

Pleated Fabric Collar

A fabric-covered adjustable collar finished with neat pleated fabric accents for a polished boutique look.



OVERVIEW



Finished size ranges:
Small 10–14 in, Medium 14–18 in,
Large 18–22 in



Finished widths:
Small 3/4 in, Medium 1 in,
Large 1 1/4 in



Skill level:
Beginner to Intermediate



Estimated time:
60–90 minutes



Seam allowance used throughout: 1/4 in

WHAT YOU'LL MAKE



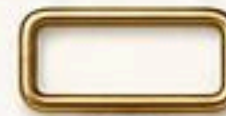
fabric-covered webbing core



pleated accent panel



side-release buckle



slider



D-ring



This collar uses a strong webbing core, a smooth fabric cover, and a neatly pleated accent panel for a durable boutique finish.

Tools & Materials

Choose sturdy materials and matching hardware for a durable pleated collar.

TOOLS CHECKLIST

☐ Sewing machine



☐ Iron



☐ Fabric scissors or rotary cutter



☐ Quilting ruler



☐ Clips or pins



☐ Fabric marker



☐ Seam gauge



☐ Point turner



☐ Lighter or heat sealer for webbing ends



MATERIALS

Quilting cotton or light canvas



Lightweight fusible interfacing



Nylon webbing



Matching thread



Side-release buckle



Triglode slider



D-ring



SIZE-SPECIFIC HARDWARE

Small: 3/4 in hardware + 3/4 in webbing

Medium: 1 in hardware + 1 in webbing

Large: 1 1/4 in hardware + 1 1/4 in webbing



IMPORTANT

Webbing and all hardware must be the same width.

Standard Sizes & Cutting Chart

Use these ready-to-sell size ranges so you can make collars without custom measuring.

Size	Neck Range	Finished Width	Webbing Cut Size	Base Fabric Strips (cut 2)	Interfacing (cut 1)	Pleated Accent Strip (cut 1)
Small 	10–14 in	3/4 in	22 x 3/4 in	24 x 2 1/4 in	24 x 2 1/4 in	10 1/2 x 1 1/8 in
Medium 	14–18 in	1 in	26 x 1 in	28 x 2 3/4 in	28 x 2 3/4 in	12 1/2 x 1 3/8 in
Large 	18–22 in	1 1/4 in	30 x 1 1/4 in	32 x 3 1/4 in	32 x 3 1/4 in	14 1/2 x 1 5/8 in



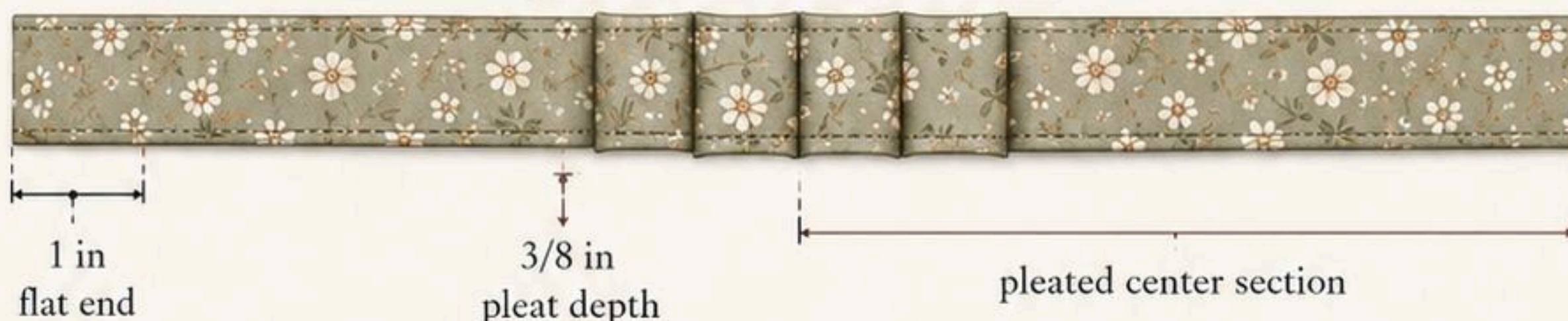
All cut sizes already include the 1/4 in seam allowance.



*Each pleated accent uses four 3/8 in deep knife pleats.
Fold the long edges of the accent strip in by 1/4 in before pleating.*



PLEAT GUIDE



Step 1 — Prepare the Base Collar Cover

Fuse, stitch, turn, and press the base cover before adding the pleated accent.

1 Fuse interfacing

Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of one long base fabric strip.



2 Layer the strips

Place the two long base strips right sides together and align all edges.



3 Sew the cover

Sew along both long edges using a 1/4 in seam allowance. Leave both short ends open.



4 Turn and press

Turn the tube right side out through one short end. Press the cover flat.



TIP: Use a point turner or blunt tool to straighten the long edges without poking through the fabric.



MATERIALS REMINDER



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2 base fabric strips

1 interfaced strip

Step 2 — Make the Pleated Accent Panel

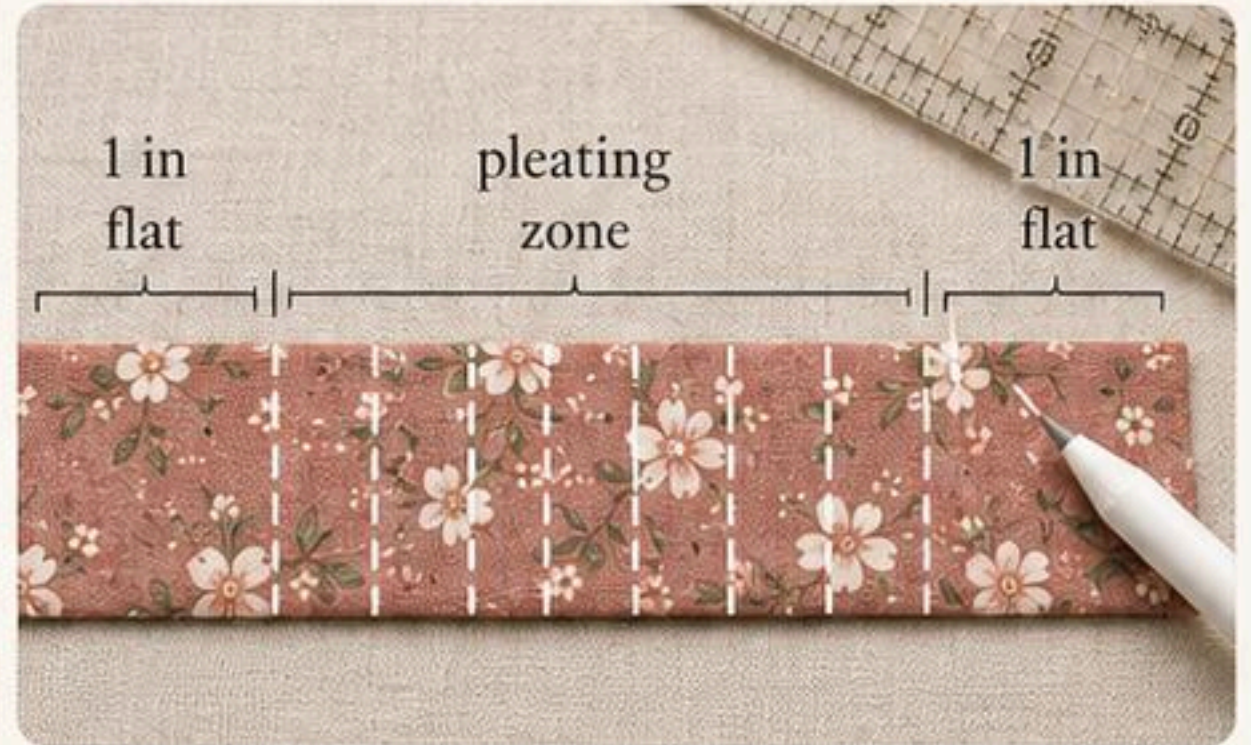
Press the accent strip neatly, then form even controlled pleats.

1 Fold the long edges



Press both long edges of the accent strip inward by 1/4 in.

2 Mark the pleats



Mark a centered pleating zone and leave a 1 in flat section at each short end.

3 Form four knife pleats



Create four shallow knife pleats, each 3/8 in deep, all facing the same direction and spaced evenly.

4 Baste the panel



Edge-baste near both long sides and at the short ends so the pleats stay flat and controlled.

FINISHED PLEATED PANEL LENGTHS

- Small finished pleated panel: about 7 1/2 in
- Medium finished pleated panel: about 9 1/2 in
- Large finished pleated panel: about 11 1/2 in

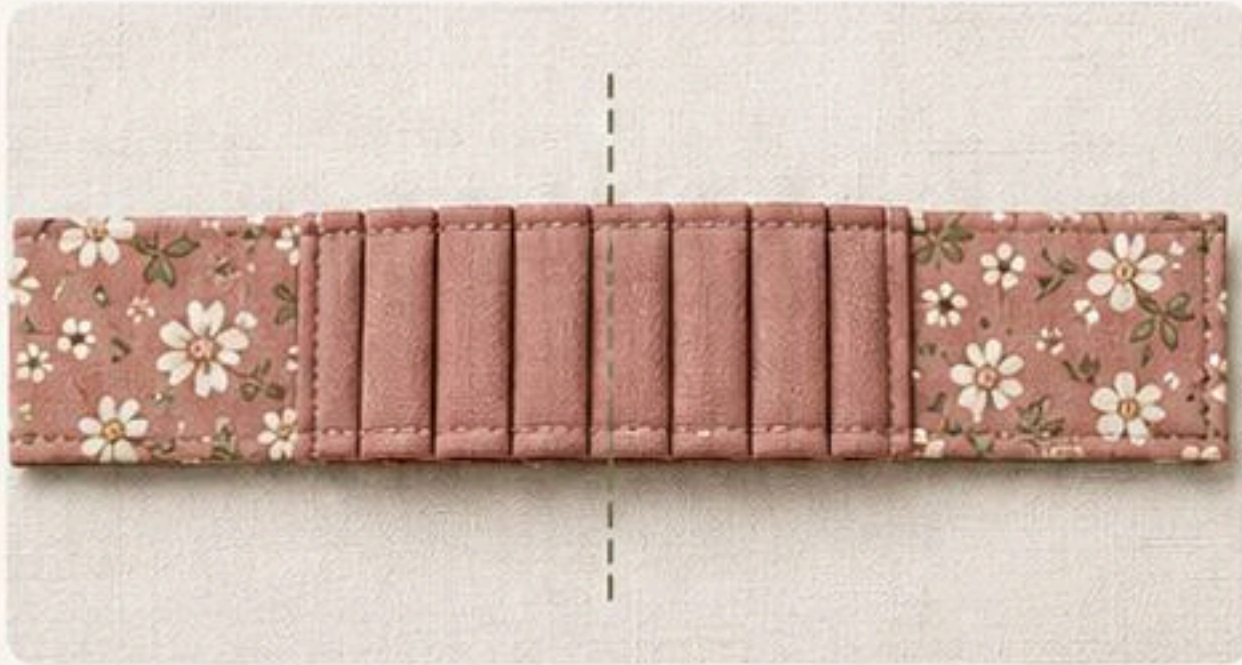
TIP

Press each pleat before basting so the accent panel stays crisp and symmetrical.

Step 3 — Attach the Pleated Accent

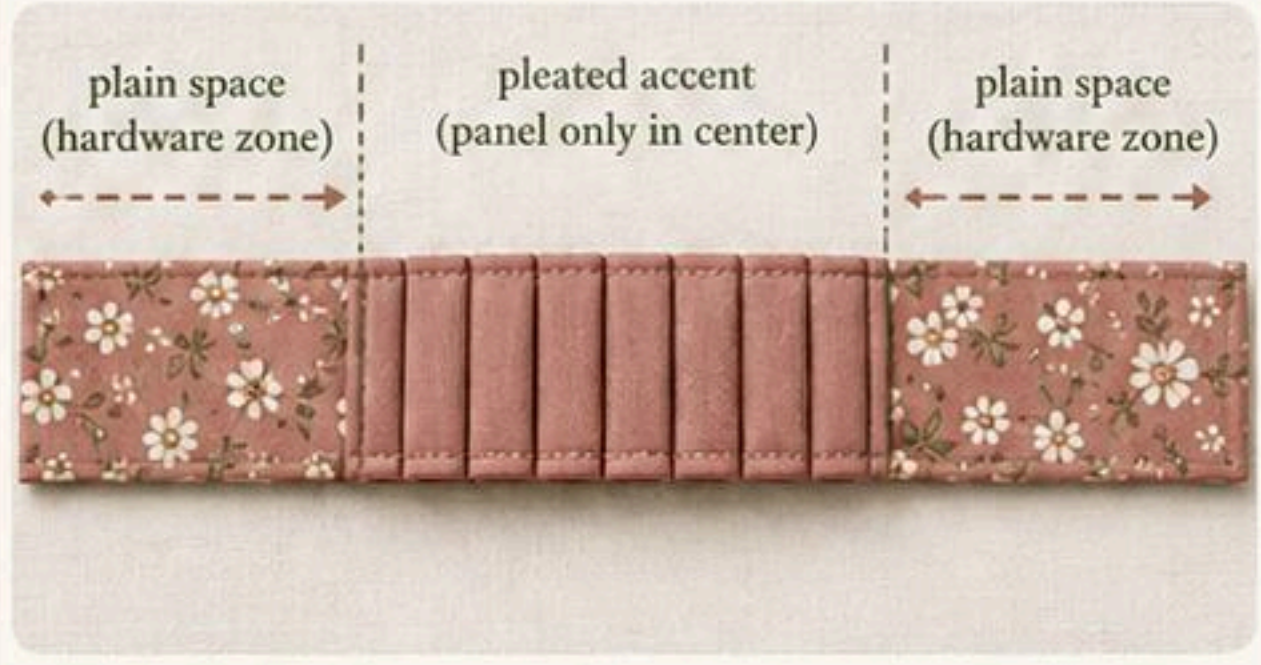
Center the pleated panel on the collar cover and stitch it down neatly.

1 Center the panel



Place the pleated accent panel on the pressed collar cover and center it lengthwise.

2 Keep the ends plain



The pleated accent should only cover the middle section, leaving plain space at both ends for the hardware and clean attachment.

3 Clip in place



Use clips to hold the panel evenly in place and prevent shifting while you stitch.

4 Edge-stitch the panel



Edge-stitch close to both long edges and across the short ends of the pleated panel to secure it smoothly.

NOTE

Keep the same amount of plain collar space on both ends so the finished collar looks balanced.

Base cover



Cover with pleated accent



Step 4 – Insert the Webbing Core

Add the strength layer, fold the ends neatly, and topstitch the cover.

1 Seal the cut ends



Lightly heat-seal both webbing ends so they do not fray.

2 Slide in the webbing



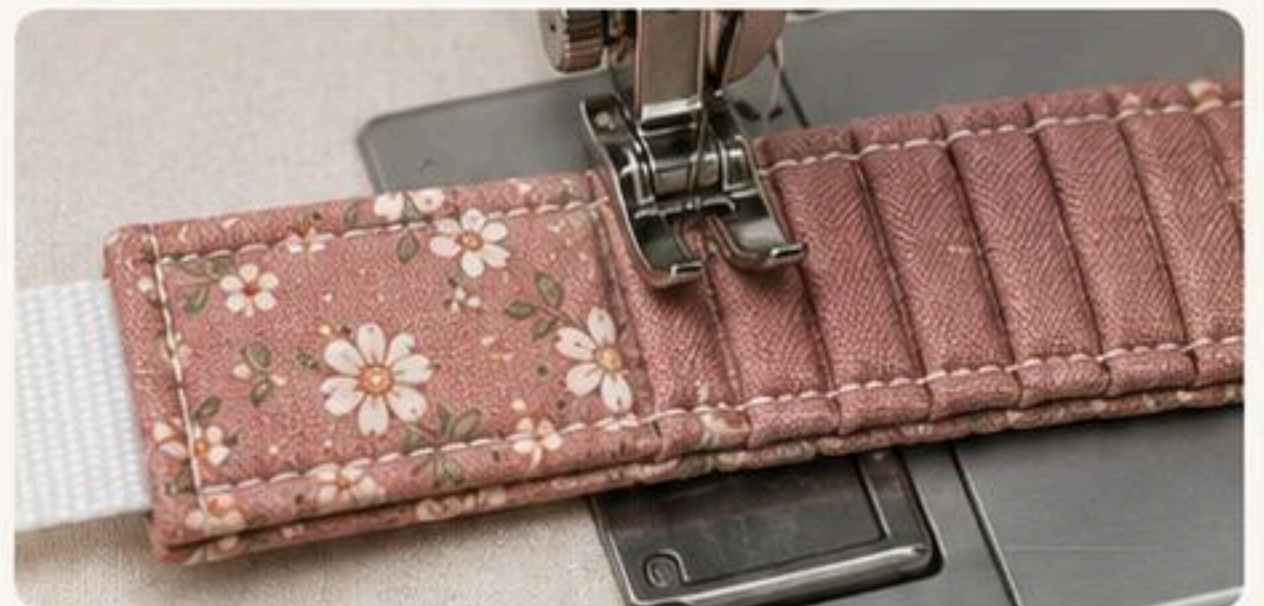
Feed the webbing through the collar cover until it is centered under the pleated accent.

3 Tuck the short ends



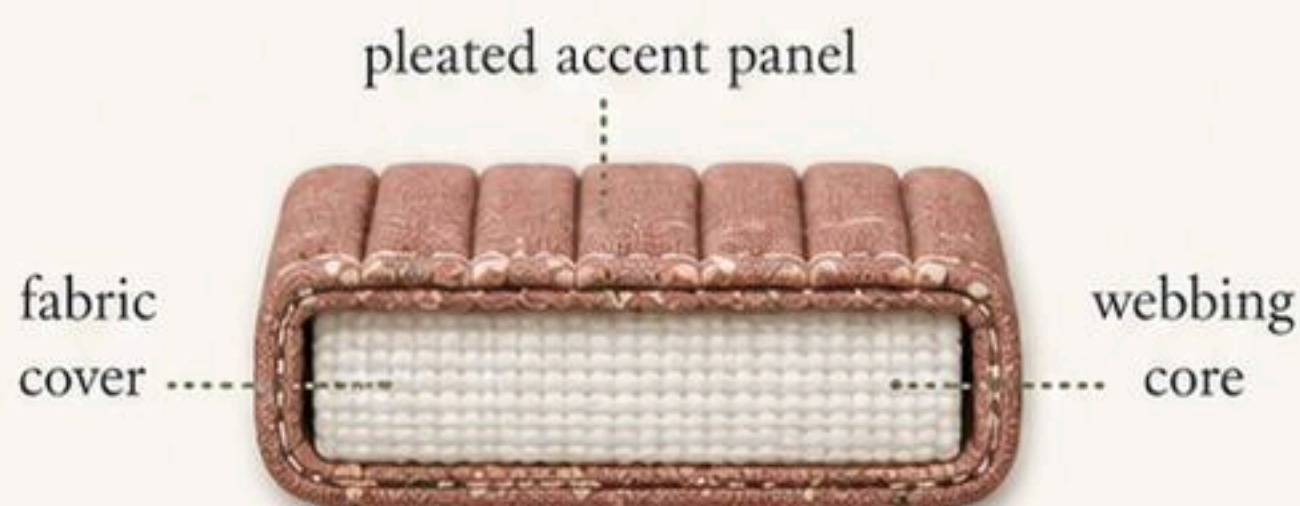
Fold the raw fabric ends inward by 1/2 in at both ends.

4 Topstitch the collar



Topstitch close to both long edges through the fabric and webbing to anchor everything together.

CROSS-SECTION VIEW



NOTE

Center the webbing so the same amount of fabric extends past it at both ends before folding and topstitching.

Step 5 — Attach the Female Buckle & D-Ring

Secure one end of the collar with a strong stitched fold.

1 Thread the hardware

Pass one collar end through the female side-release buckle and also through the D-ring.



FOLD-BACK AMOUNTS



Small: fold back
1 1/2 in

Medium: fold back
1 3/4 in

Large: fold back
2 in

2 Fold back the end

Fold the strap back onto itself.



3 Stitch securely

Sew a strong box-X or reinforced rectangle to lock the buckle and D-ring in place.



Backstitch at the start and end.

Keep the D-ring sitting beside the buckle so the leash can clip in easily.



Step 6 — Thread the Slider & Male Buckle

This threading path creates the adjustable side of the collar.



Threading order: triglade → male buckle → back through triglade.

1 Add the triglade

Pass the free collar end up through one side of the triglade and down through the other side.



2 Add the male buckle

Pass the free end through the male buckle.



3 Return through the triglade

Feed the end back through the triglade to lock the adjustment path.



*Leave enough tail so the collar can expand to the full size range.
The collar should slide smoothly but still hold firmly once adjusted.*

Step 7 — Check the Adjustment Range

Test the finished collar so each size reaches the correct selling range, then inspect and label it for sale.

1 Close the buckle

snap the buckle together.



2 Test the smallest setting

slide the triglide and confirm the collar reaches the minimum size.



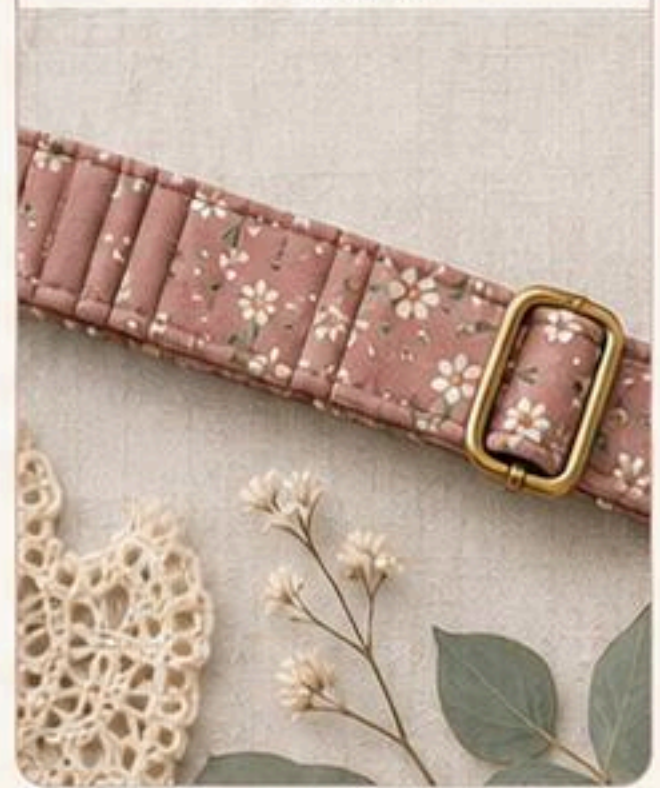
3 Test the largest setting

pull the collar open and confirm the collar reaches the maximum size.



4 Final inspection

make sure the collar lies flat, the pleats are even, and the hardware moves smoothly.



SIZE-CHECK

Small must adjust from 10 in to 14 in

Medium must adjust from 14 in to 18 in

Large must adjust from 18 in to 22 in



FINAL QUALITY CHECKLIST

- even pleats
- secure stitching
- sealed webbing ends
- hardware matches collar width
- smooth adjustment
- no puckering



SIZE LABELS FOR SELLING

Small — fits 10–14 in neck, 3/4 in wide

Medium — fits 14–18 in neck, 1 in wide

Large — fits 18–22 in neck, 1 1/4 in wide



Care: spot clean, air dry flat, inspect hardware regularly.



A thoughtful finish and clear presentation build trust and showcase the beauty of your handmade collars.

