



Paracord Pet Collar Guide



Create a colorful handmade collar for pets of any size.



A beginner-friendly step-by-step tutorial.





Welcome



In this guide, you'll learn how to make a colorful paracord pet collar.



All you need is paracord, a few basic tools, and a couple of simple knots.



This is a great beginner project—perfect for your own pet, as a handmade gift, or as a product to sell.



Follow the steps in order for the best result.





Materials Needed



Let's create a unique handmade paracord collar for your furry best friend. These collars are colorful, practical, and easy to customize.

- Paracord 550 in 3 coordinating colors
- Side-release buckle
- Metal D-ring
- Adhesive tape (optional)
- Measuring tape (optional)
- Scissors
- Lighter



Choose colors that look good together and are easy to track while knotting.



Size & Cord Planning



How much paracord you need depends on the size of the pet's neck. Because this collar is thicker than usual, add about 3 to 6 cm to the neck measurement for a comfortable finished fit.



Example:

if the pet's neck measures 25 cm, aim for a finished collar circumference of about **28 to 31 cm**.



For the sample shown in this guide, prepare generous cord lengths in both main colors so you have enough to complete the weave. A good working example is about **6 meters of each main cord color** for a smaller collar.



It's always better to have a little extra cord than to run short before the project is finished.



Tip: Measure first, cut second.



Step 1 — Prepare Your Rope



It's time to join the cord ends to create a longer working length.



There are two common ways to do this:

- 1 Melt the two cord ends with a lighter and press them together.
- 2 For a cleaner join, remove a little of the inner strands from one unfinished end, insert the melted tip of the other cord inside, then carefully melt and press the outer edge closed.



Hold the join in place until it cools.



Use pliers or the side of the lighter to press the melted ends together neatly.



Step 2 – Fasten the Buckle



- ♡ Separate the buckle and tape one side down on your work surface.
- ♡ Place a measuring tape beside it and measure to the desired collar length.
- ♡ Use adhesive tape to secure the opposite end of the buckle at the measurement mark.
- ♡ This setup helps keep the work stable while you begin knotting.



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Optional Setup – Use a Paracord Template



An alternative to working directly on the table is to use a paracord template or jig.



This handy tool is often used for paracord bracelets, but it also works well for making collars.



Because collars are usually longer than bracelets, adjust the template to a slightly larger size when making pet collars.



This option can make measuring and holding the buckle even easier.



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Step 3 — Start the Square Knot



Regardless of how the buckle is positioned, the basic weaving method stays the same.



Fold the cord about 3 to 6 cm away from the fused area.



Pass the loop through the lower part of the buckle.



Then pass the loose ends through the loop and pull tight to secure the cord to the buckle.



This creates the starting point for the square knot pattern.



Follow each step to build a strong, colorful collar.



Square Knot — Color Placement



Decide which color you want to appear in the center of the collar. In this sample, purple is centered and pink runs along the outside.

1

Fold the center cord to form a '4' shape.

2

Pass the opposite cord under the center cords and up through the loop.

3

Pull both ends firmly to tighten the knot.

4

For the second half of the knot, repeat the same motion in the opposite direction.

5

Pass the purple cord over the center cords to form an inverted '4'.

6

Pass the pink cord under the center cords and up through the loop.

7

Pull the ends to tighten.



Keep the color order consistent so the pattern stays clean.





Square Knot Basics

- 1** In this guide, we use the square knot. It is a simple two-step knot.
- 2** First, take the left working cord and place it horizontally over the filler cords.
- 3** Next, place the right working cord directly over the left working cord.
- 4** This creates a shape similar to the number 4.
- 5** You'll complete the knot by threading the working cord through the opening and tightening it in the next step.



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Square Knot — Second Half

This half completes the square knot by repeating the motion in reverse.

- 1 Pass the right working cord behind the filler cords and through the opening on the left side.
- 2 Pull the left and right working cords outward to tighten the knot.
- 3 For the second stage of the square knot, repeat the process in reverse.
- 4 Place the right working cord horizontally over the filler cords.
- 5 Place the left working cord over the right working cord.
- 6 This arrangement resembles the letter “P”.
- 7 Pass the left working cord behind the filler cords and through the opening on the right side.
- 8 Pull both working cords to tighten.



Repeat these two halves together to complete one full square knot.



Step 4 — Create the Collar

Continue repeating the square knots to build the body of the collar.



Keep repeating the knot pattern to extend the collar.



If the outer pink cord starts showing through the center, untie that section and correct it.



To keep the pattern clean, the center-colored cord should stay **ABOVE** the center filler cords, while the outer cord passes **UNDER** them.



Once you understand the rhythm, the knots will flow quickly and evenly.



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Step 5 — Reinforce the Collar

Keep knotting until you reach the buckle on the opposite side. For a pet collar, this section should be reinforced so it is stronger and more secure than a simple bracelet.

- Continue with alternating knots until you reach the opposite end.
- Turn the collar over or remove it from the taped work area so the functional cord ends are on top again.
- Work carefully so the final reinforcement lines up with the starting side.



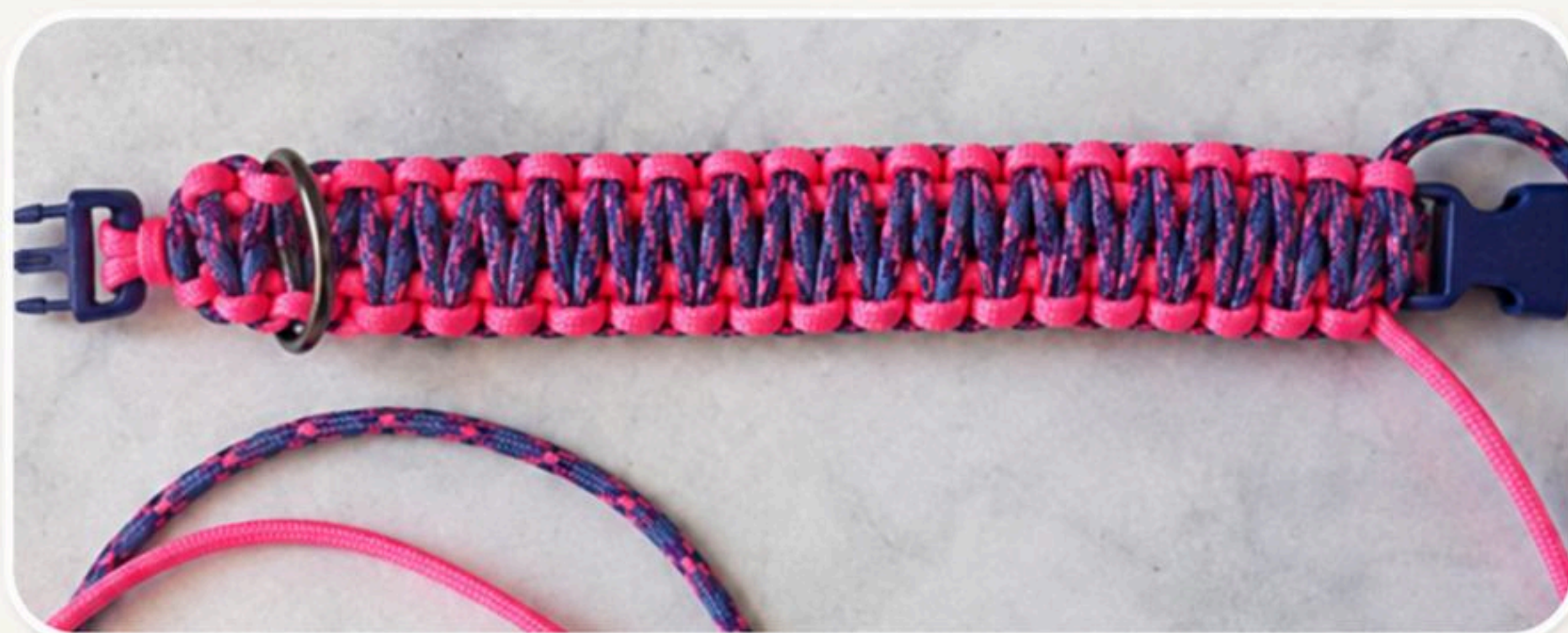
A reinforced finish helps the collar handle pulling and everyday wear.



Add the D-Rings

Now transform the collar into a more secure, reinforced design by locking the next knots through the rings.

- 1 Make one or two knots just like before. Before placing the next pink outer cord under the center, pass it through the D-ring.
- 2 Tighten the knot well, then pass the next pink cord through the ring on the opposite side to secure it.
- 3 These finishing knots should sit neatly in the spaces of the previous knots.
- 4 Check your work as you go so you can catch any mistakes early.



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Step 6 — Finish the Collar

This final step locks everything in place and gives your collar a clean, polished finish.

- 1 Continue tying knots until you reach the opposite end, tightening each knot as you go.
- 2 When you reach the end, trim the extra cord and melt the ends with a lighter to prevent fraying.
- 3 While the cord is still warm, use pliers to press the melted end smoothly against the neighboring cord.
- 4 This creates a neat finish and helps keep the collar securely in place.



Take your time here for the cleanest final result.



And That's It!

Your paracord collar is now ready to use.

1

Paracord offers endless color combinations and pattern possibilities.

2

You can make a custom collar to match any pet's personality.

3

Enjoy your handmade collar and experiment with new color palettes on your next one.



They'll be one of the most stylish pets in town!