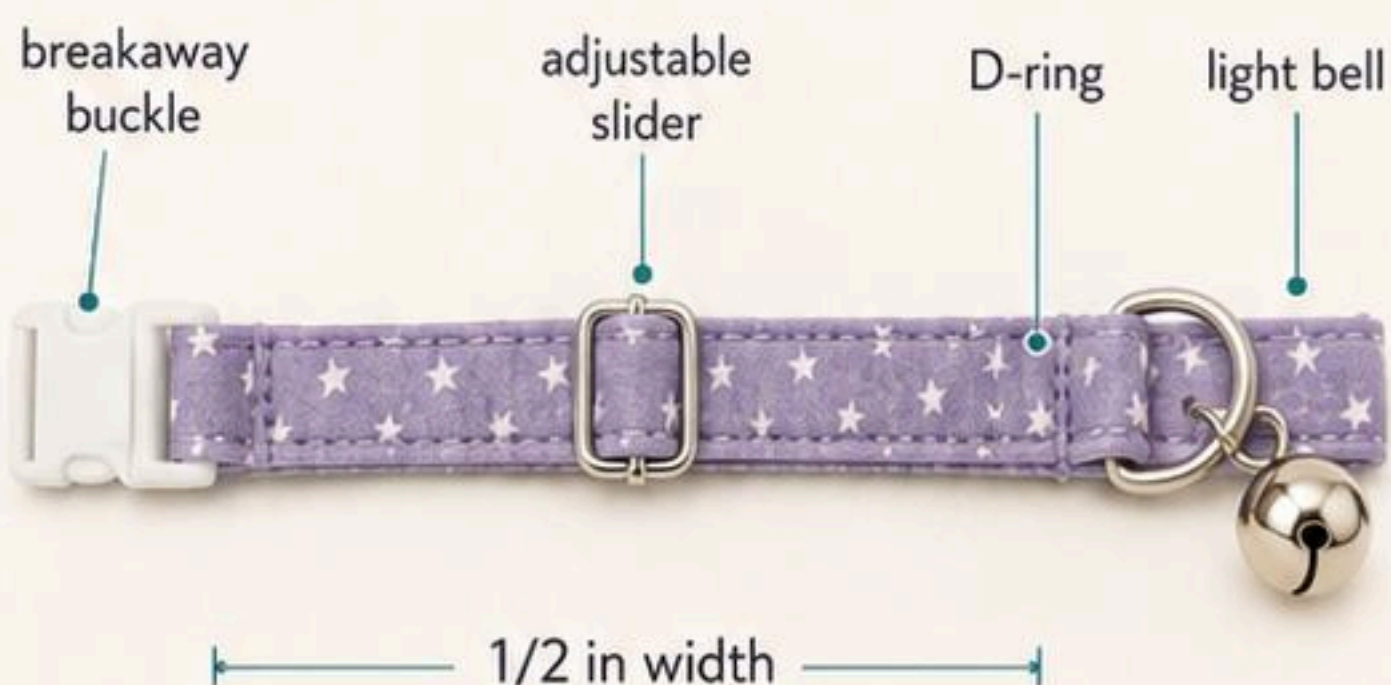


RECAP CHECKLIST

- ✓ Cut the fabric and interfacing.
- ✓ Fuse and fold the strap.
- ✓ Topstitch the collar band.
- ✓ Attach the female buckle and D-ring.
- ✓ Thread the slider and male buckle.
- ✓ Adjust the fit and safety-check the breakaway release.



PRODUCT DETAILS



PAW ... SMALL ... PAW

PAW ... MEDIUM ... PAW

LARGE ... PAW



♥ For cats only. Use for everyday wear, tags, or a light bell — not for leash walking. ♥

