

Minimal Indoor Cat Collar

A simple lightweight collar for indoor cats.

OVERVIEW



Skill Level: Beginner



Pages: 10



Finished Width: 3/8 in



Use: Indoor everyday cat collar



Safety: Breakaway-style, not for leash walking

STRAIGHT VIEW



CURVED VIEW



MADE FOR 3 CAT SIZES

SMALL



MEDIUM



LARGE



This guide uses 3 seller-friendly cat sizes.



Sizes & Cutting Lengths

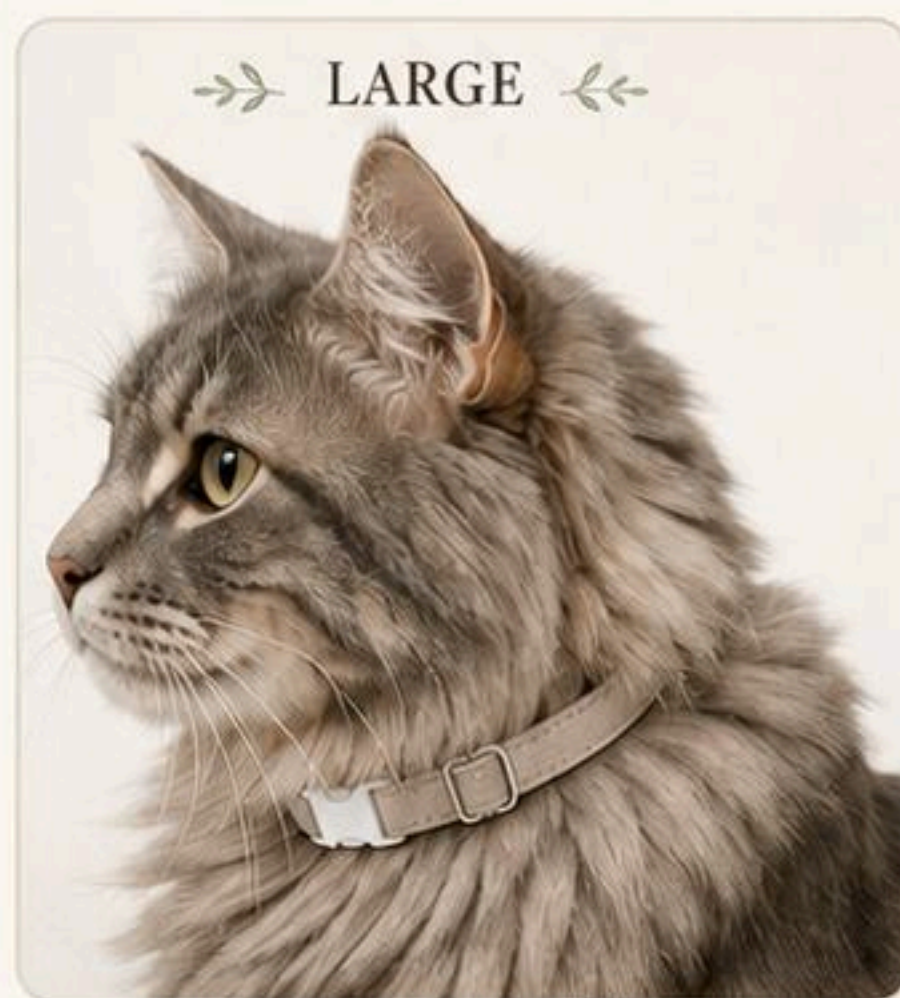
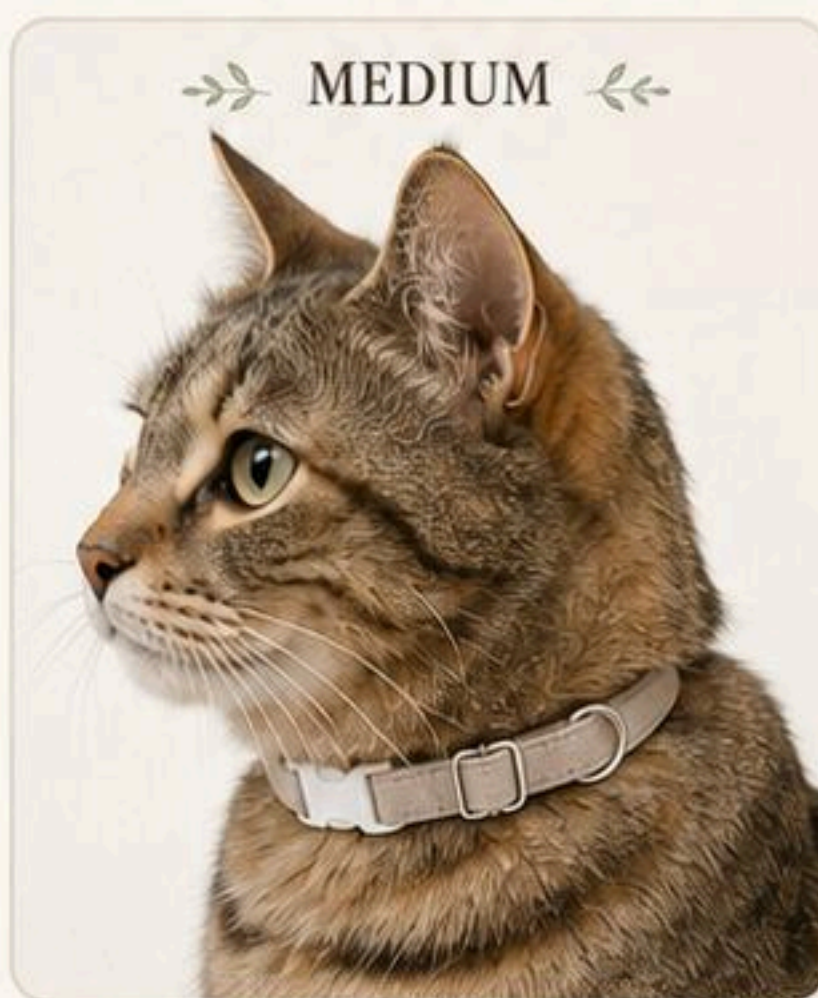
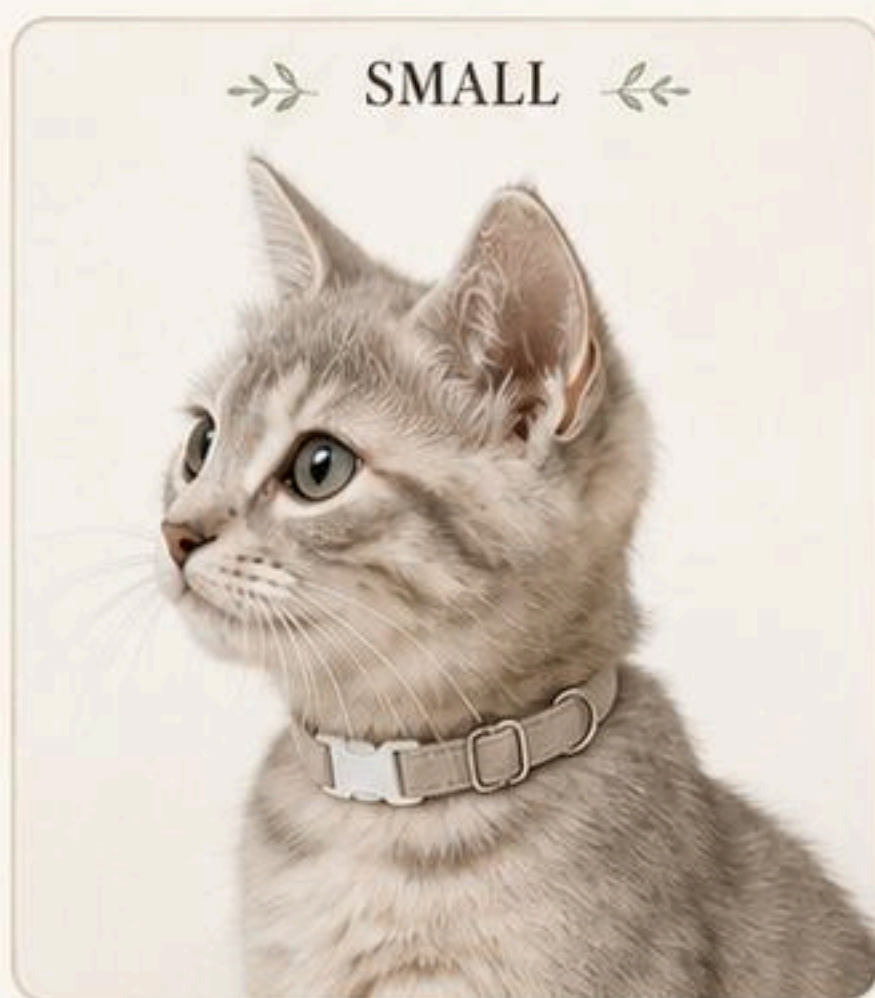
Use these 3 seller-friendly cat sizes for the Minimal Indoor Cat Collar.

SIZE	NECK RANGE	FABRIC STRIP (COTTON)	INTERFACING STRIP (FUSIBLE)	FINISHED WIDTH
Small	7–8 1/2 in	1 1/2 x 13 in	1 1/2 x 13 in	3/8 in
Medium	8 1/2–10 in	1 1/2 x 15 in	1 1/2 x 15 in	3/8 in
Large	10–11 1/2 in	1 1/2 x 17 in	1 1/2 x 17 in	3/8 in

STRAIGHT VIEW



CAT PREVIEWS



Use 3/8 in cat-collar hardware for all sizes.





Tools & Materials

Gather these supplies before you begin.



1 Lightweight Cotton Fabric



2 Light Fusible Interfacing



3 Matching Thread



4 3/8 in Breakaway Cat Buckle Set



5 3/8 in Tri-Glide Slider



6 3/8 in D-Ring



7 Ruler or Tape Measure



8 Fabric Marker or Chalk



9 Fabric Scissors or Rotary Cutter



10 Pins or Clips



11 Iron



12 Sewing Machine

NOTES

- Use soft, lightweight fabric for comfort.
- Use lightweight cat hardware sized for 3/8 in finished straps.
- Indoor cat collar only — not for leash walking.

FINISHED COLLAR PREVIEW

STRAIGHT VIEW



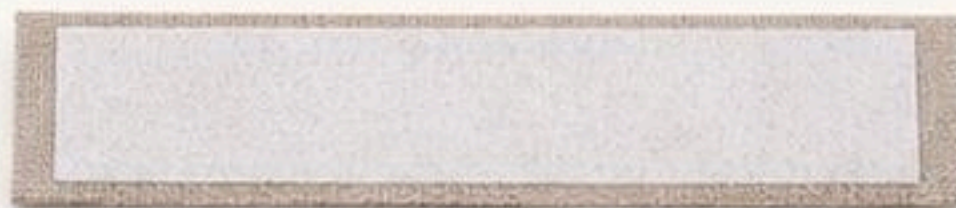
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Fuse and Press the Strap

Build a neat, lightweight strap for your indoor cat collar.

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



- 2 Place the strip wrong side up.



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



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



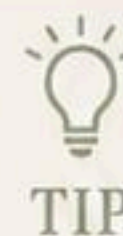
- 5 Fold the strip in half lengthwise and press again.



- 6 Finished pressed strap — even from end to end.



FOLD DETAIL (CROSS-SECTION)



TIP

Good pressing makes the collar easier to sew neatly.



FINISHED STRAP PREVIEW



Topstitch the Strap

Step-by-step to a strong and polished finish.

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



- 2** Topstitch close to one long edge.



- 3** Topstitch close to the second long edge.



- 4** Keep the seam lines even and parallel.



- 5** Backstitch at the start and finish.

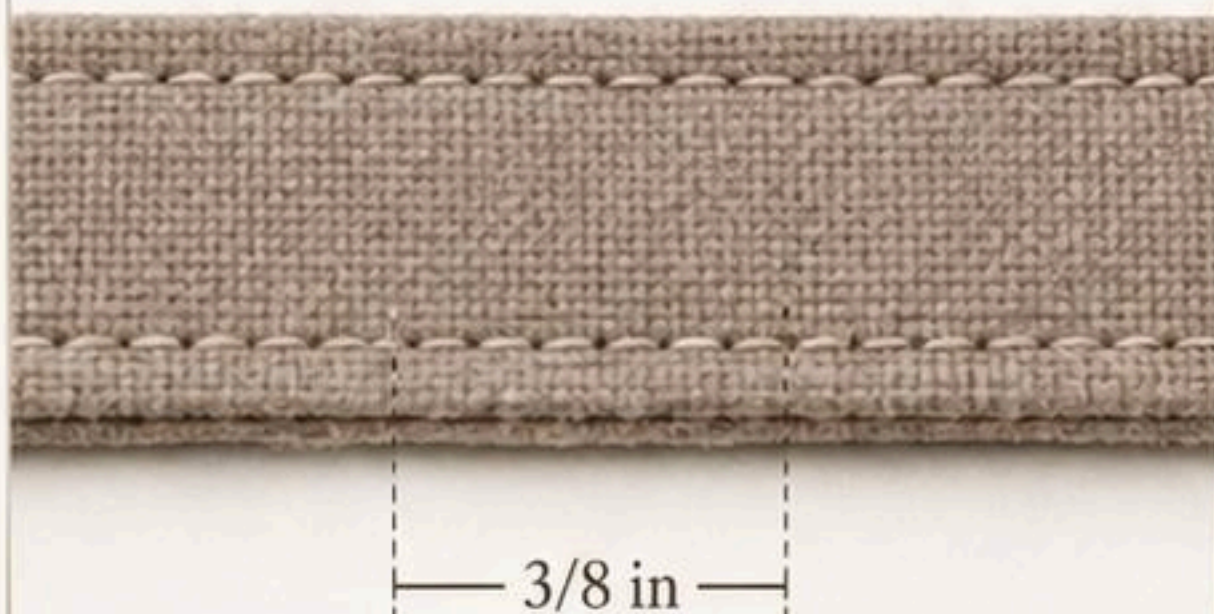


- 6** Trim loose threads.



❖ CLOSE-UP DETAIL ❖

Even, parallel topstitching on the 3/8 in strap.



❖ RESULT ❖

Straight strap preview



Finished collar preview



TIP: Even topstitching helps the collar look neat and professional.



Attach the Fixed End

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

- 1 Slide one 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 folded end.
- 5 Stitch a secure box or two strong straight lines to hold it.
- 6 This becomes the fixed end.



FEMALE BUCKLE



Lightweight, cat-safe breakaway buckle.

D-RING POSITION



D-ring sits between the buckle and folded end for safety.

SECURED STITCHING



Box stitch or two straight lines keep the hardware secure.

 Lightweight, safe, and purr-fect for everyday indoor cats. 

Thread the Adjustable End

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

- 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 from the other side.



- 4 Leave about a 2 in adjustment tail.



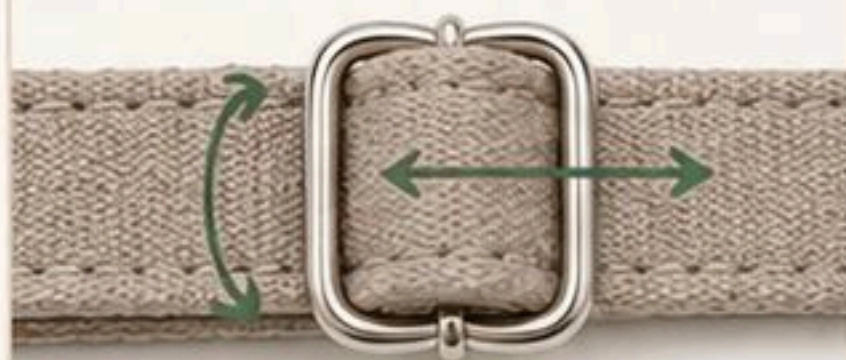
- 5 Check that both buckle halves face each other correctly.



- 6 Snap the buckle closed to test the shape.



SLIDER PATH



MALE BUCKLE



FINISHED ADJUSTABLE END



FINISHED COLLAR PREVIEW



 The collar should adjust smoothly without twisting. 

Adjust the Fit

A few simple steps to keep your indoor cat comfortable and safe.

FITTING STEPS

- 1 Close the buckle.
- 2 Slide the adjuster to the needed size.
- 3 Leave room for two fingers between the collar and neck.
- 4 Keep the D-ring and hardware sitting comfortably.
- 5 Make sure the buckle opens with a firm straight pull.
- 6 Re-adjust if the collar is too loose or too tight.

HOW IT SHOULD FIT

FRONT VIEW



SIDE VIEW



BACK VIEW



SIZE REMINDER

SIZE	NECK FIT RANGE
SMALL	7-8 1/2 in
MEDIUM	8 1/2-10 in
LARGE	10-11 1/2 in



Breakaway collars are for cats and everyday wear, not for leash walking.



Use only lightweight ID tags if desired.

Finished Collar, Safety & Care

You did it! Your indoor cat collar is ready to wear.

QUICK RECAP

- 1 Cut the strip and interfacing.
- 2 Fuse and fold the strap.
- 3 Topstitch.
- 4 Attach the female buckle and D-ring.
- 5 Thread the slider and male buckle.
- 6 Adjust the fit.

STRAIGHT VIEW



CURVED VIEW



SAFETY

- Leave room for 2 fingers.
- Test the breakaway release.
- Do not use for leash walking.
- For indoor cats only.



CARE

- Hand wash or gentle wash.
- Air dry.
- Check hardware regularly.
- Trim loose threads if needed.

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