

DECORATIVE TOPSTITCH COLLAR

A collar where topstitching becomes part of the design.



OVERVIEW



Skill Level:

Beginner–Intermediate



Pages:

10



Finished Width:

1 in



Use:

Adjustable boutique dog collar



Safety:

Decorative everyday collar, not for tie-out or heavy pulling.

SIZES INCLUDED



SMALL

10–14 in



MEDIUM

14–18 in



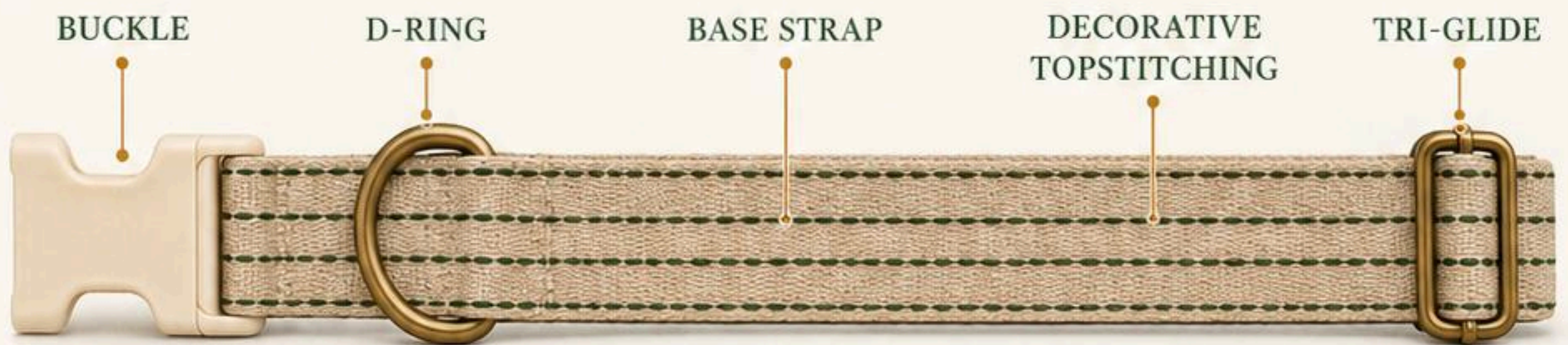
LARGE

18–22 in

This guide uses 3 seller-friendly dog sizes.

SIZES & CUTTING LENGTHS

Use these 3 seller-friendly dog sizes for the Decorative Topstitch Collar.



SIZE	NECK RANGE	WEBBING CUT	BASE FABRIC STRIP
SMALL	10–14 in	19 in	3 x 20 in
MEDIUM	14–18 in	23 in	3 x 24 in
LARGE	18–22 in	27 in	3 x 28 in



Use 1 in
collar hardware
for all sizes.



Finished collar width
for all sizes: 1 in.

SMALL



MEDIUM



LARGE



TOOLS & MATERIALS

Gather these supplies before you begin.



1 in cotton
or canvas
base fabric



1 in nylon or
polypropylene
webbing core



Matching
thread



Contrasting
topstitch
thread



1 in side-release
buckle set



1 in tri-glide
slider



1 in
D-ring



Ruler or
tape measure



Fabric marker
or chalk



Fabric scissors
or rotary cutter



Clips or
pins



Iron



Sewing
machine

NOTES

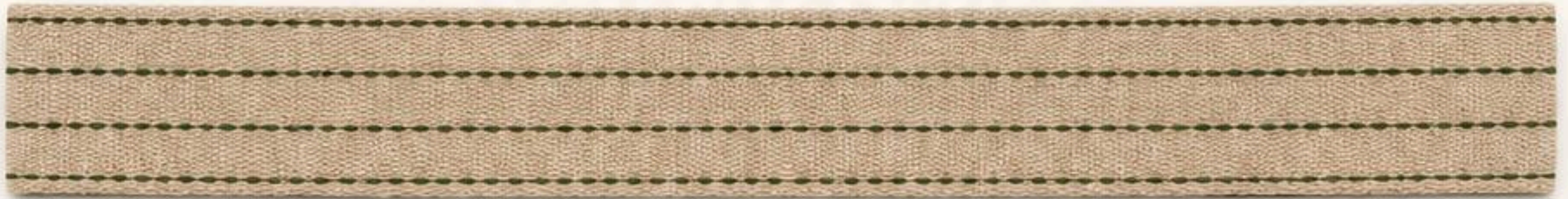
- Use a slightly longer stitch length for visible decorative topstitching.
- The webbing is the strength layer.
- Decorative everyday collar only, not for tie-out.



CUT THE PIECES

Cut the strength layer and the fabric wrap for your collar.

WEBBING STRIP



BASE FABRIC STRIP



CUTTING CHART

SIZE	WEBBING STRIP	BASE FABRIC STRIP
SMALL	19 in	3 x 20 in
MEDIUM	23 in	3 x 24 in
LARGE	27 in	3 x 28 in

- 1 Choose the size you are making.
- 2 Measure and cut the webbing strip.
- 3 Cut the base fabric strip.
- 4 Keep each size set grouped together.
- 5 Check that all edges are clean and straight.



WRAP THE WEBBING

Build the base collar strap around the webbing core.

- 1** Place the base fabric strip wrong side up.



- 2** Center the webbing strip on top.



- 3** Fold one long fabric edge over the webbing.



- 4** Fold the second long edge over so the webbing is fully wrapped.



- 5** Clip or pin the wrap closed.



- 6** Topstitch close to one long edge.



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



- 8** Check that the finished strap lies flat and measures 1 in wide.



BACK VIEW



FRONT VIEW



FINISHED STRAP PREVIEW



Plain wrapped strap before adding the decorative topstitch lines.

ADD THE DECORATIVE TOPSTITCHING

Use contrast thread to turn the stitching into part of the design.

- 1** Start with the wrapped base strap.



- 2** Use a ruler and fabric marker to mark one guide line 1/4 in from the left edge and one guide line 1/4 in from the right edge.



- 3** Install contrast topstitch thread in the machine.



- 4** Stitch the first decorative line from end to end.



- 5** Stitch the second decorative line from end to end.



- 6** Keep both lines parallel to the edge stitching.



- 7** Smooth the strap and check for even spacing.



- 8** The decorative topstitched strap is ready.



FINISHED PREVIEW



TIP

Use a slightly longer stitch length so the decorative lines show clearly.

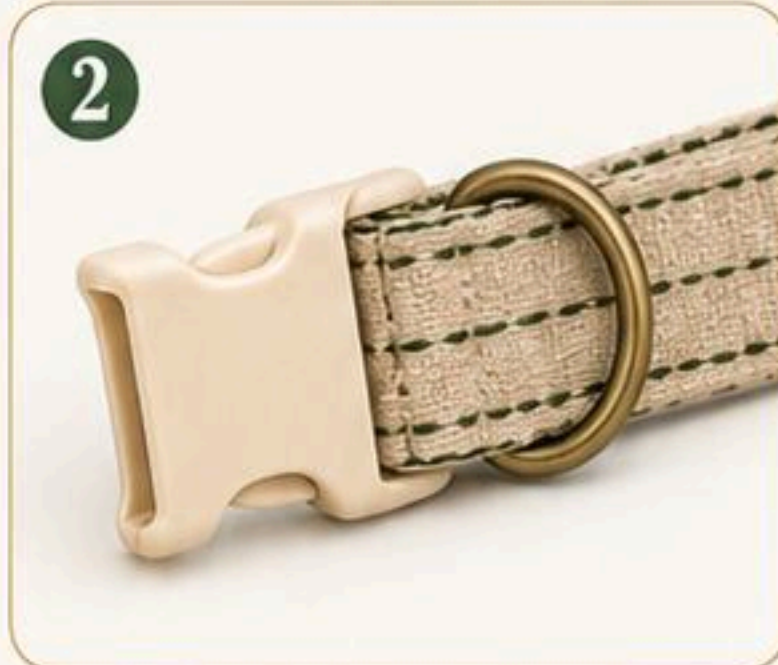


ATTACH THE FIXED END

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



1
Slide one collar end
through the D-ring.



2
Pass the same end
through the female buckle slot.



3
Fold the end back
about 1 1/2 in.



4
Position the D-ring so it sits
between the buckle and
the folded section.



5
Stitch a secure box or box-X
through the folded section.



6
The fixed end
is complete.

— FEMALE BUCKLE —



— D-RING POSITION —



— SECURED STITCHING —



THREAD THE ADJUSTABLE END

Add the tri-glide and second buckle half to complete the adjustable collar.



1

Slide the free collar end through the tri-glide slider.



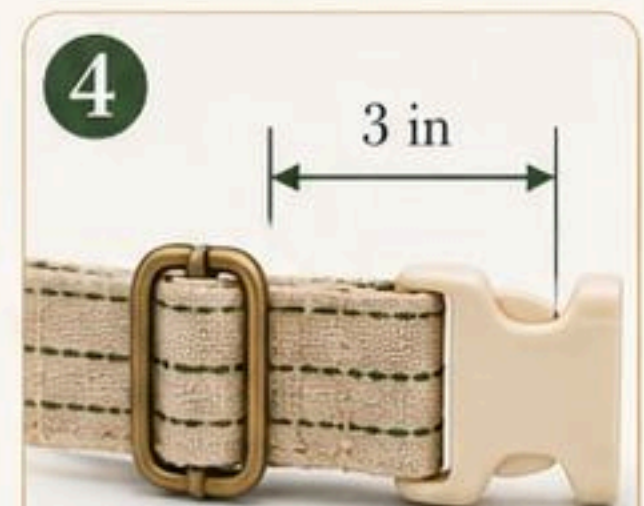
2

Pass the same end through the male buckle slot.



3

Bring the end back through the tri-glide from the opposite side.



4

Leave about a 3 in adjustment tail.



5

Make sure the adjustable section lies flat.



6

Snap the buckle closed to test the shape.



7

Slide the tri-glide to check that the collar adjusts smoothly.



8

Make sure the strap does not twist.

SLIDER PATH



MALE BUCKLE

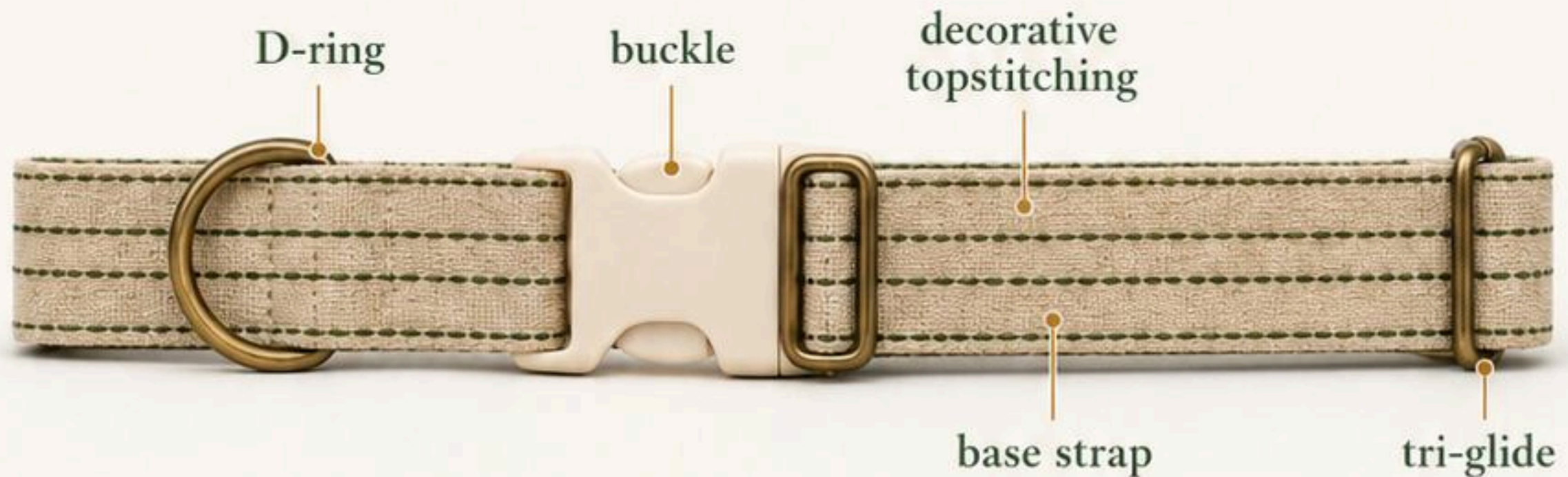


FINISHED ADJUSTABLE END



CHECK THE FIT & STITCH DETAIL

Inspect the collar and adjust it for a clean boutique finish.



CHECKLIST

- 1 Adjust the collar to the correct size range.
- 2 Leave room for 2 fingers at the neck.
- 3 Check that the buckle snaps securely.
- 4 Make sure the D-ring moves freely.
- 5 Check that all decorative stitch rows are straight and evenly spaced.
- 6 Inspect the stitching at both buckle ends.
- 7 Make sure the tri-glide holds the strap firmly.
- 8 Confirm that the collar lies flat without twisting.



SELLER NOTE:
Before selling, trim loose threads and give the collar a final press.



FINISHED COLLAR, FITTING & CARE

Your Decorative Topstitch Collar is ready to wear.



QUICK RECAP

- 1 Cut the pieces.
- 2 Wrap the webbing.
- 3 Add the decorative topstitching.
- 4 Attach the fixed end.
- 5 Thread the adjustable end.
- 6 Adjust the fit.

SAFETY



- Leave room for 2 fingers.
- Check stitching and hardware regularly.
- Decorative everyday collar only, not for tie-out or heavy pulling.



CARE

- Spot clean or gentle hand wash.
- Air dry flat.
- Press lightly if needed.

SIZE	NECK SIZE	WIDTH
SMALL	10–14 in	1 in
MEDIUM	14–18 in	1 in
LARGE	18–22 in	1 in

