



# Macramé Dog Collar



A HANDMADE SQUARE-KNOT COLLAR TUTORIAL

Create a stylish handmade collar with simple macramé techniques.





# What You'll Make



This guide walks you through making a handmade macramé dog collar using simple square-knot techniques, basic tools, and cotton rope.

It's a beginner-friendly project that works well for personal use, gifts, or a handmade product line.



**Style:** square-knot macramé collar



**Best for:** medium to large dogs





BEFORE YOU START



# Materials & Tools



Gather the following supplies before you begin.

- 5 mm cotton rope
- Side-release buckle
- 20 mm D-ring
- Adhesive or masking tape
- Measuring tape
- Scissors
- Lighter



## TIP

Choose a soft but sturdy cotton cord for a comfortable collar finish.





STEP 1



# Prepare the Rope



Set up the long cords on the buckle before you begin knotting.



Two outer  
working cords



Center  
filler cords

This setup creates the base for the square-knot pattern.





# Rope Lengths & Setup



- 1 Cut two long pieces of 5 mm cotton rope, each 3 m long. These will form the main collar body.
- 2 Cut one additional 40 cm piece of rope and set it aside for the final wrapping knot.
- 3 Fold the two long cords through one side of the buckle so the shorter center lengths become the filler cords and the longer outside lengths become the working cords.
- 4 Aim for about 63.5 cm of filler cord length below the buckle before you start knotting.



*Keep both sides even  
before moving on to the next step.*





STEP 2

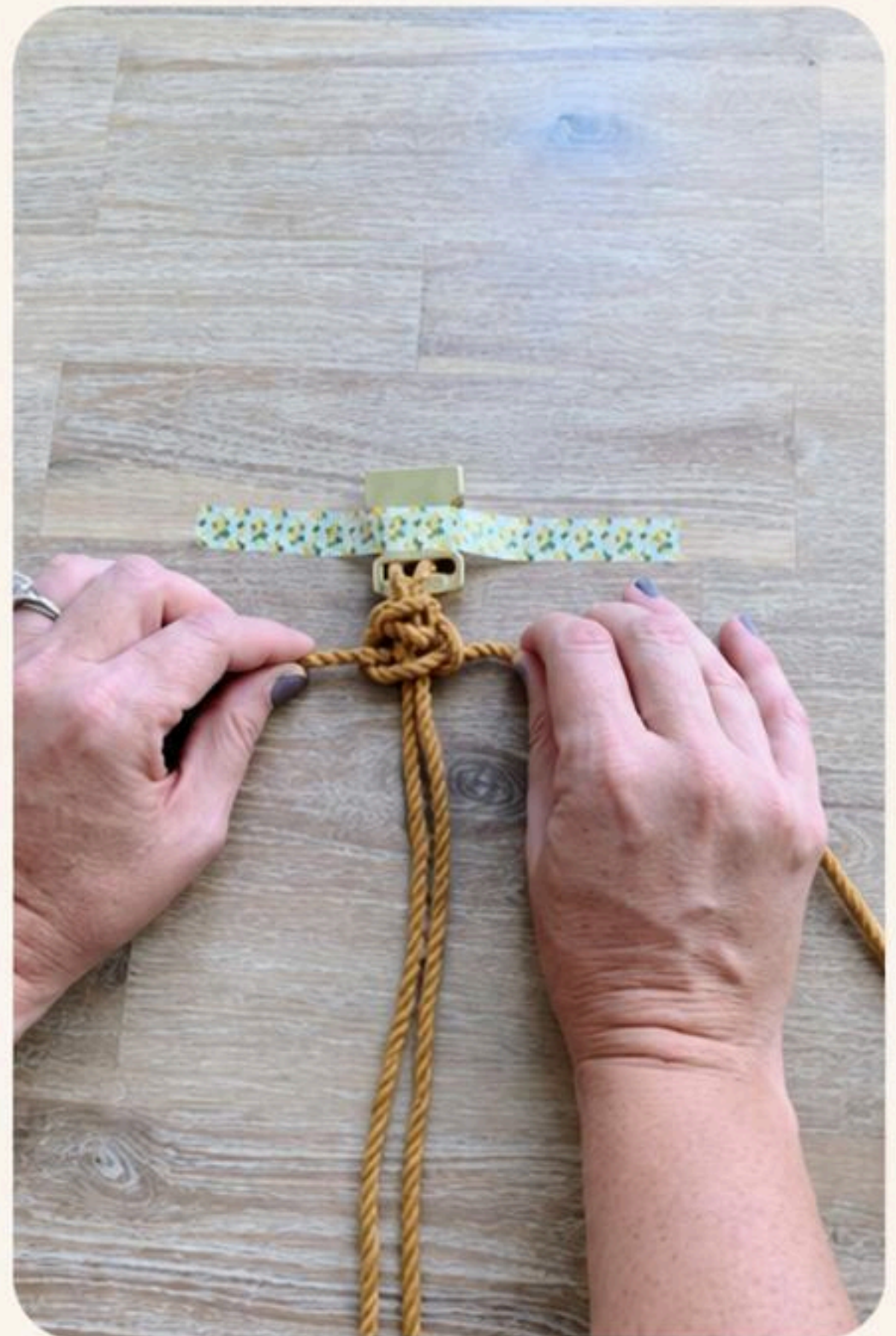


# Secure the Buckle



Tape or fix the buckle to a flat work surface so it stays steady while you knot.

Use masking tape or another surface-safe tape that will hold the buckle firmly without damaging the table.



A stable setup makes the next knotting steps easier and cleaner.





STEP 3



# Begin the Square Knot



Now you're ready to start the main knot pattern.

- Separate the cords so the two filler cords stay in the center and the working cords sit on the outside.
- The square knot is built in two mirrored motions that repeat down the collar.





STEP 3



# Square Knot — Part 1



- 1 Bring the left working cord across the front of the filler cords to create a shape like the number 4.
- 2 Lay the right working cord over the left cord, pass it behind the filler cords, and feed it up through the left loop.
- 3 Pull both working cords outward to tighten the first half of the knot.



Tighten evenly so the knot sits straight under the buckle.





# Square Knot –

## Part 2



After tightening the first half, reverse the setup to complete the square knot.

1

Bring the right working cord across the filler cords so the shape now mirrors the first motion, like a reversed 4 or a 'P'.

2

Lay the left working cord over the right cord, pass it behind the filler cords, and bring it up through the right-side loop.

3

Pull both working cords outward to tighten the second half of the knot.



Repeat Part 1 and Part 2 to build the full square-knot pattern.





STEP 4



# Add the D-Ring



After making the first square knots below the buckle, slide the two filler cords through the D-ring.

Position the ring so it rests neatly against the knots below the buckle.



*This ring will be used to attach the leash clip.*





# Continue the Collar



- Continue making knots and alternating between the “4” and “P” knots to balance your pet’s collar.
- You will continue making square knots until you reach the 46 cm in length.
- At this stage, you can also adjust the length as needed, perhaps adding a few more or fewer knots, depending on the size of your pet’s neck.





# Attach the Second Buckle



## Connect the Second Buckle

- Untie the knots at each end of the rope.
- Add the other end of the buckle to the side of the buckle that it is attached to the ropes.



## Pass Through the Buckle

While both ends of the buckle are secured, pass the 4 ends (of the filler and working cords) through the top of the buckle and create an 8 cm space between the buckle and the last square knot.





STEP 7



# Secure the Second Buckle



-  Separate the ends of the buckle.
-  Position the new buckle half facing down on a flat surface.
-  Secure the buckle by tying a square knot.

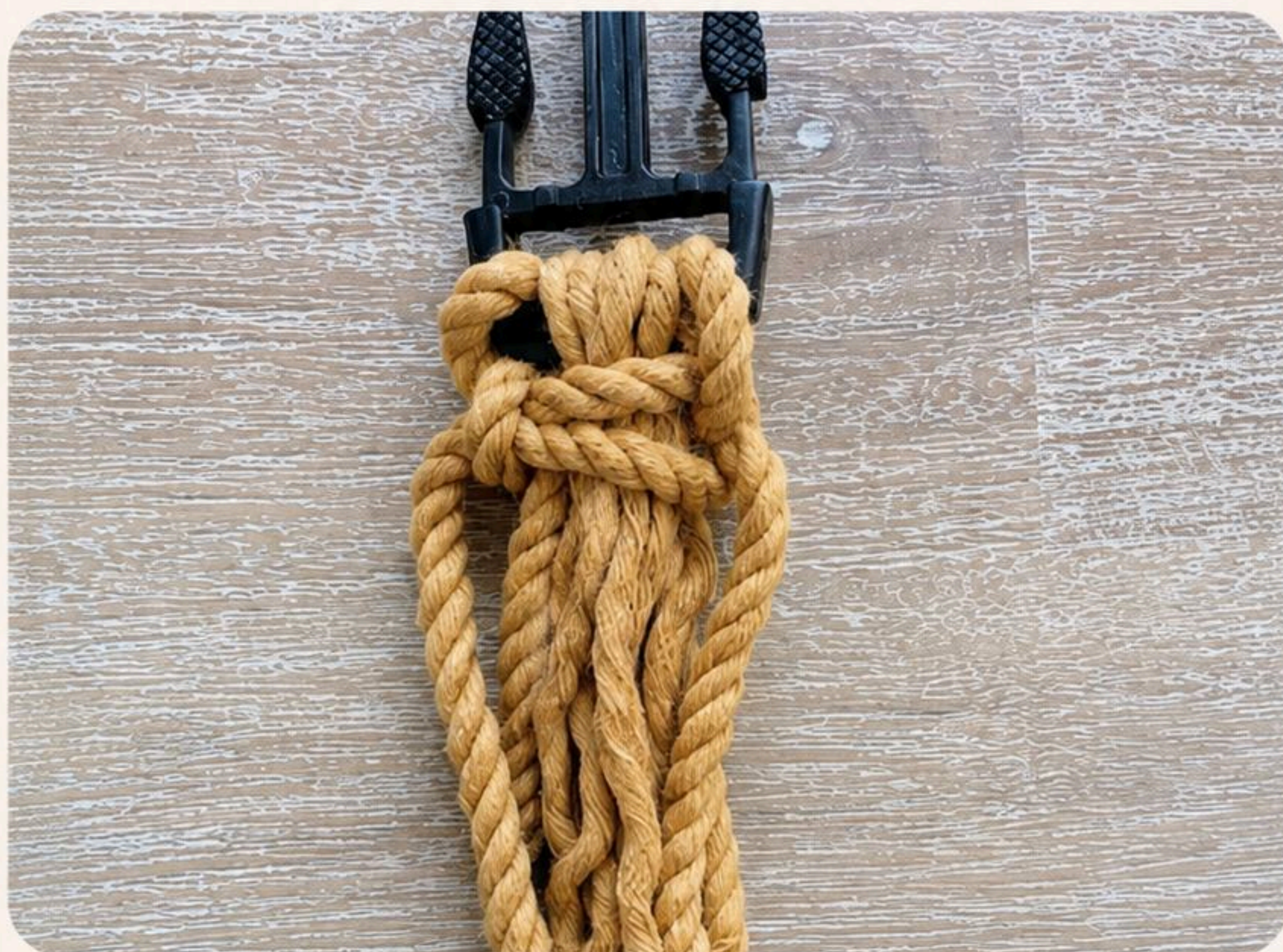




# Bring the Cord Ends Forward



-  Bring all of the rope ends together in front of the 8 cm gap.
-  The working cords are probably much longer than the filling cords.
-  Although the steps are the same, everyone ties the knots differently, so we've added a little extra length to these working cords to make sure you don't run out of rope.





STEP 9

# The Wrapping Knot – Part 1



1

Use the shorter 40 cm cord saved from step 1.

2

Place it in the center of the necklace or collar with a 3 cm end extending over the buckle.

3

Move the end of the cord up and down to form a loop that looks like a lowercase d.



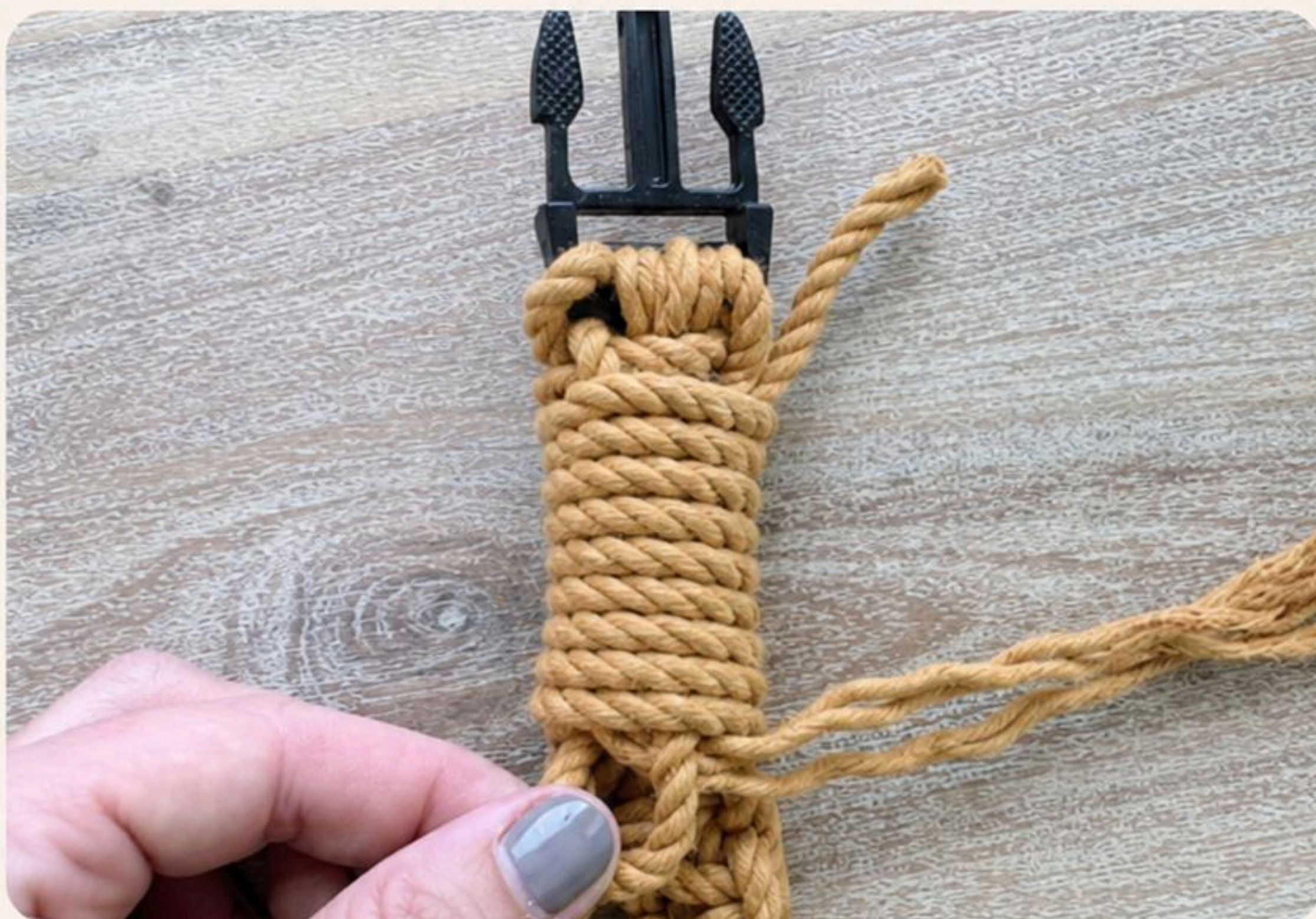


STEP 9

# The Wrapping Knot – Part 2



- 1 Wrap the short cord down around all of the cords while filling the 8 cm space.
- 2 Be sure to include the loop and keep it as you wrap.
- 3 Once the space is filled, feed the cord end down through the loop.





STEP 9



# The Wrapping Knot — Finish



Finally, gently pull the top 3 cm end to pass the loop through the wrapped section and secure the knot.

Cut the top rope after bringing the loop up to the wrapping knot.





# Neck Finish



After completing the wrapping knot, you will probably have some loose threads at the bottom of the knot.

1

**Option 1:** Cut the cords to about 6 cm in length and fray the edges to create a pretty fringed detail.

2

**Option 2:** Trim the ropes close to the wrapping knot.





PROJECT COMPLETE



# Finished Collar



And you're done!

Grab your favorite furry friend and treat them to their new handmade collar!

They'll be the most stylish dogs in your city!

