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Basic Ribbon Overlay Collar

ADJUSTABLE PET COLLAR SEWING GUIDE



Sizes: Small 10–14 in • Medium 14–18 in • Large 18–22 in

Learn how to sew a beautiful adjustable pet collar with a single centered ribbon overlay. This guide walks you through every step—from cutting your materials and constructing the strap to placing the ribbon, adding hardware, and finishing your collar with professional results in standard selling sizes.



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Tools, Materials & Finished Design

Gather quality, durable materials and take a moment to review the finished project before you begin.

YOU'LL NEED



Outer fabric for collar base



7/8 in grosgrain ribbon overlay



1 in nylon webbing



1 in side-release buckle



1 in triglide slider



1 in D-ring



Matching thread



Sewing clips or pins



Ruler



Lighter or heat tool



Iron



Sewing machine

FINISHED DESIGN



SELLER TIP

A straight, centered ribbon instantly upgrades a basic collar and helps your handmade collars look polished in photos and listings.

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Size Chart & Cut List

USE THESE STANDARD SELLING SIZES FOR THE COLLAR BASE AND RIBBON OVERLAY.

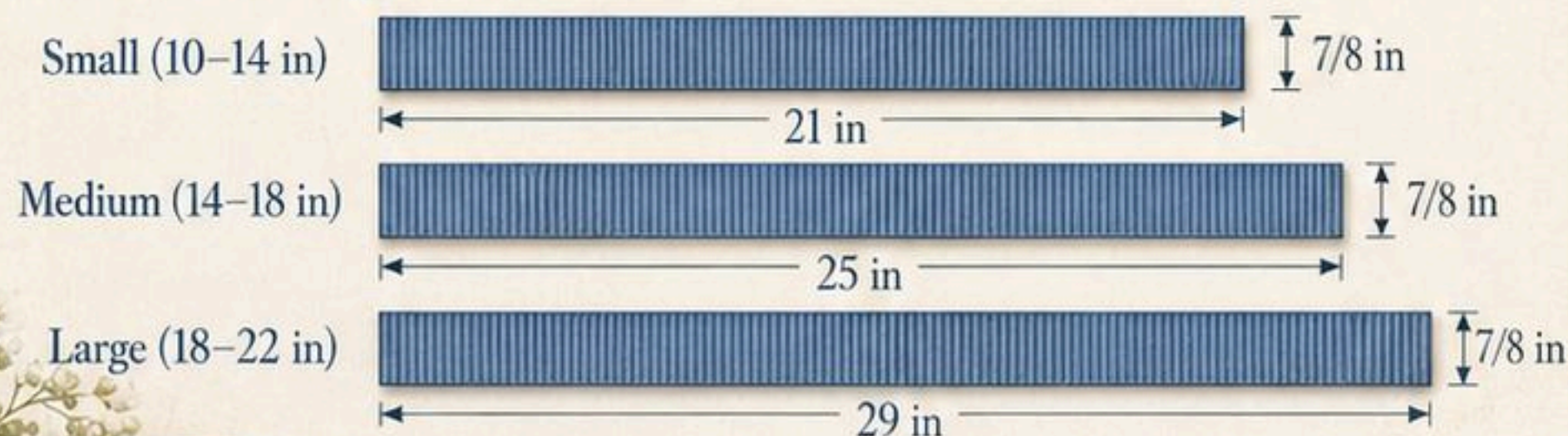
Measurement / Piece	Small (10–14 in)	Medium (14–18 in)	Large (18–22 in)
Neck range:	10–14 in	14–18 in	18–22 in
Nylon webbing:	22 in	26 in	30 in
Outer fabric strip to cover webbing:	23 x 3 in	27 x 3 in	31 x 3 in
Ribbon overlay (cut 1):	21 x 7/8 in	25 x 7/8 in	29 x 7/8 in

PATTERN PIECES

1. Collar strip (outer fabric strip to cover webbing)



2. Ribbon overlay (cut 1)



Center the ribbon and leave about 1 in uncovered at each short end.



All seam allowances are 1/4 in unless noted.

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Cut & Prepare the Pieces

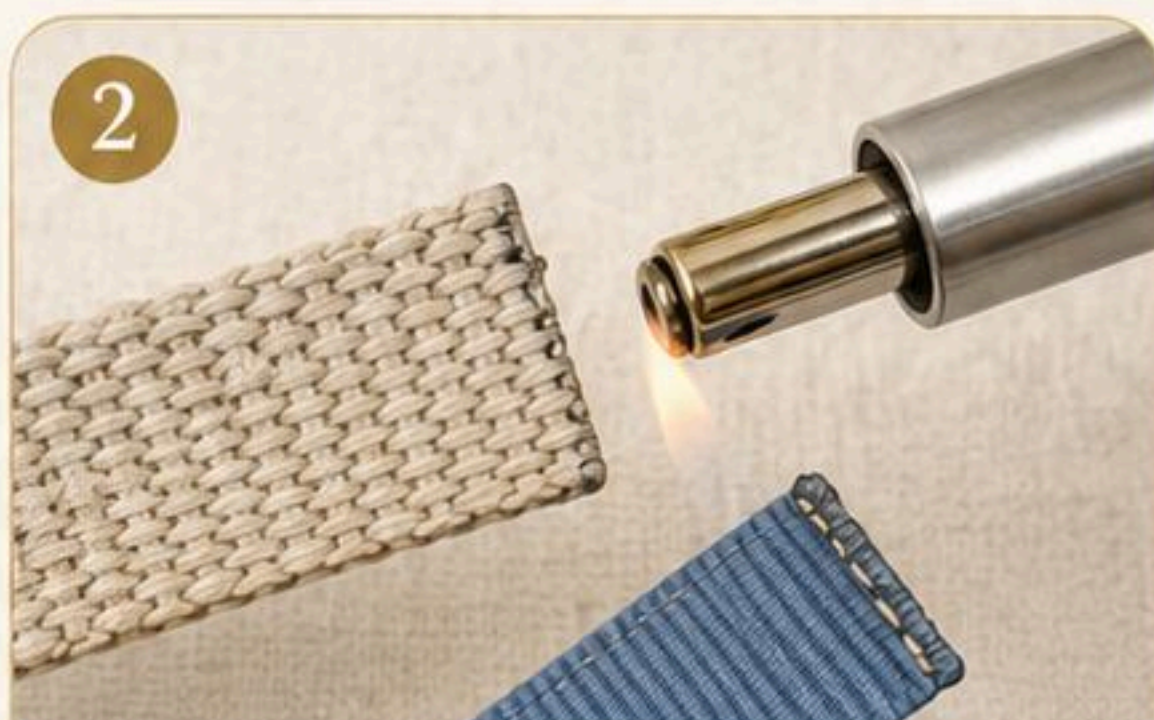
careful prep keeps the collar neat and the ribbon straight.

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Cut the outer fabric strip, ribbon strip, and nylon webbing using the size chart.

2



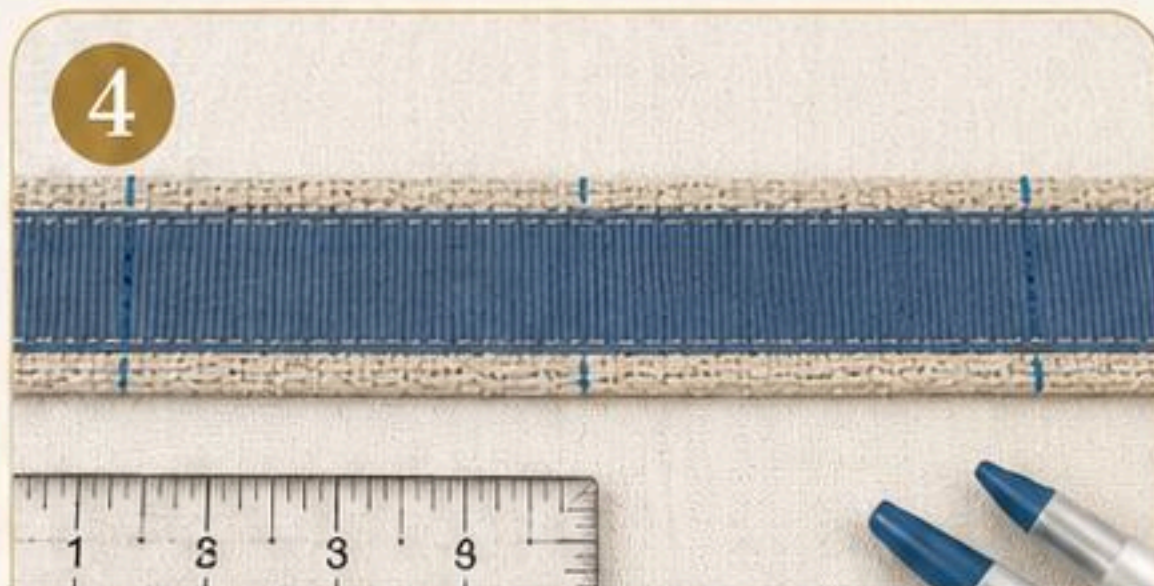
Heat-seal the nylon webbing ends and the ribbon ends very lightly to prevent fraying.

3



Press the outer fabric strip: fold each long side inward by 1/2 in, and fold each short end under by 1/2 in.

4



Mark the center line for the ribbon and mark a stop point so the ribbon begins and ends about 1 in from each short end.

TIP

Keep the ribbon flat and square while pressing so it stitches on straight.



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Sew the Ribbon Overlay

STITCH THE DECORATIVE RIBBON TO THE OUTER FABRIC STRIP BEFORE BUILDING THE COLLAR STRAP.

- 1 Place the dusty blue ribbon centered along the prepared outer fabric strip, leaving about 1 in clear at both short ends.



- 2 Use clips or pins to hold the ribbon straight and flat.



- 3 Topstitch close to one long ribbon edge from end to end.



- 4 Stitch the second ribbon edge so the overlay is secure, centered, and smooth.



— Straight, parallel stitching gives the collar a boutique finish. —

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Build the Collar Strap

Wrap the stitched fabric strip around the webbing to create a strong collar base.

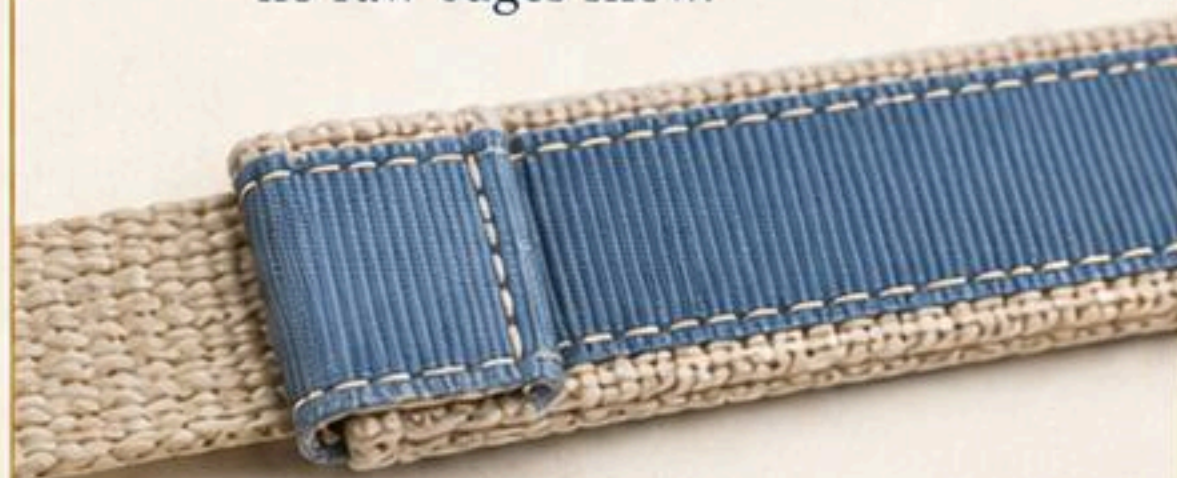
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Slide the 1 in nylon webbing inside the stitched fabric strip until it is centered.



2

Fold the short ends neatly over the webbing so no raw edges show.



3

Hold the strap closed around the webbing using clips.



4

Topstitch close to both long edges and neatly across the short ends to make the finished strap.



Keep stitches straight and parallel for a durable selling collar.

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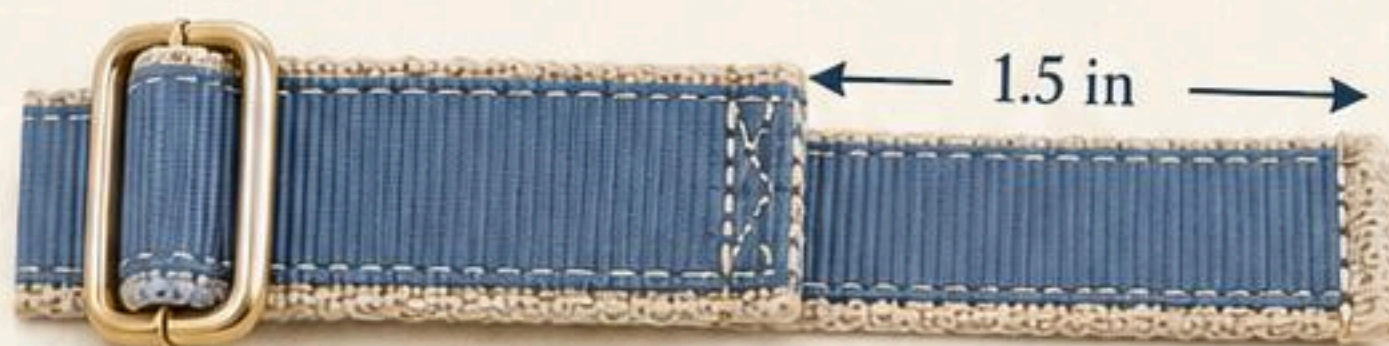
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Add the Hardware

THREAD THE BUCKLE, D-RING, AND TRIGLIDE
IN THE CORRECT ORDER TO CREATE THE ADJUSTABLE COLLAR.

1

Thread one end of the strap through the triglide slider, fold back 1.5 in, and stitch securely.



2

Thread the opposite end through the male side-release buckle and stitch a secure box-X.



3

Thread the free end through the D-ring, then through the female side-release buckle.



4

Bring the free end back through the triglide to create the adjustable tail.



Check that the collar adjusts smoothly to S 10–14 in,
M 14–18 in, and L 18–22 in.

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Finish the Collar

SMOOTH THE STRAP, CHECK THE RIBBON PLACEMENT,
AND COMPLETE THE FINAL SEWING DETAILS.

1



Fasten the collar and lay it flat so you can inspect the ribbon and overall shape.

2



Check that the ribbon runs straight through the center and that both ribbon edges are stitched evenly.

3



Trim loose threads and reinforce any weak stitching if needed, especially near the hardware folds.

4



Give the collar a final light press so the strap lies smooth and polished.



A smooth strap and centered ribbon make the finished collar look professional.



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Check the Sizes & Selling Notes

CONFIRM THE FINISHED ADJUSTABLE RANGE
AND PREPARE THE COLLAR FOR SALE.

1

Set the collar to its smallest setting and measure the inside circumference flat.



Example: 10 in

2

Set the collar to its largest setting and measure the inside circumference flat.



Example: 22 in

3

Compare your finished collar to the size chart and label it clearly for selling.



Label clearly for selling

FINISHED SELLING SIZES

Size	Neck (adjustable)	Ribbon overlay
Small	10–14 in	21 x 7/8 in
Medium	14–18 in	25 x 7/8 in
Large	18–22 in	29 x 7/8 in

Seller Note

List the collar by neck size and mention the ribbon color or print in your product description.

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Finished Collar & Quality Check

THE BASIC RIBBON OVERLAY COLLAR IS
READY TO PHOTOGRAPH, LABEL, AND SELL.



1. DETAIL VIEW



The ribbon should stay centered and flat across the finished strap.

2. QUALITY CHECK CHECKLIST

- ☐ Stitches are straight
- ☐ Hardware is secure
- ☐ Ribbon is centered
- ☐ No raw edges visible
- ☐ Adjustment range is correct
- ☐ Collar lies flat

3. CARE



Spot clean the collar, air dry flat, and avoid long soaking to protect the hardware and ribbon.

This simple ribbon-overlay design is a versatile, handmade collar for everyday wear, gifts, and boutique listings.

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