

FEATURED PROJECT

designer doggie duds: leash and neck scarf

SUPPLIES NEEDED

1/4 yard of cotton print fabric or solid color fabric
(Additional needed for neck scarf, see "Making the Neck Scarf", below.)
1" wide nylon web
(To determine length, calculate the length of your finished leash plus 7")
Clip for end of leash
Sewing thread to match fabric
Rayon thread (we like Sulky 30-weight) in a contrasting color for decorative top-stitching
Shears
Seam gauge
Tape measure
Straight pins
Safety pin
Sewing machine with zig-zag or decorative stitch settings

MAKING THE LEASH

1. From cotton fabric, cut two strips, 3 5/8" wide each.
2. Using the cotton fabric strips, place short ends with right sides together and pin. Stitch a 1/2" seam using regular sewing thread. Seamed fabric strip should be long enough to cover the length of the nylon web.
3. Match the long sides of the strip with right sides together, pin. Stitch a 1/2" seam the length of the tube.
4. Turn the tube right side out. Use a safety pin attached to the web to guide web through fabric tube. Smooth fabric over the web. Pin the ends and a few places in between to prevent the tube from shifting on the web.
5. Set the machine for the decorative embroidery stitch of your choice, and switch the thread to Sulky Rayon. Stitch 1/4" away from each long edge, stitch the length of the tube. Secure the tube to the web, adding the decorative detail.
6. Trim the ends of the leash so that they are even. Fold over 6" to make the handle, pin end. Place clasp on the opposite end, fold over leash about 1", pin end. Using the Sulky Rayon thread, zigzag stitch to secure ends, stitching over the edge and reinforcing with 2 rows of stitching; backstitch.

MAKING THE NECK SCARF

1. Cut a square of cotton fabric to desired size for your finished scarf.
2. Fold in half corner to corner, wrong sides together. Cut along the fold. Using Sulky Rayon thread, stitch decorative embroidery stitch 1/2" from all raw edges.
3. Optional: Use pinking shears to trim edges or let them fray out.

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