

Elastic Safety Insert Collar

A cat collar concept with a safety stretch section.

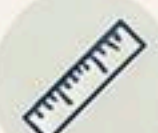
OVERVIEW



Skill Level:
Beginner to Intermediate



Pages:
10



Finished Width:
1/2 in



Use:
Everyday cat collar



Safety:
Stretch insert helps provide an escape section; not for leash walking.

PRODUCT DETAILS

STRAIGHT VIEW



CURVED VIEW



♥ *The elastic safety insert adds gentle give, helping your cat slip free if the collar catches on something.*

ONE COLLAR. THREE CAT SIZES.

SMALL



MEDIUM



LARGE



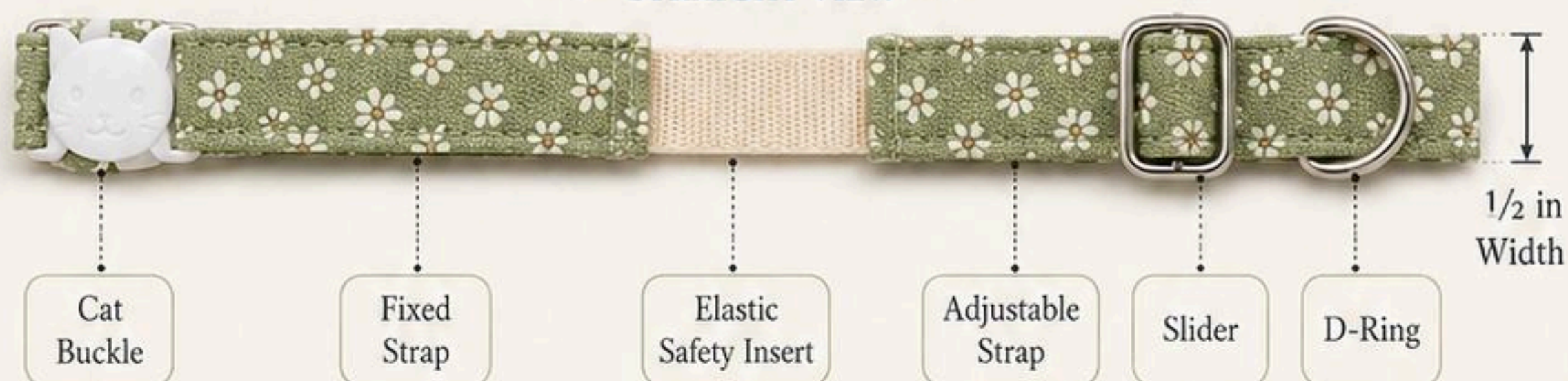
This guide uses 3 seller-friendly cat sizes.

Sizes & Cutting Lengths

Use these 3 seller-friendly cat sizes for the Elastic Safety Insert Collar.

SIZE	NECK RANGE	FIXED STRAP FABRIC	ADJUSTABLE STRAP FABRIC	FIXED STRAP INTERFACING	ADJUSTABLE STRAP INTERFACING	ELASTIC INSERT	FINISHED WIDTH
 SMALL	7–8 1/2 in	2 x 5 in	2 x 8 in	2 x 5 in	2 x 8 in	1/2 x 2 1/2 in	1/2 in
 MEDIUM	8 1/2–10 in	2 x 5 1/2 in	2 x 9 in	2 x 5 1/2 in	2 x 9 in	1/2 x 2 1/2 in	1/2 in
 LARGE	10–11 1/2 in	2 x 6 in	2 x 10 in	2 x 6 in	2 x 10 in	1/2 x 2 1/2 in	1/2 in

STRAIGHT VIEW



SMALL

MEDIUM

LARGE



Use 1/2 in cat-collar hardware and soft 1/2 in elastic.

Tools & Materials

Gather everything before you begin.

✧ Lightweight Cotton Fabric ✧



Main fabric for collar exterior.

✧ Light Fusible Interfacing ✧



Adds gentle structure and stability.

✧ Matching Thread ✧



Coordinating thread for a clean finish.

✧ 1/2 in Cat Buckle Set ✧



1/2 in wide safety cat buckle.

✧ 1/2 in Tri-Glide Slider ✧



Adjusts for the perfect fit.

✧ 1/2 in D-Ring ✧



Attach ID tags or charms.

✧ 1/2 in Soft Flat Elastic ✧



Safety stretch insert for gentle give.

✧ Ruler or Tape Measure ✧



Measure accurately for best results.

Fabric Marker or Chalk



Mark sewing lines clearly.

Fabric Scissors or Rotary Cutter



Cut fabric cleanly and precisely.

Pins or Clips



Hold layers securely in place.

Iron



Press for crisp, professional results.

Sewing Machine



Sew straight seams with ease.

♥ NOTES

- ♥ Use soft, lightweight fabric for comfort.
- ♥ Choose soft flat elastic, 1/2 in wide.
- ♥ Use cat-collar hardware sized for 1/2 in finished straps.
- ♥ This collar is for everyday wear and is not for leash walking.

✧ FINISHED COLLAR PREVIEW ✧



Cut the Pieces

Cut 2 fabric straps, 2 interfacing pieces, and 1 elastic insert.



STEP-BY-STEP

- 1 Choose the size.
- 2 Measure the fixed strap.
- 3 Measure the adjustable strap.
- 4 Measure the matching interfacing pieces.
- 5 Cut the elastic insert.
- 6 Cut all pieces neatly.
- 7 Label the pieces by size.

TIP

Accurate cutting helps keep all collars consistent for selling.

CUTTING CHART

SIZE	FIXED STRAP (FABRIC)	ADJUSTABLE STRAP (FABRIC)	ELASTIC INSERT
SMALL	2 x 5 in	2 x 8 in	1/2 x 2 1/2 in
MEDIUM	2 x 5 1/2 in	2 x 9 in	1/2 x 2 1/2 in
LARGE	2 x 6 in	2 x 10 in	1/2 x 2 1/2 in



Fuse and Press the Straps

Stabilize the fabric, then fold each strap into a neat collar band.

FIXED STRAP

- 1 Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric strap.



- 2 Place the fixed strap wrong side up.



- 3 Fold one long edge to the center and press.



- 4 Fold the second long edge to the center and press.



- 5 Fold the fixed strap in half lengthwise and press again.



ADJUSTABLE STRAP

- 1 Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric strap.



- 2 Place the adjustable strap wrong side up.



- 3 Fold one long edge to the center and press.



- 4 Fold the second long edge to the center and press.



- 5 Fold the adjustable strap in half lengthwise and press again.



- 7 Show both finished pressed straps lying flat, even from end to end.



Fixed Strap (shorter)



Adjustable Strap (longer)

FOLD DETAIL (SIDE VIEW)



TIP

Good pressing makes the collar easier to sew neatly.



FINISHED COLLAR PREVIEW



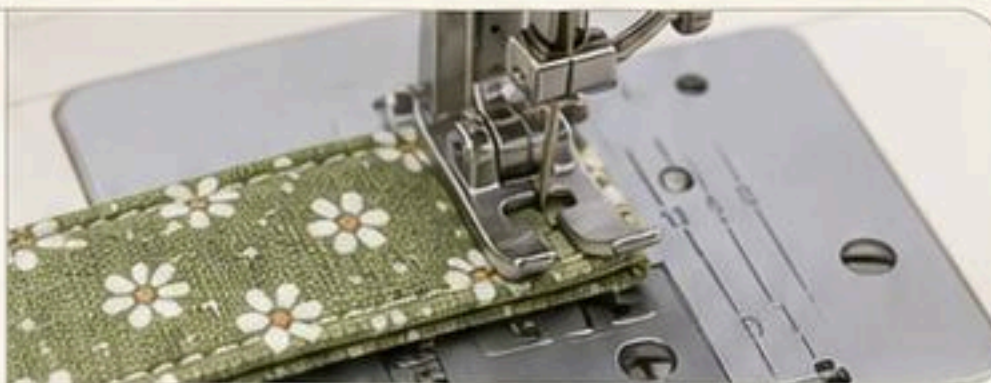
Topstitch the Straps

Sew both folded straps so they are strong, neat, and ready for assembly.

- 1** Clip or pin the fixed strap closed.



- 2** Topstitch close to one long edge of the fixed strap.



- 3** Topstitch close to the second long edge of the fixed strap.



- 4** Repeat the same topstitching on the adjustable strap.



- 5** Backstitch at the start and finish of each seam.



- 6** Trim loose threads.



CLOSE-UP DETAIL



Even, parallel topstitching along both long edges.



RESULT

Finished Fixed Strap



Finished Adjustable Strap



TIP



Even topstitching helps the finished collar look polished and professional.

FINISHED PREVIEW



Both straps are strong, neat, and ready for final collar assembly!

Add the Elastic Safety Insert

Join the 2 strap sections with a short stretch insert.

- 1 Place one end of the elastic insert 1/2 in inside one end of the fixed strap.



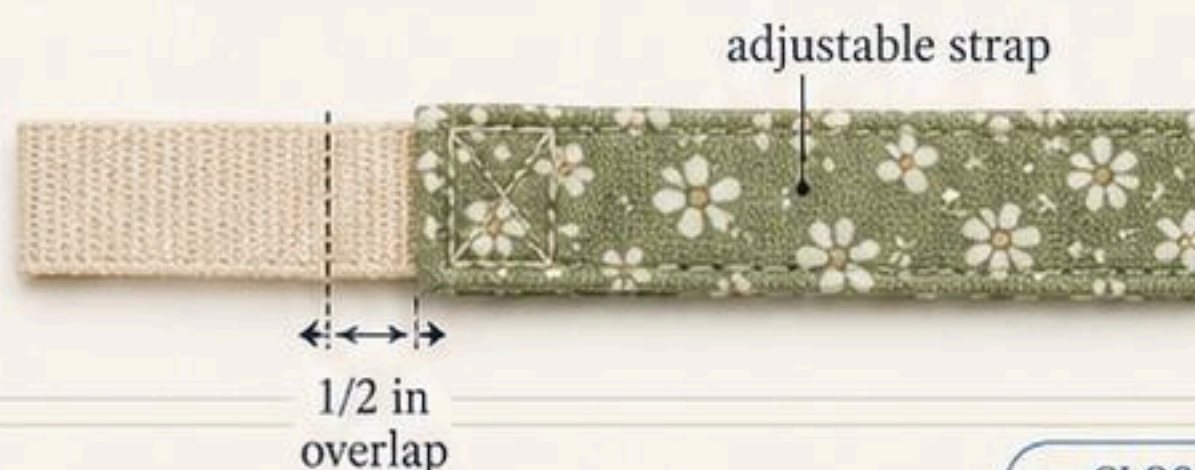
- 2 Stitch across the overlap with a strong box or 2 secure straight lines.



CLOSE-UP: STRONG STITCHING



- 3 Place the other end of the elastic insert 1/2 in inside one end of the adjustable strap.



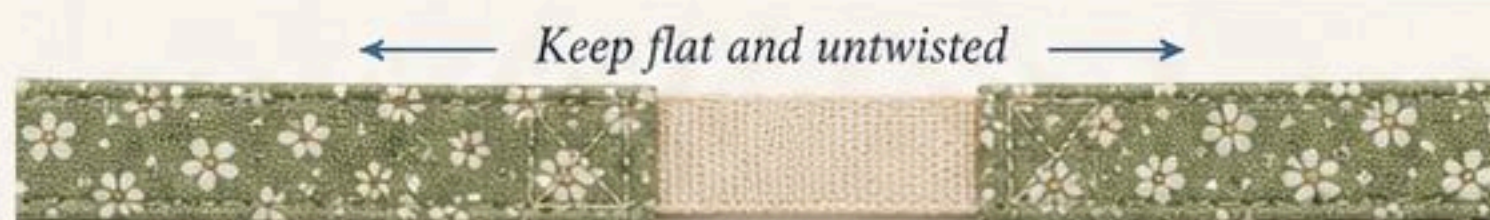
- 4 Stitch that overlap the same way.



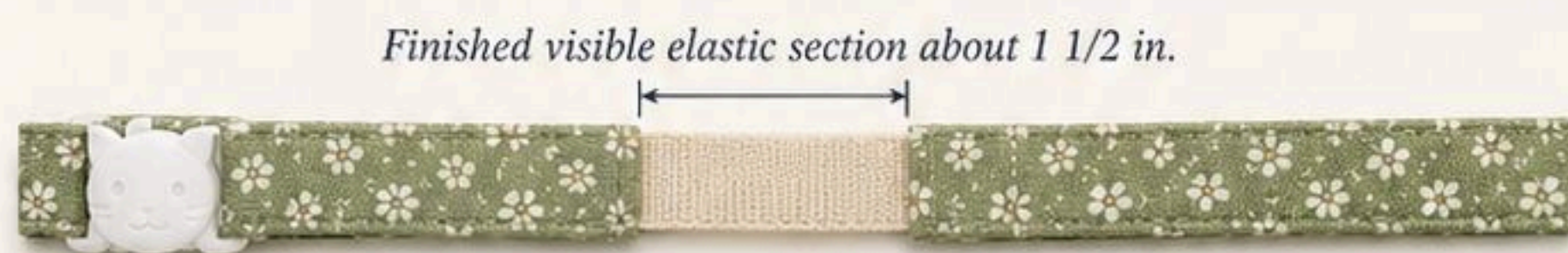
CLOSE-UP: STRONG STITCHING



- 5 Keep the elastic flat and untwisted.



- 6 Finished joined strap with the elastic section visible in the middle.



TIP

Use strong stitching because this section handles the stretch.

PREVIEW: JOINED COLLAR BAND (BEFORE HARDWARE)



Attach the Fixed End

Add the D-ring and buckle half to the fixed strap side.



- 1 Slide the D-ring onto the free end of the fixed strap.



- 2 Pass that same end through the female cat 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 through the folded section.



- 6 This becomes the fixed end of the collar.



Female Buckle



D-Ring Position



Secured Stitching



Thread the Adjustable End

Add the slider and second buckle half to complete the collar.

- 1 Slide the free end of the adjustable strap through the tri-glide slider.



- 2 Pass the same end through the male buckle slot.



- 3 Bring the strap end back through the tri-glide from the other side.



- 4 Leave about a 2 in adjustment tail.



- 5 Check that both buckle halves face each other correctly.



- 6 Snap the buckle closed to test the shape.



EXTRA CLOSE-UPS

SLIDER PATH



MALE BUCKLE



FINISHED ADJUSTABLE END



FINISHED COLLAR PREVIEW



The collar should adjust smoothly without twisting.

Adjust the Fit, Safety Check & Care

Finish the collar and make sure it fits safely and comfortably.

STEP-BY-STEP FITTING

- 1 Close the buckle.
- 2 Slide the adjuster to the needed size.
- 3 Leave room for two fingers between collar and neck.
- 4 Make sure the D-ring and hardware sit comfortably.
- 5 Gently test the elastic insert so it stretches and returns.
- 6 Make sure the buckle opens and closes correctly.
- 7 Re-adjust if the collar is too loose or too tight.

HOW IT SHOULD FIT

FRONT VIEW



SIDE VIEW



BACK VIEW



A properly fitted collar is comfortable and secure, with enough room for two fingers to slide between the collar and neck.



SAFETY NOTE

- This collar is for cats and everyday wear.
- Do not use for leash walking.
- Check the elastic section regularly for wear.
- Replace the collar if the elastic becomes damaged or overstretched.

SIZE REMINDER

SIZE	FITS NECK CIRCUMFERENCE
SMALL	7–8 1/2 in
MEDIUM	8 1/2–10 in
LARGE	10–11 1/2 in

CARE



Hand wash or gentle wash in a mesh bag.



Air dry completely.



Trim any loose threads if needed.

QUICK RECAP

- Adjust the collar for a snug, comfortable fit.
- Always leave room for two fingers.
- Check the hardware and elastic regularly.
- Use for everyday wear only.
- Keep your cat safe and comfortable!