

Birthday Name Collar

Make an adjustable fabric-covered collar with a personalized birthday-style name panel for a fun boutique look.



THIS GUIDE INCLUDES 3 SELLABLE SIZES



Small —
10–14 inch neck



Medium —
14–18 inch neck



Large —
18–22 inch neck

PROJECT OVERVIEW

1



Size & cut

2



Make birthday
name panel

3



Place panel

4



Stitch panel

5



Sew sleeves

6



Add webbing

7



Attach
hardware

8



Finish &
adjust

WHAT YOU'LL MAKE



This project shows you how to make an adjustable fabric-covered collar with a centered birthday-style personalized panel. It features a strong webbing core for durability and comes in three ready-to-sell size ranges.

- ♥ Personalized birthday look
- ♥ Strong for everyday wear
- ♥ Clean sellable finish



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Size System & Cutting Chart

Use these ready-to-sell sizes and cut all pieces before you begin.



Measurement / Piece	Small 10–14 in	Medium 14–18 in	Large 18–22 in
Finished neck range:	10–14 in	14–18 in	18–22 in
Finished collar width:	1 in	1 in	1 in
Hardware size:	1 in	1 in	1 in
Long webbing strap:	22 in	26 in	30 in
Short buckle strap:	5 in	5 in	5 in
Long outer fabric strip:	23 x 2.5 in	27 x 2.5 in	31 x 2.5 in
Short outer fabric strip:	6 x 2.5 in	6 x 2.5 in	6 x 2.5 in
Long strip interfacing:	same as fabric	same as fabric	same as fabric
Short strip interfacing:	same as fabric	same as fabric	same as fabric
Birthday name panel cut size:	5.5 x 1.5 in	6.5 x 1.5 in	7.5 x 1.5 in
Finished panel size:	5 x 1 in	6 x 1 in	7 x 1 in
Safe name zone:	4.5 x 0.75 in	5.5 x 0.75 in	6.5 x 0.75 in

MEASUREMENT LOGIC

1 LONG STRAP (adjustable range)



This strap forms
the adjustable length.

2 SHORT STRAP (hardware end)



Connects to the
buckle and D-ring.

3 BIRTHDAY NAME ZONE



NOTE: Keep the birthday name panel inside the
safe zone so it stays fully visible after assembly.



TIP: Short names and simple flat decorations are
the easiest to sew neatly and sell consistently.

Tools & Materials

Gather everything before you start for a smoother, more accurate build.

1 FABRICS & STABILIZERS



Cotton canvas or
quilting cotton



Fusible
interfacing



Accent fabric
for name panel



Accent fabric scraps
for birthday motifs



Tear-away or
cut-away embroidery
stabilizer

2 STRUCTURE MATERIALS



1 in nylon or
polypropylene webbing

3 HARDWARE



Side-release
buckle set



Tri-glide
slider



D-ring

4 THREADS



All-purpose
sewing thread



Embroidery or
topstitch thread



Optional accent
thread colors for
birthday details

5 TOOLS



Sewing
machine



Sewing
needle



Scissors or
rotary cutter



Ruler



Fabric
marker



Clips or
pins



Iron



Lighter or
Fray Check



All 3 sizes use 1 in webbing and 1 in hardware for a clean sellable system.



Choose thread and motif colors that contrast clearly so the name stays readable.



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Step 1 — Cut All Pieces

Cut the webbing, fabric, interfacing, panel, and motif pieces using the chart from Page 2.



Piece	Small 10–14 in	Medium 14–18 in	Large 18–22 in
Long webbing	22 in	26 in	30 in
Short webbing	5 in	5 in	5 in
Long fabric	23 x 2.5 in	27 x 2.5 in	31 x 2.5 in
Short fabric	6 x 2.5 in	6 x 2.5 in	6 x 2.5 in
Long strip interfacing	23 x 2.5 in	27 x 2.5 in	31 x 2.5 in
Short strip interfacing	6 x 2.5 in	6 x 2.5 in	6 x 2.5 in
Birthday name panel	5.5 x 1.5 in	6.5 x 1.5 in	7.5 x 1.5 in
Stabilizer	slightly larger than panel	slightly larger than panel	slightly larger than panel
Small motif pieces	tiny crown, stars, or confetti shapes	tiny crown, stars, or confetti shapes	tiny crown, stars, or confetti shapes

MICRO-STEPS

1

Measure and cut the long and short webbing.

2

Seal the cut webbing ends lightly with a lighter or Fray Check.

3

Cut the long and short fabric strips.

4

Cut matching interfacing pieces.

5

Cut the birthday name panel rectangle, stabilizer, and tiny motif pieces.

6

Keep each size grouped and labeled.

SAFETY NOTE — SEAL WEBBING ENDS



GOOD SEAL

Smooth, slightly melted edge that won't fray.



TOO MUCH HEAT

Burnt, brittle edge that can weaken or fray.



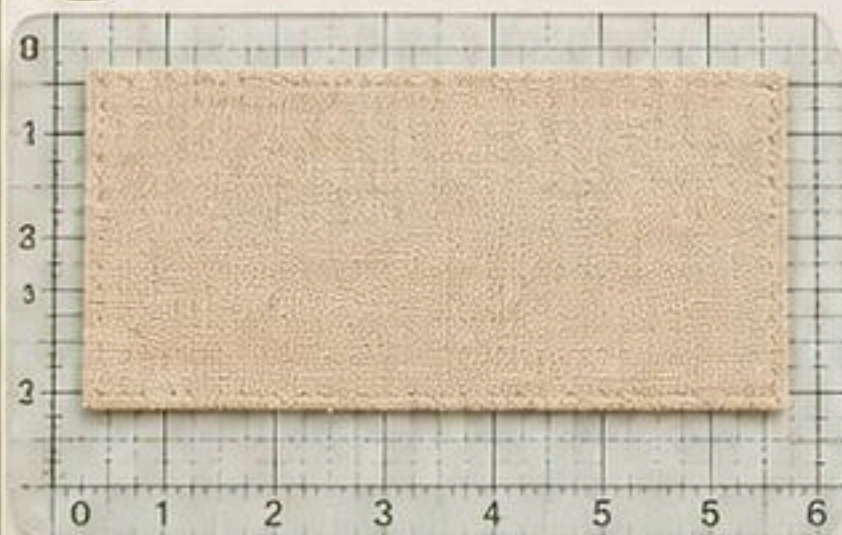
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Step 2 — Make the Birthday Name Panel

Prepare the personalized birthday panel before attaching it to the collar strip.

1



Cut the panel rectangle to the size for your collar.

2



Press all four raw edges under by about 1/4 in to create the finished panel size.

3



Mark centerlines on the panel and place embroidery stabilizer behind it.

4



Lightly trace or mark the name "MILO" centered on the panel and add small flat birthday motifs such as a crown and stars/confetti.

5



Stitch the name neatly with satin stitch or dense decorative stitching, then stitch the small birthday motifs flat.

6



Press the finished panel flat and check that the edges stay folded under.

PANEL SIZES



Small: cut 5.5 x 1.5 in
→ finishes about 5 x 1 in



Medium: cut 6.5 x 1.5 in
→ finishes about 6 x 1 in



Large: cut 7.5 x 1.5 in
→ finishes about 7 x 1 in

NAME TIP



Keep the name centered and the decorations flat for a clean sellable look.

PREVIEW



Step 3 — Place & Stitch the Birthday Name Panel

Sew the finished panel onto the long strip while the strip is still flat.



Hidden end-fold zone

Safe birthday panel zone

Hidden end-fold zone

- 1 Check that the panel is centered on the strip.



- 2 Confirm the left and right side margins look even.



- 3 Clip or pin the panel in place.



- 4 Topstitch around the panel close to the outer edge.



- 5 Continue stitching all four sides securely.



- 6 Trim loose threads and inspect the corners.



- 7 Check that the panel lies flat, faces outward, and stays inside the safe zone.



FINISHED EXAMPLE



NOTE: Attach the birthday name panel before turning the strip into a sleeve — this is easier and cleaner.



TIP: Keep all birthday decorations inside the panel so they remain secure and practical.



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Step 4 — Sew the Fabric Sleeves

Turn the outer fabric strips into neat covers for the webbing.



LONG STRIP

SHORT STRIP

1

Fold each strip lengthwise, right sides together.



2

Stitch the long edge with about a 1/4 in seam allowance.



3

Turn the tubes right side out.



4

Press flat with the seam centered on the underside.



5

Confirm the long strip shows the birthday name panel centered on the front side.



AT A GLANCE



Right sides together



Stitch



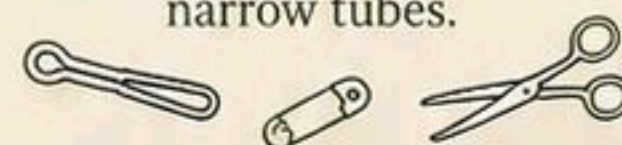
Turn



Finished sleeve

TIP

A loop turner, safety pin, or hemostat can help turn narrow tubes.



Step 5 – Insert the Webbing & Topstitch

Slide the strong inner strap into each sleeve and secure the cover in place.

LONG STRAP (WITH BIRTHDAY PANEL)



SHORT STRAP (HARDWARE END)



FOLLOW THESE STEPS

- 1 Slide the long webbing into the long fabric sleeve.
- 2 Slide the short webbing into the short fabric sleeve.
- 3 Keep the seam on the underside of each strap.
- 4 Fold the extra 1/2 in fabric at each end inward to hide raw edges.
- 5 Topstitch near both long edges to hold the fabric smoothly around the webbing.
- 6 Topstitch the short ends closed.

NOTE:

The birthday panel should stay centered and face outward on the long strap.

TIP:

Use clips instead of pins when the layers feel thick.



Step 6 — Attach the Hardware

Build the buckle end and the adjustable side exactly in this order.

A) SHORT STRAP (buckle end with D-ring)

-  Slide one buckle half onto the short covered strap.
-  Add the D-ring.
-  Fold the strap end back by about 1.5 in.
-  Sew a strong box-X stitch to lock it.
-  The D-ring should sit between the buckle and the stitch line.

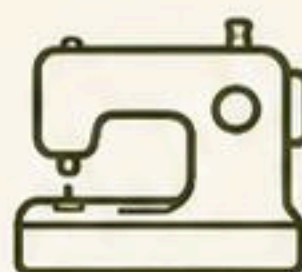
B) LONG STRAP (adjustable side)

-  Thread one end of the long covered strap through the center bar of the tri-glide slider.
-  Fold that end back by about 1.5 in and stitch securely to anchor the slider.
-  Take the free end and thread it through the other buckle half.
-  Bring the free end back through the tri-glide to create the adjustable section.
-  Make sure the birthday panel faces outward when the collar is closed.



CAUTION:

Always check the buckle direction before sewing. Both halves must face inward so the collar can be fastened correctly.



STITCH NOTE:

Use a strong box-X stitch at all stress points to keep hardware secure and the collar durable.



Step 7 — Finish, Adjust & Quality Check

Test the collar, confirm the size range, and make sure it is ready to sell.



FINAL CHECKLIST

- 1** Buckle snaps together smoothly.



- 2** Slider adjusts the collar easily.



- 3** D-ring is secure.



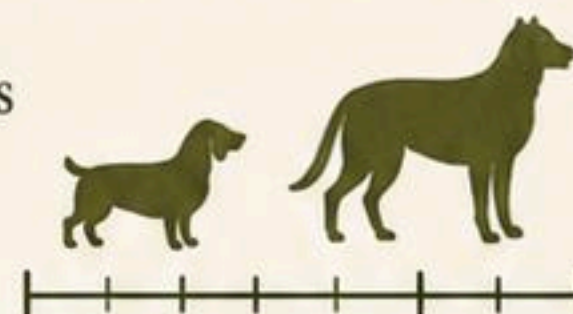
- 4** Birthday name panel is centered and stitched securely.



- 5** Seams and topstitching are neat and strong.



- 6** The collar reaches the correct size range.



SIZE REMINDER

- ♥ Small fits 10–14 in necks
- ♥ Medium fits 14–18 in necks
- ♥ Large fits 18–22 in necks



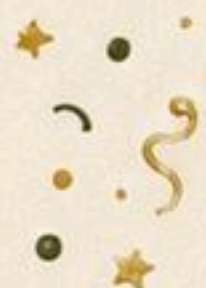
FINAL NOTE

Pull firmly on the hardware and around the panel edges before selling. Quality and safety come first.



CARE TIP

Spot clean or hand wash, reshape, and air dry.



• Your birthday name collar is ready!
Great job!

