

DIY Dog Coat Printable Tutorial

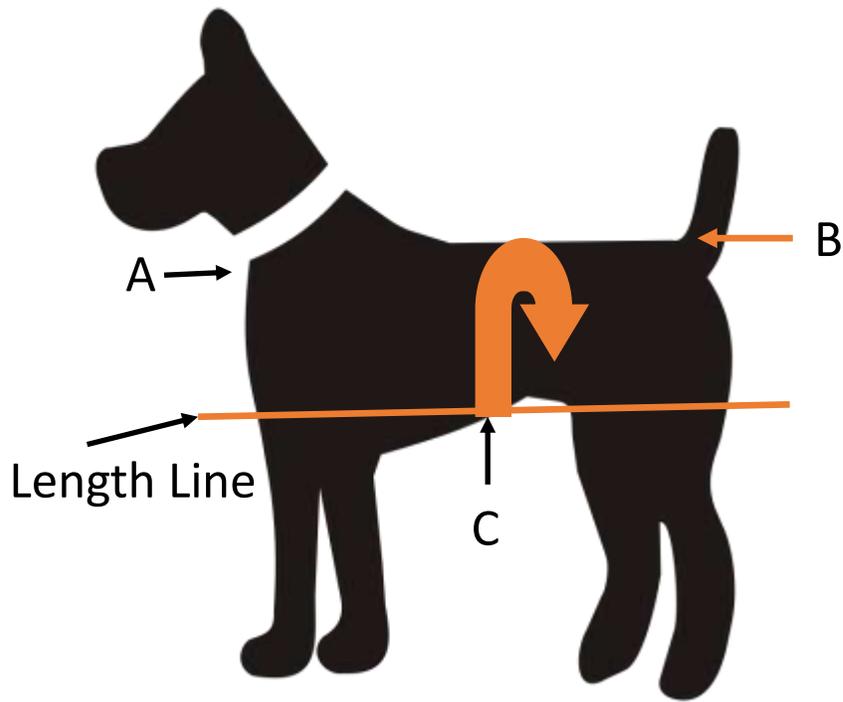
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Fabric required will depend on the size of your dog.

For my small Maltipoo dog I can make her a jacket with a total of 2 fat quarters or 1 half yard of fabric.

1. Quilt batting
2. 1" wide elastic 4" to 6" depending on the size of your dog
3. Thread
4. Outer fabric
5. Lining fabric (I like to use flannel)
6. Tape measure
7. A large sheet of paper to draft your pattern (I use A3 for my small dogs)
8. Quilter's cutting mat
9. Quilt basting spray
10. 6" to 8" of Velcro depending on the size of your dog
11. 1" wide poly strapping 1 yard or less depending on the size of your dog



Step 1.

Draft a pattern for your dog.

Measurement 1

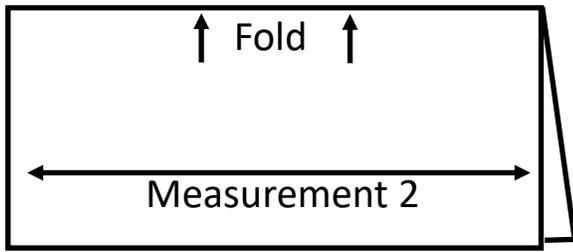
Decide where on your dog you would like the length of the coat to reach. Envision a length line, measure from the length line on one side of your dog over their back and to the length line on the other side of the dog.

Measurement 2

Measure your dog from point A the middle of the chest/neck at the front about where the collar sits to the tail.

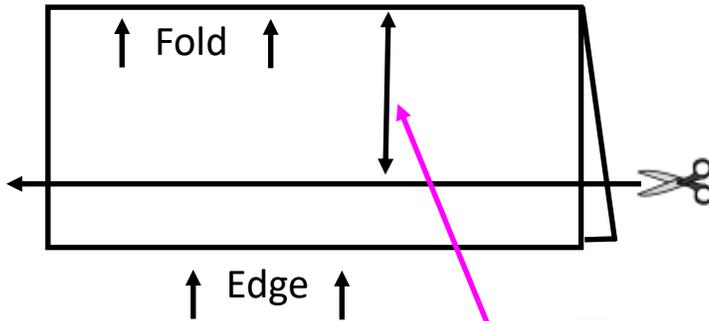
Measurement 3

Measure the whole way around your dogs 'waist' we will use this to determine the minimum strap length.



Step 2.

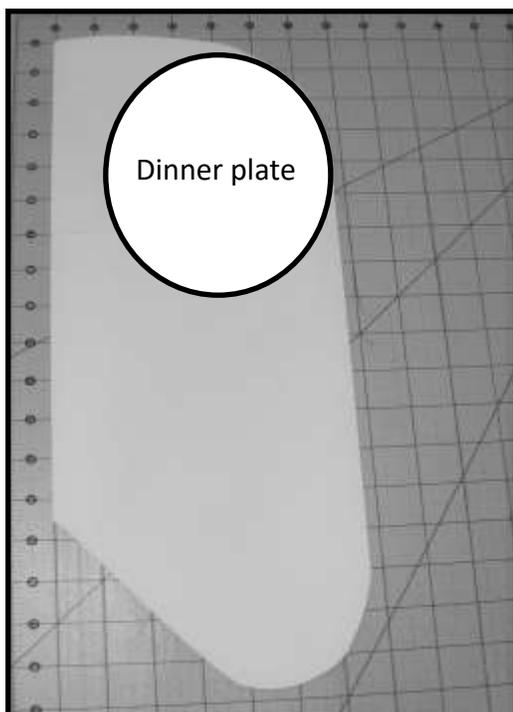
Cut your large sheet of paper the length of measurement 2 and fold in half lengthwise.



Step 3.

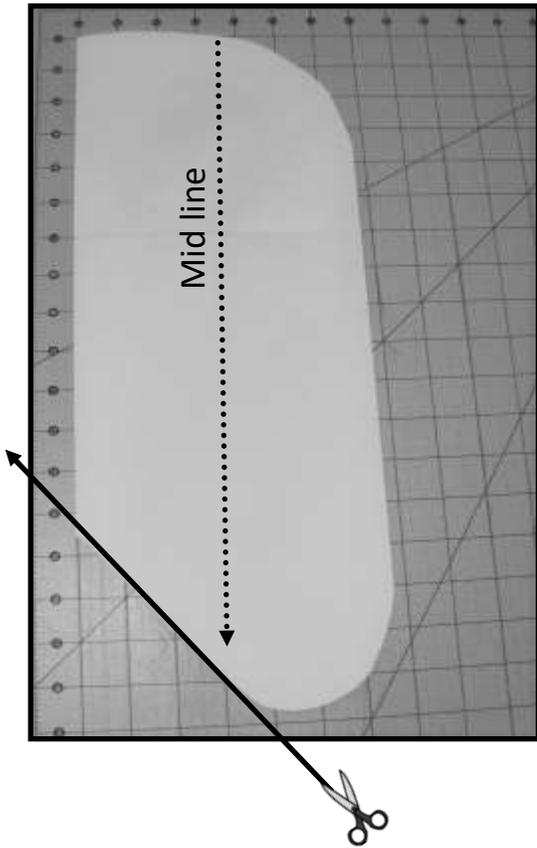
Because the paper is folded you need to divide the step one 'measurement 1' by 2 to get half that amount, then trim off some of the paper so that the paper measures that halved amount from fold to edge.

This measurement will be half of the distance from length line to length line on your dog.



Step 4.

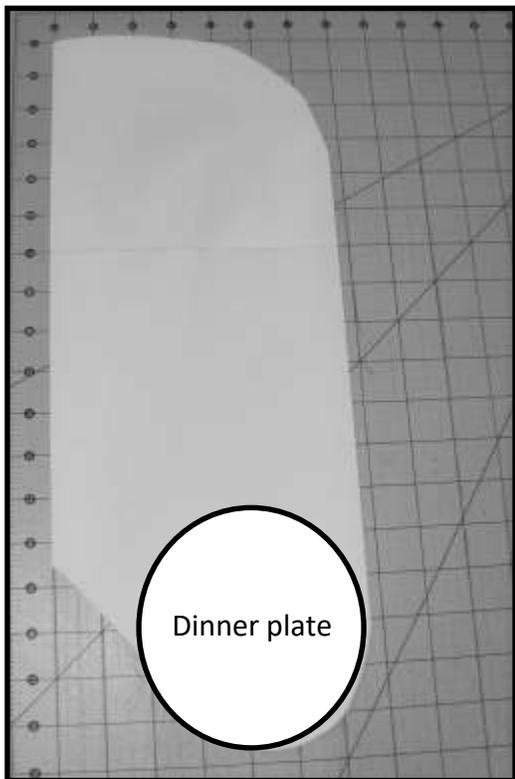
Lay your folded pattern piece on the cutting mat. At one end place a dinner plate to help you achieve a curve at the hind end of the jacket and trim away the excess paper.



Step 5.

Envision a lengthwise line along the folded pattern at the mid line.

Cut away some of the paper at the neckline using a 45 degree angle.

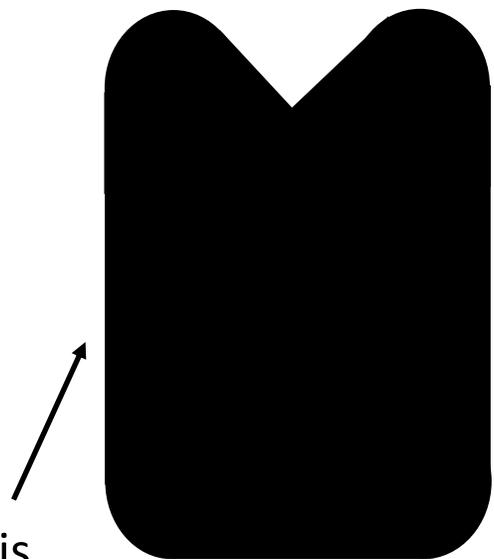


Step 6.

Use your dinner plate again to help you achieve a curve at the front end of the jacket and trim away the excess paper.

You have made a dog coat pattern!

Once you unfold it, it should look like this



Step 7. Cut one of your pattern shape from fabrics and batting. Cut 1/4' away from the edge of the pattern to add seam allowance.

1. Lining fabric
2. Quilt batting
3. Outer fabric

Outer fabric can be a patchwork of pieced scraps if you would like or just an outer fabric of your choice.



Step 8.

Lay your quilt batting out on your worksurface. Lay the outer fabric on top with **right side up!** Fold back half of the outer fabric and spray the batting with basting spray, replace the fabric on the batting and smooth the surface.

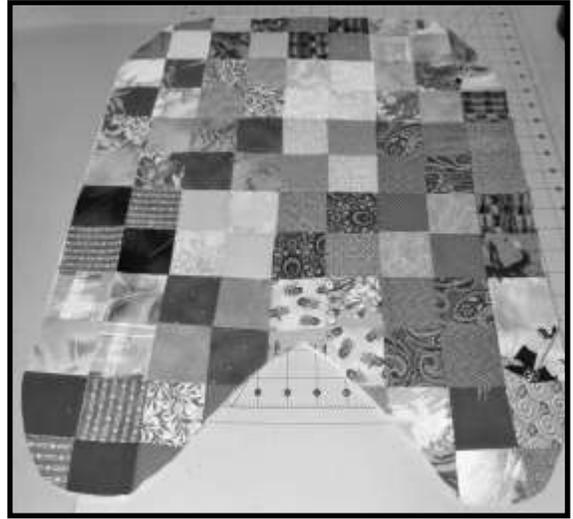


Do the same for the other half of the fabric & batting.

Press to set the basting spray.

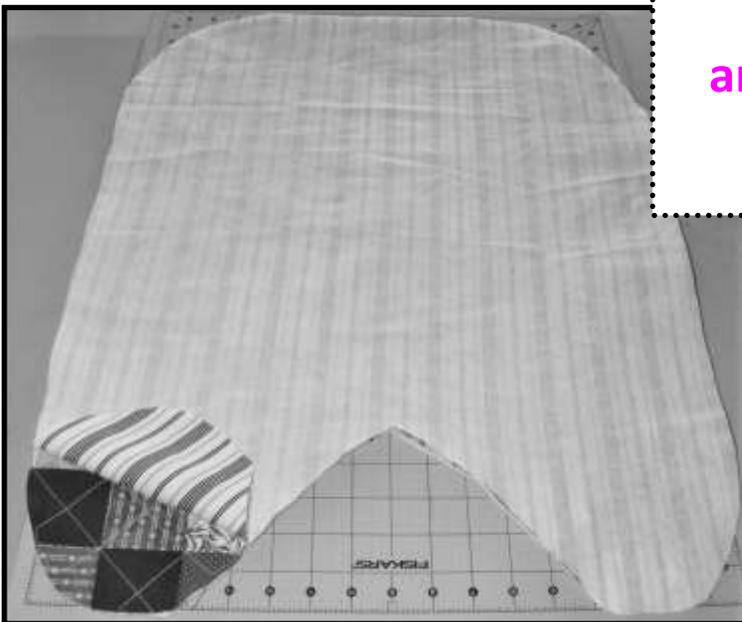
Step 9.

You can choose to quilt these two layers together if you would like, particularly if you used scrappy patchwork for the outer fabric. But they will eventually be held together around the edge and across the middle of the coat in subsequent steps, so you can skip this step if you are using one whole piece of outer fabric.



Step 10.

Lay your lining fabric face down on top of the batting and outer fabric (right sides together)

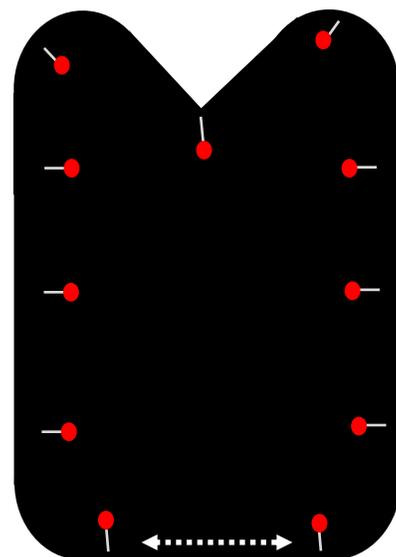


Be sure they
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together!



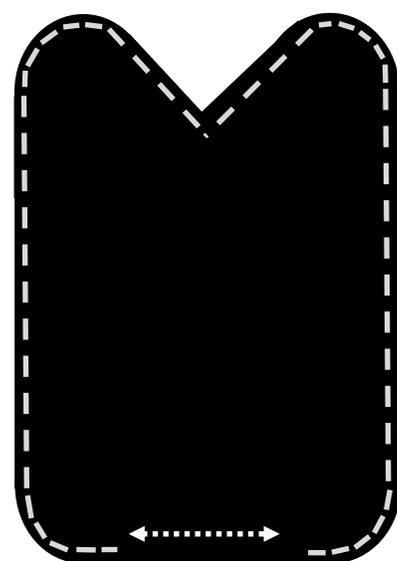
Step 11.

Pin the 3 layers together all the way around except for a 5" opening at the back of the coat



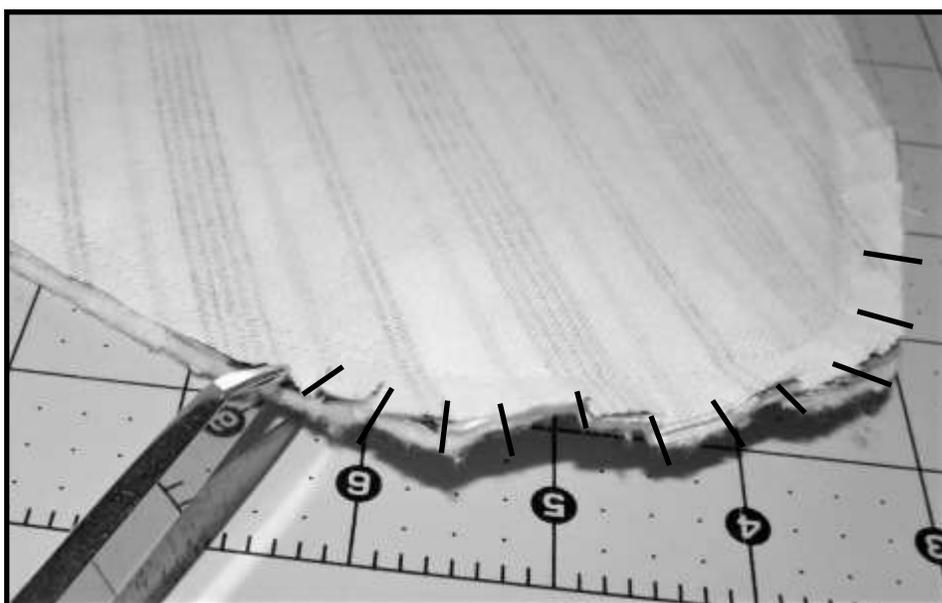
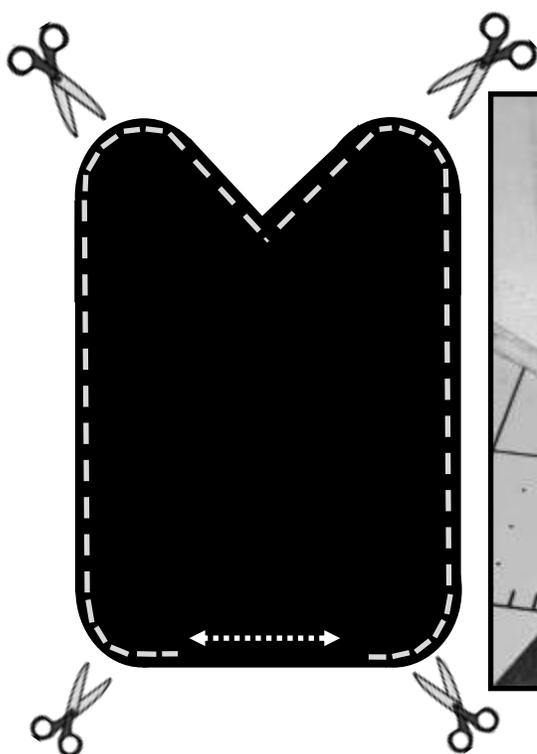
Step 12.

Stitch the 3 layers together with a 1/4" seam allowance, all the way around except for a 5" opening at the back of the coat.



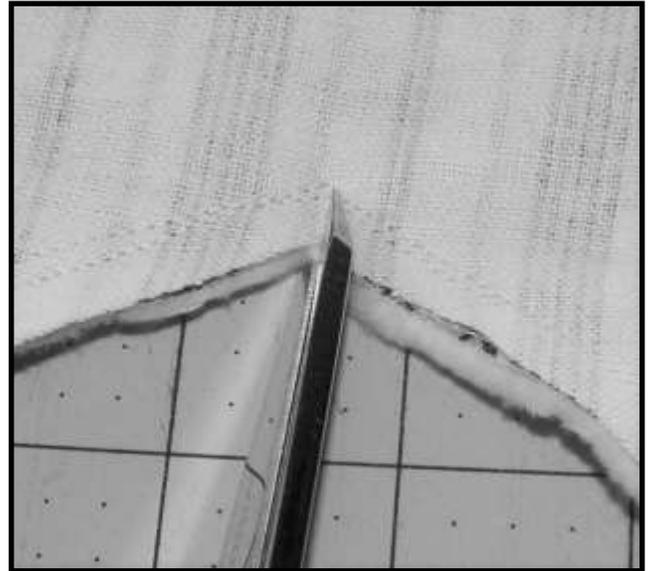
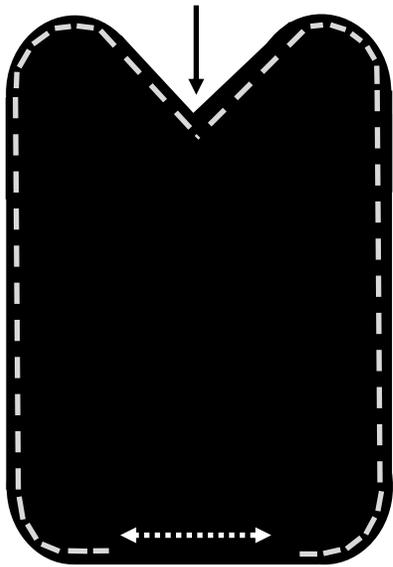
Step 13.

To ensure neat curves once we turn it right side out, first we must snip with the tip of our scissors almost to the stitching line around all curves



Step 14.

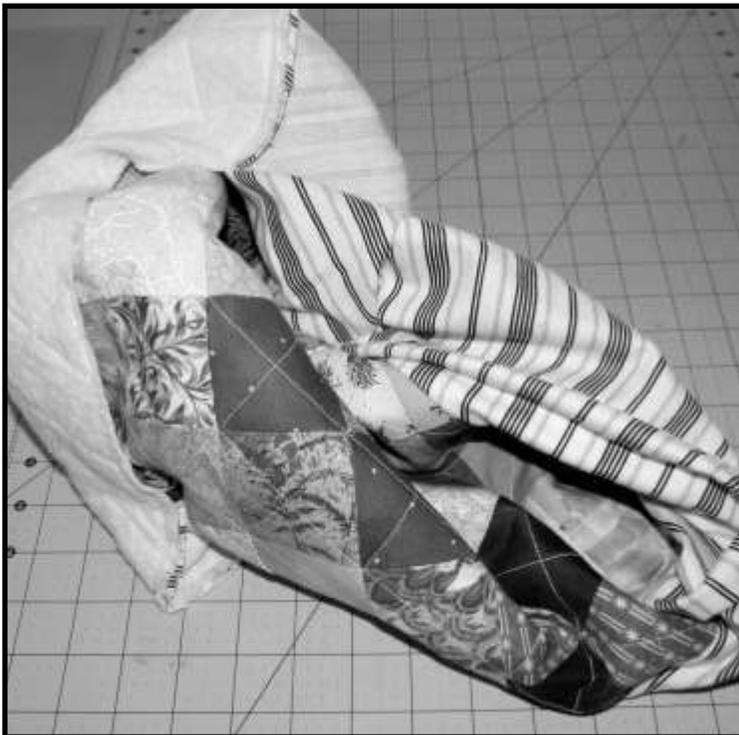
To ensure a neat neckline once we turn it right side out, first we must snip with the tip of our scissors almost to the stitching line at the V in the neckline.



Step 15.

Turn your dog coat right sides out by reaching in the unsewn hole and pulling it through.

Take care to ensure you poke all the corners out.

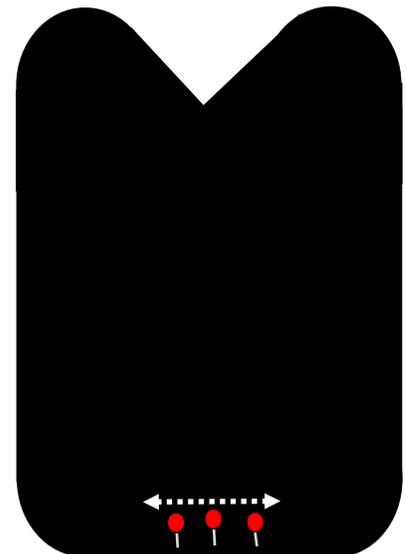
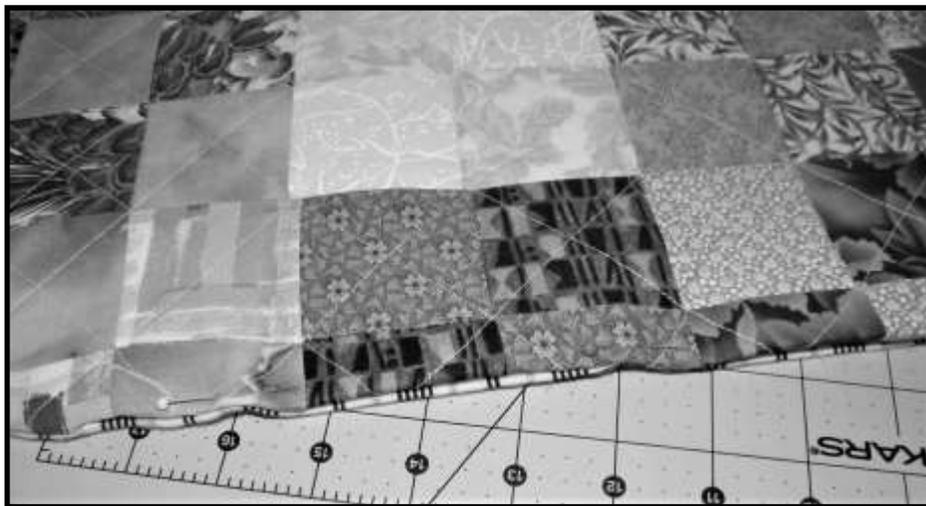




Check that your shape is similar to the pattern you created.

Step 16.

Press your dog coat, ensure that you take care to appropriately flatten the seams at the edges as you go.

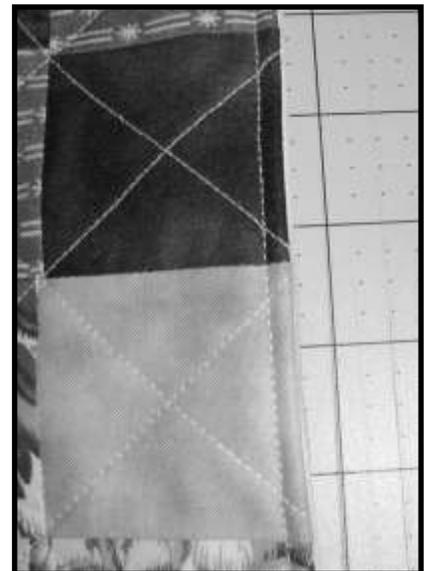
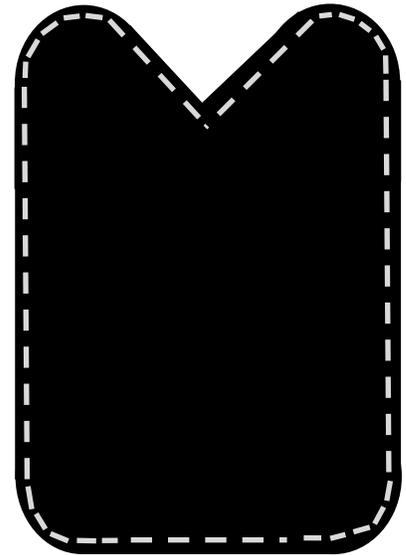


Step 17.

Pin the opening closed at the back of the coat.

Step 18.

Topstitch 1/4 from the edge all the way around the coat edge. Take care to ensure you stitch closed the opening at the back of the coat as you go.



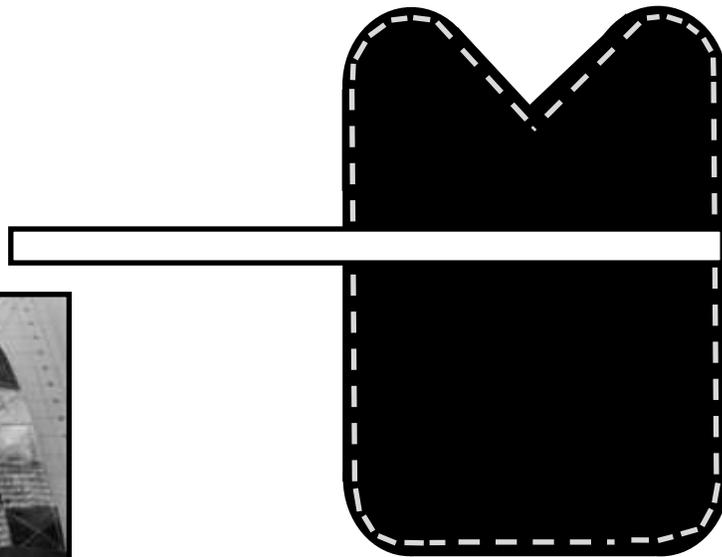
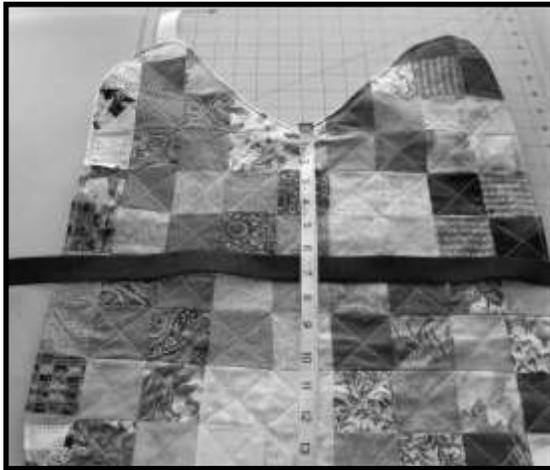
Step 19.

Cut a piece of poly strapping that is 6" longer than measurement 3 from step 1. This strapping can come unravelled if you don't take steps to prevent it. I singe the ends of the strapping with a flame once I cut it to length. If you try this please be careful and safe.

Alternatively you can buy cotton strapping or make your own strap with matching fabric.

Step 20.

Lay the strap across your dog coat. As shown in the diagram:



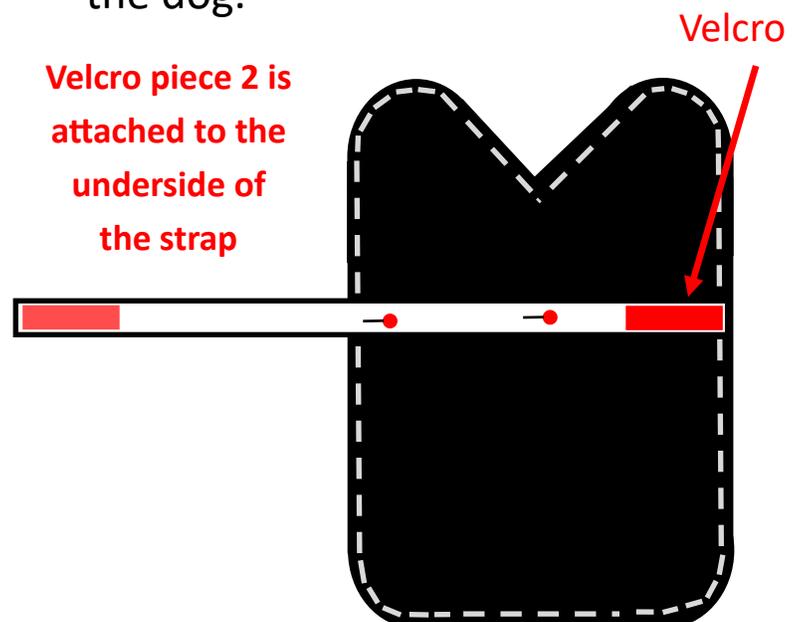
I attach the strap 6" from the neckline V, however for larger dogs that distance will need to be greater. The rule of thumb is that you put the strap slightly closer to the neckline than the hind end of the dog.

Step 21.

Pin the strap as shown in the diagram. Separate the two Velcro pieces.

The **harder Velcro piece** gets pinned to the strap and coat.

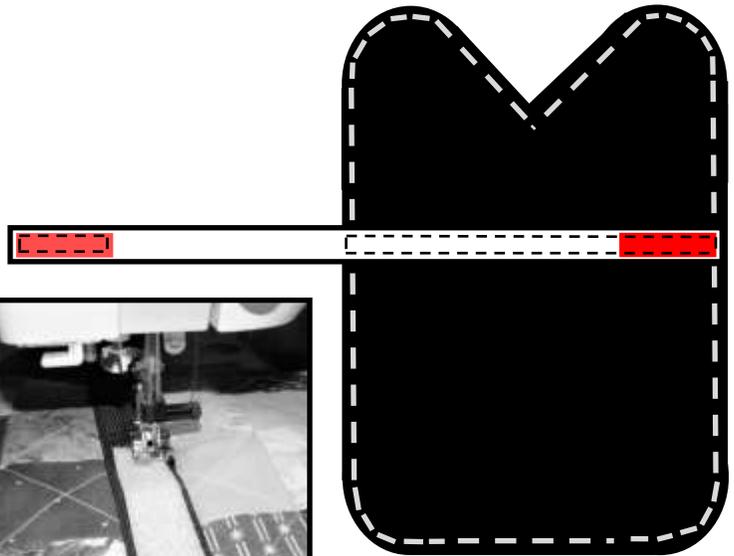
The **softer piece** is pinned to the strap on the **underside** (not the side facing up!



Step 22.

Stitch the softer Velcro piece onto the underside of the strap as shown in the diagram.

Stitch the strap onto the coat - sewing through all layers and ensuring that you stitch down the hard Velcro as you go.

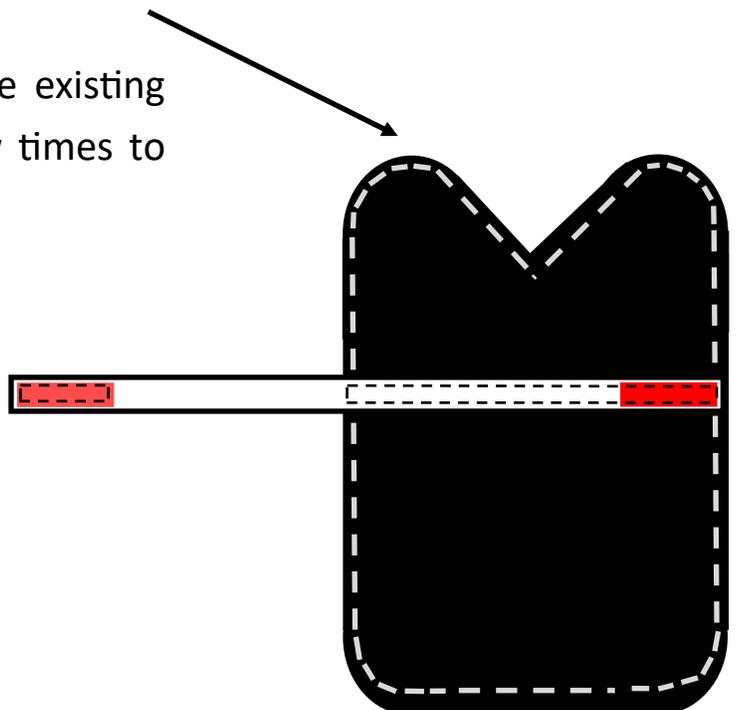


Step 23.

Elastic is used to join the neckline pieces together. This can be singed on the ends like the poly strapping (see step 16) to prevent fraying. For my small dog I cut a 4" strip (cut a longer piece for a bigger dog)

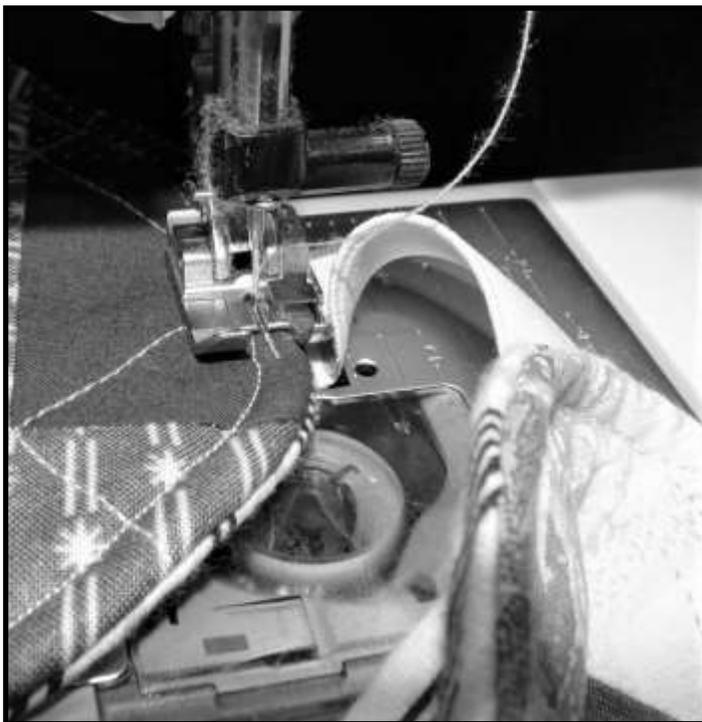
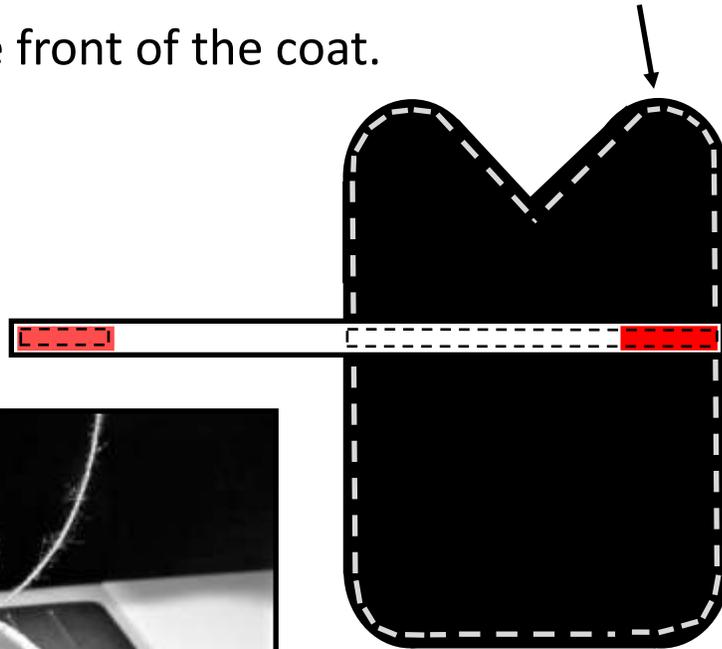
Attach the strip at the middle of the curve at the front of the coat.

I usually try to stitch in line with the existing topstitching, I turn and resew a few times to ensure it is securely attached.



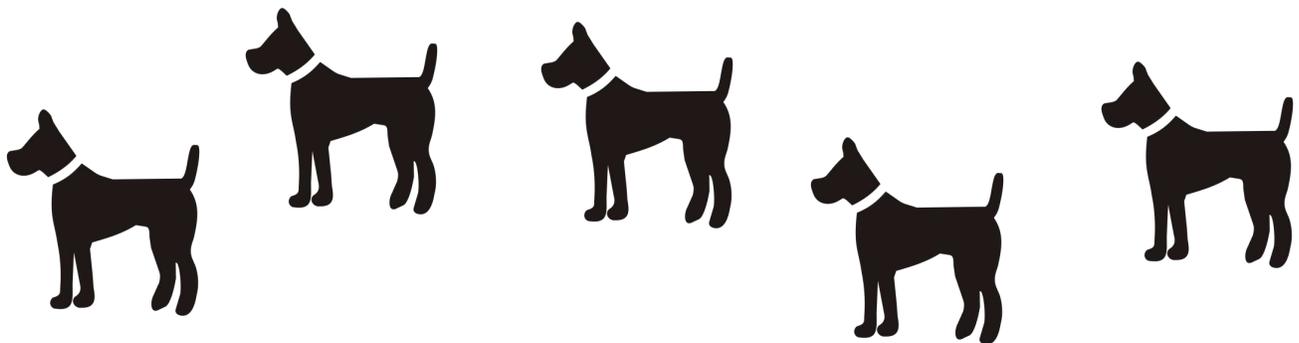
Step 24.

Attached the other end of the elastic strip at the middle of the other curve at the front of the coat.



This step can be a little tricky due to the short length of the elastic and the weight of the coat.

You have finished your dog coat!



NOTE: once you have made a prototype be sure to go back and adjust your pattern piece and list of measurements with any size changes so that you have a workable pattern for future dog coats!



You can now make as many well fitting dog coats as you want!
Try different fabrics and colors.
You can even make seasonal dog coats for special occasions!



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