

# Quilt-as-you-go DIY Dog Coat Printable Tutorial

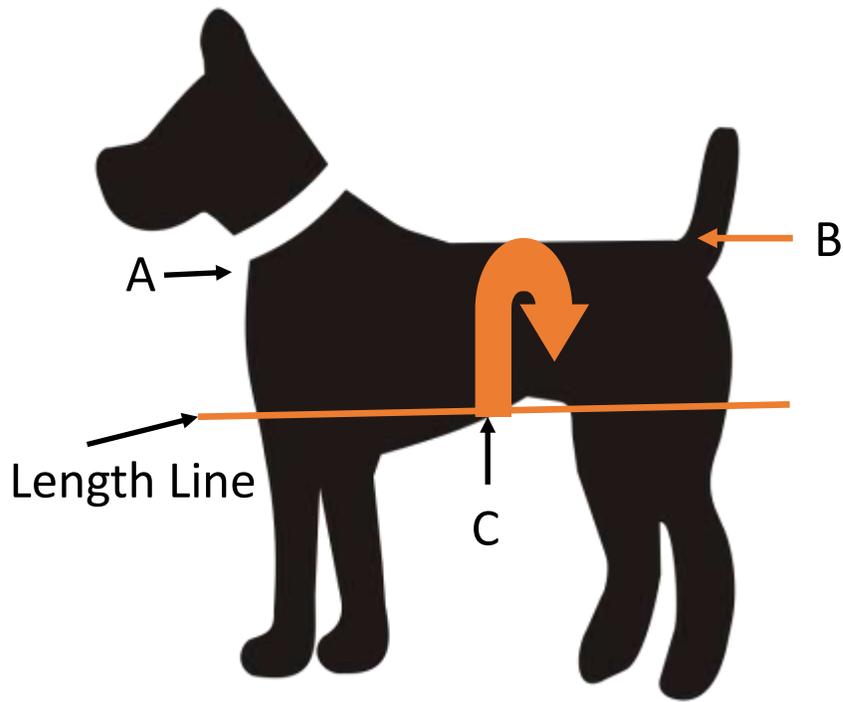
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## **Fabric required will depend on the size of your dog.**

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 will be an array of scrappy strips (2" wide is a good starting width for beginners)
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

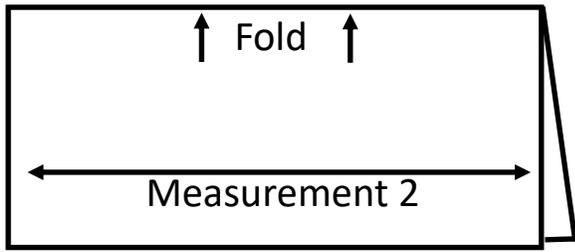
Decide where on your dog you would like the length of the coat to reach. Envision a length line, measure from the length line on one side of your dog over their back and to the length line on the other side of the dog.

### 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.

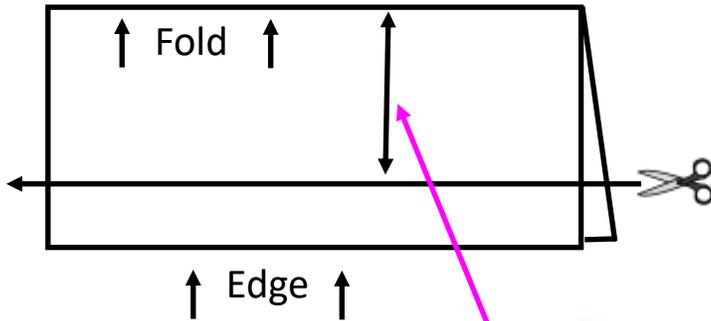
### Measurement 3

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



## Step 2.

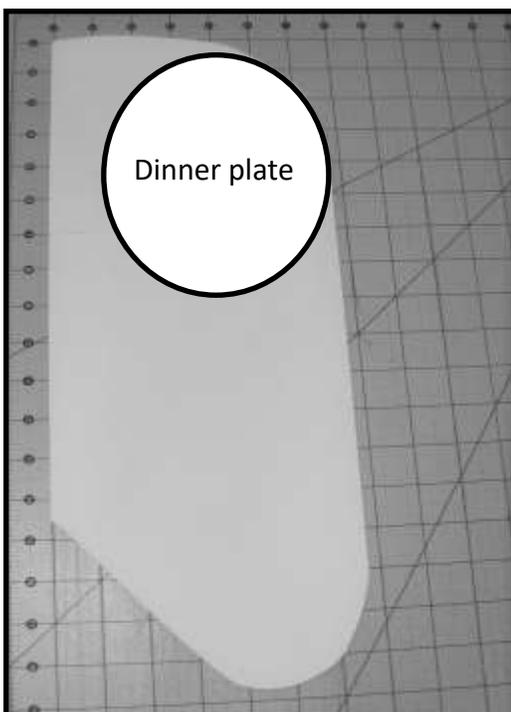
Cut your large sheet of paper the length of measurement 2 and fold in half lengthwise.



## Step 3.

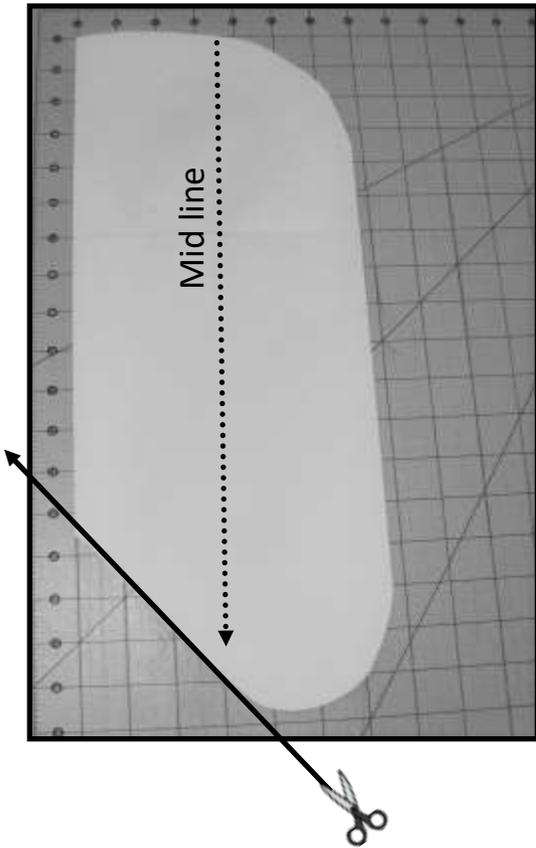
Because the paper is folded you need to divide the step one 'measurement 1' by 2 to get half that amount, then trim off some of the paper so that the paper measures that halved amount from fold to edge.

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



## Step 4.

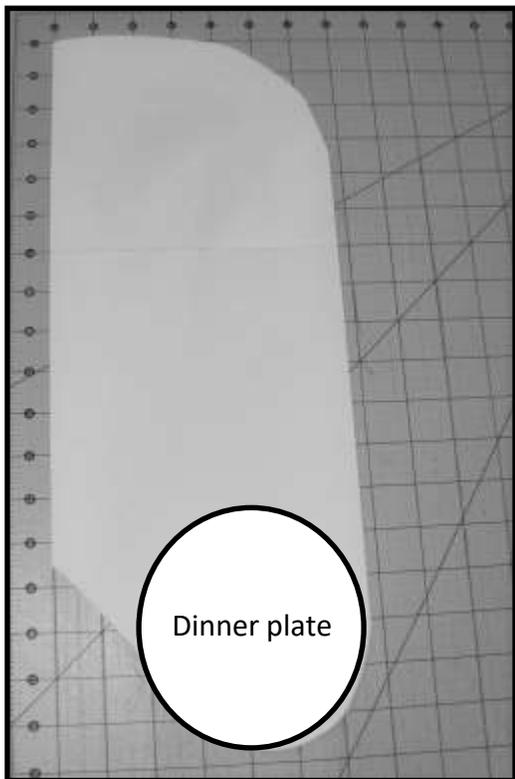
Lay your folded pattern piece on the cutting mat. At one end place a dinner plate to help you achieve a curve at the hind end of the jacket and trim away the excess paper.



### 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.

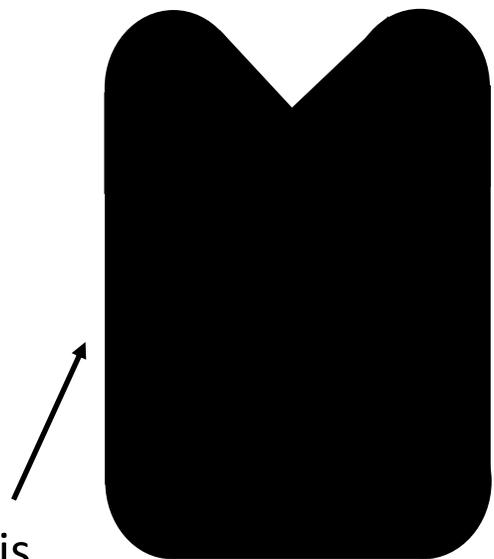


### Step 6.

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 quilt batting. Cut 1/4" away from the edge of the pattern to add seam allowance.



**Step 8.**

Gather some scrappy strips of fabric that you would like to use.

You could also sew scrappy squares into rows slightly wider than your pattern, ready to attach if you prefer not to use strips.



**Step 9.**

Place one fabric strip (strip 1) face up along the bottom of the piece of quilt batting.

Place another strip (strip 2) on top of that strip, right sides are together.

### Step 10.

Stitch 1/4" inch from the each of the strips through all three layers to attach both strips to the batting.



### Step 11.

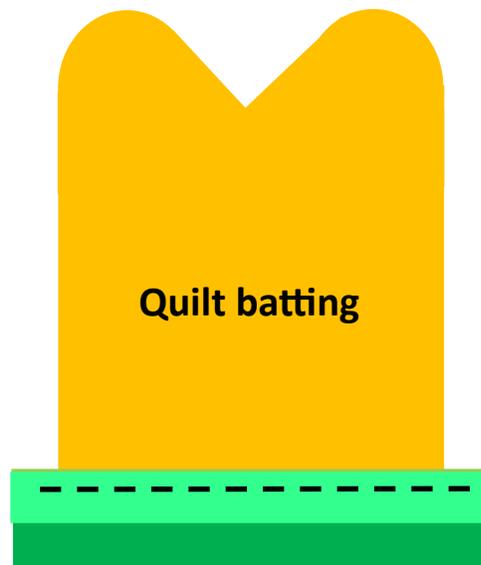
Fold strip 2 back and press.

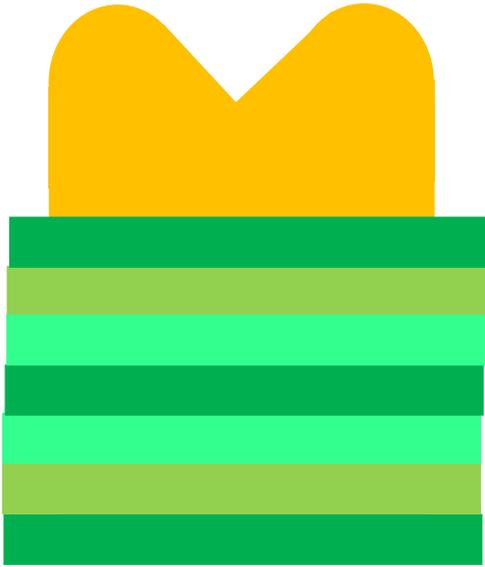
### Step 12.

Place another scrappy strip  
(strip 3) on top of strip 2.

Stitch 1/4 from edge to attach.

Fold the fabric back and press.





### Step 13.

Continue that QAYG process until you have **completely covered the batting.**

### Step 14.

**Turn over** your quilt-as-you-go layers so that the batting side is facing you. Trim around the batting to remove the excess overhanging fabric.



You have  
made your  
QAYG dog coat  
outer layers

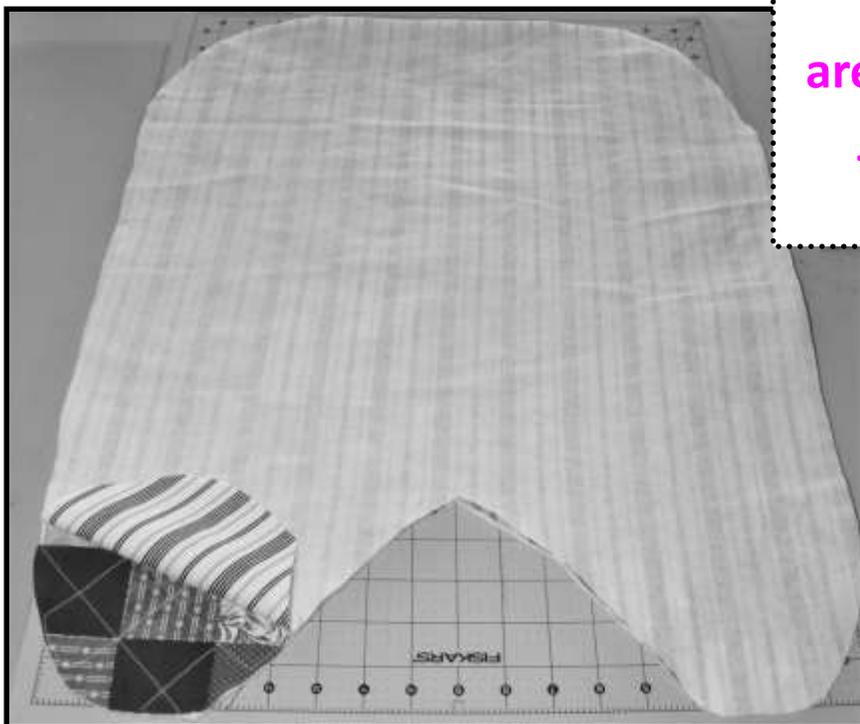


**Step 15.** Cut one of your pattern shape from lining fabric. Cut 1/4" away from the edge of the pattern to add seam allowance.



### Step 16.

Lay your lining fabric face down on top of the QAYG batting and outer fabric layers

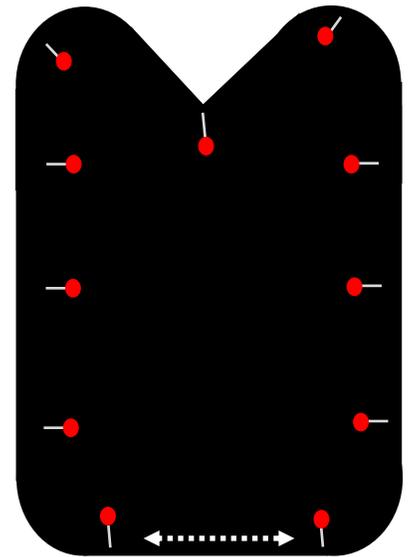


Be sure they  
are right sides  
together!



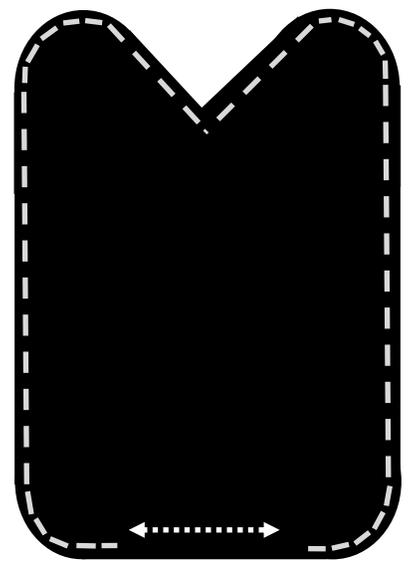
### Step 17.

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



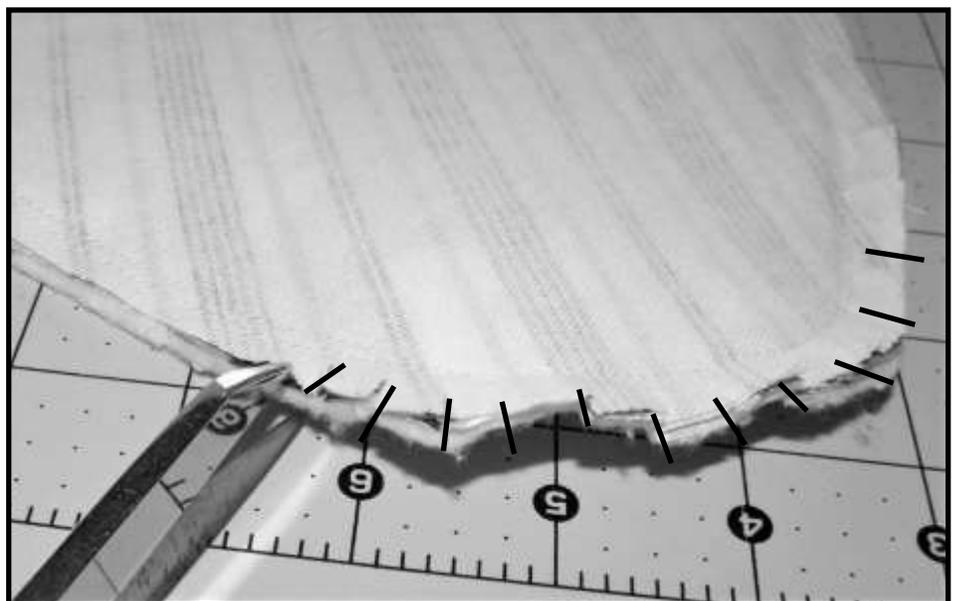
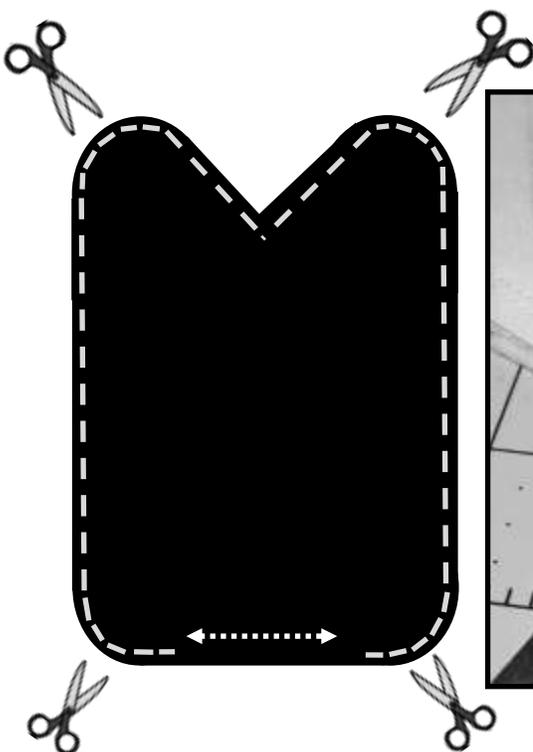
### Step 18.

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.



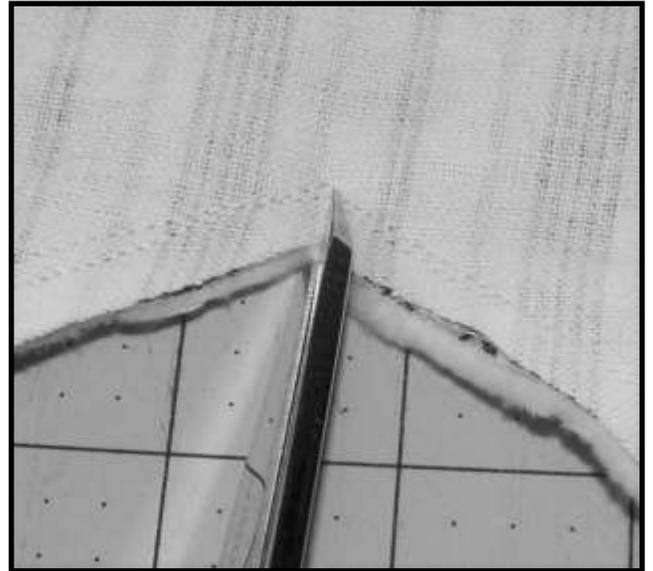
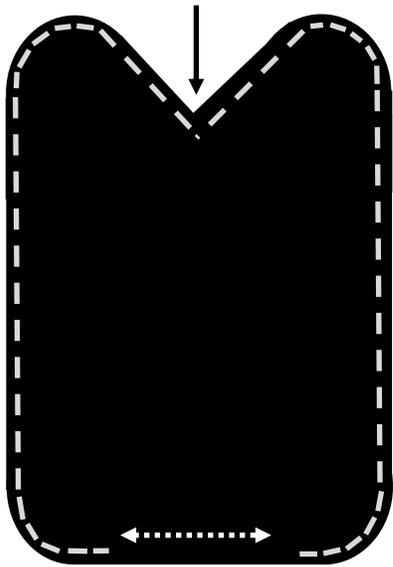
### Step 19.

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 20.

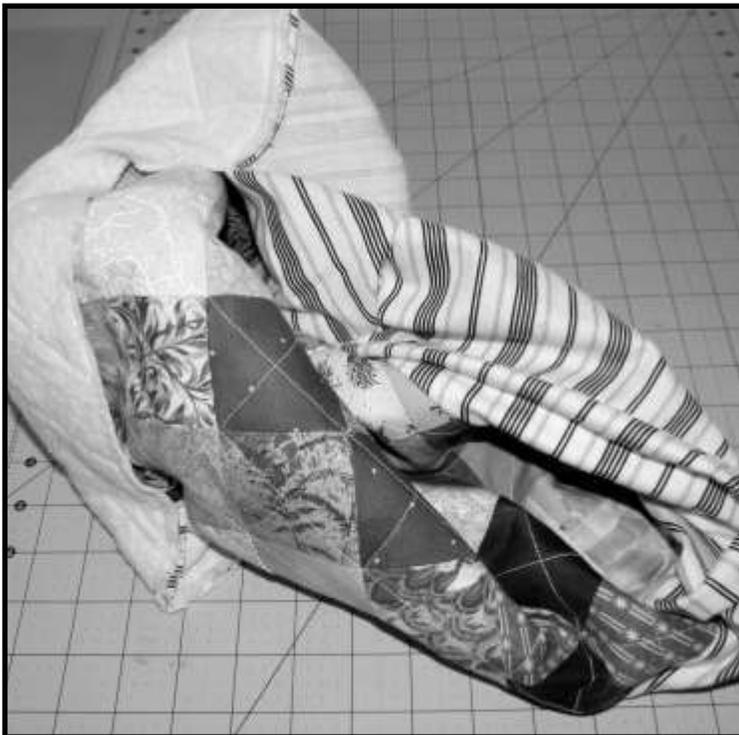
To ensure a neat neckline once we turn it right side out, first we must snip with the tip of our scissors almost to the stitching line at the V in the neckline.



## Step 21.

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.

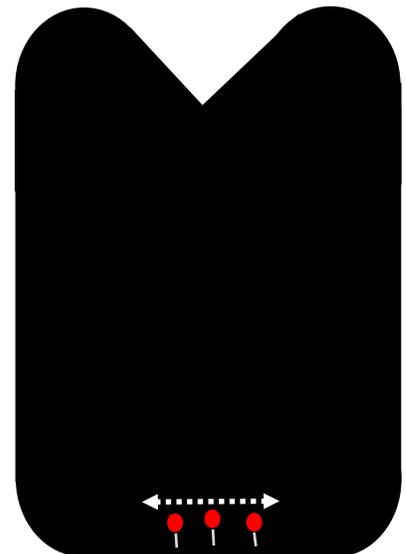
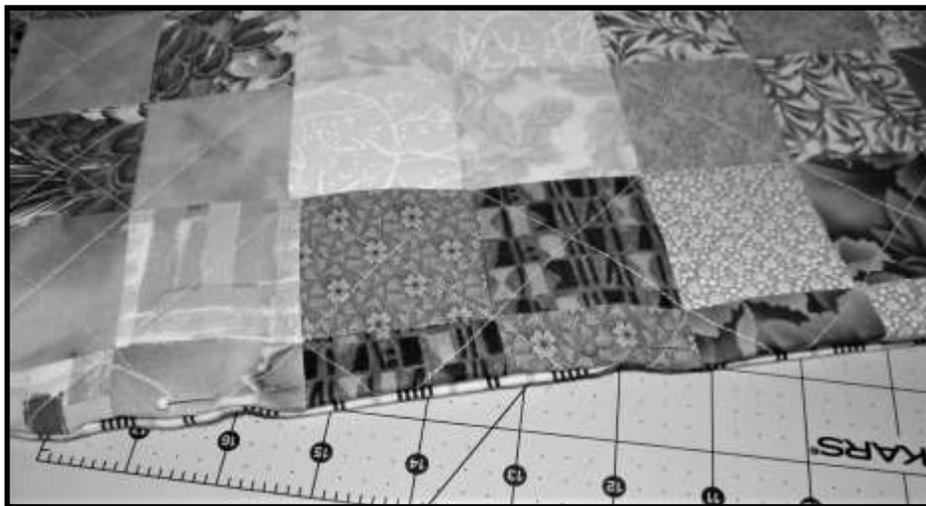




Check that your shape is similar to the pattern you created.

### Step 22.

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

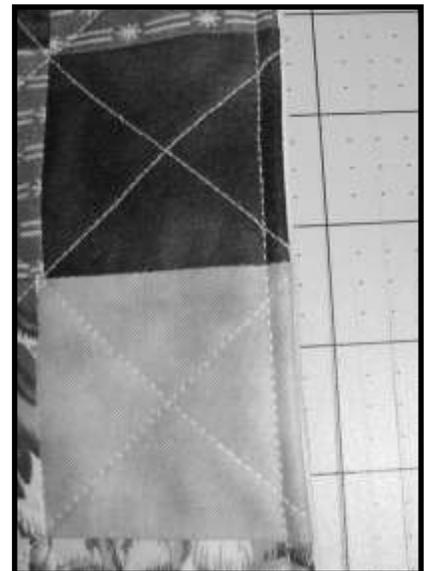
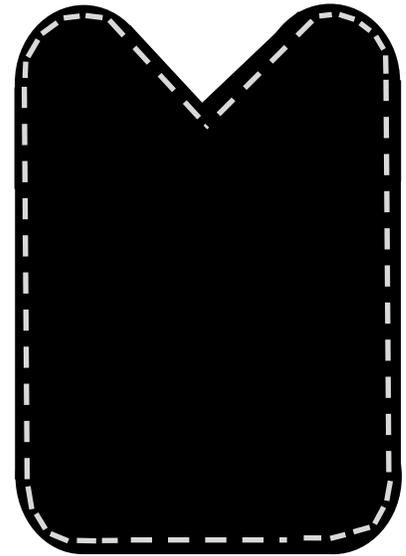


### Step 23.

Pin the opening closed at the back of the coat.

## Step 24.

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.



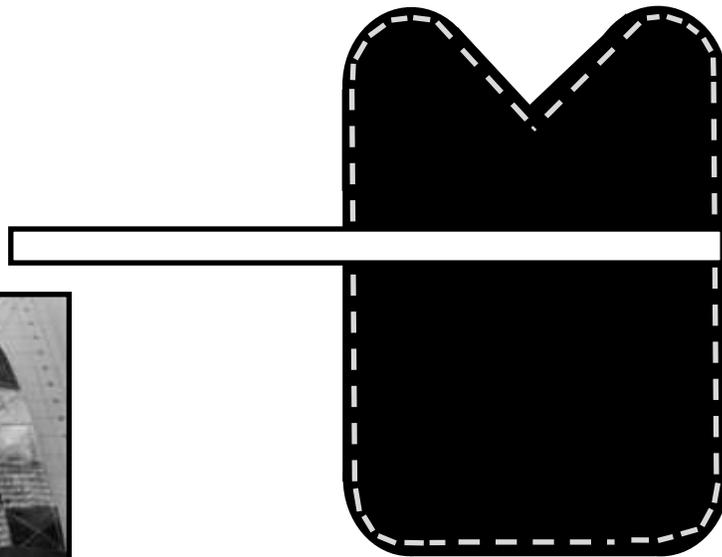
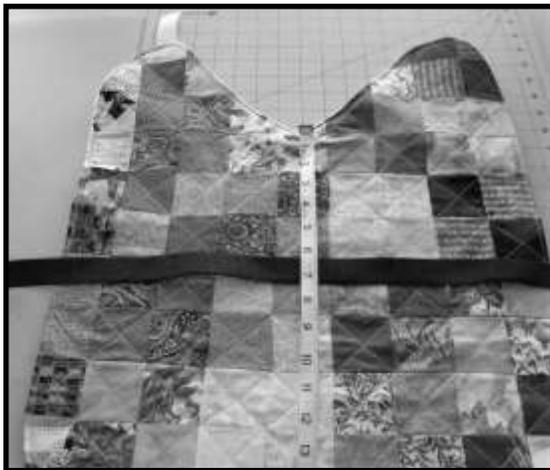
## Step 25.

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 26.

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



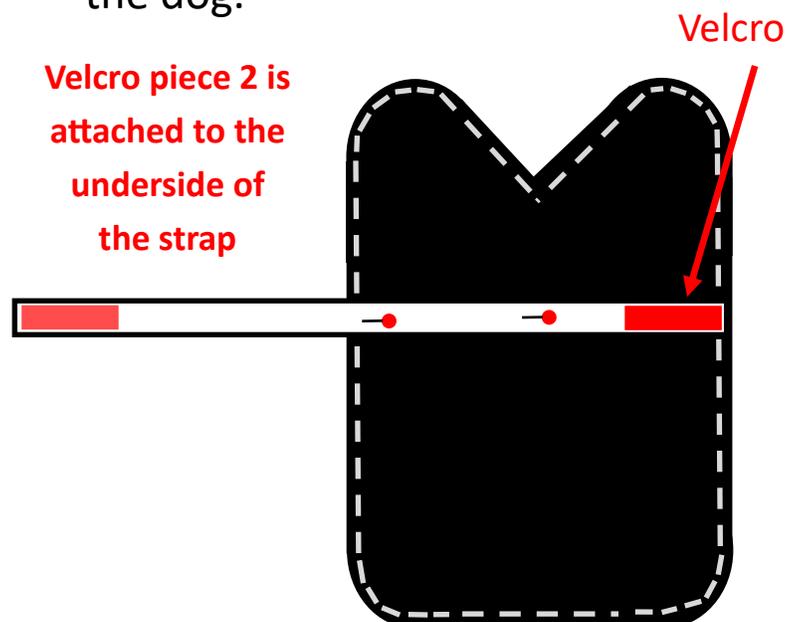
I attach the strap 6" from the neckline V, however for larger dogs that distance will need to be greater. The rule of thumb is that you put the strap slightly closer to the neckline than the hind end of the dog.

## Step 27.

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

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

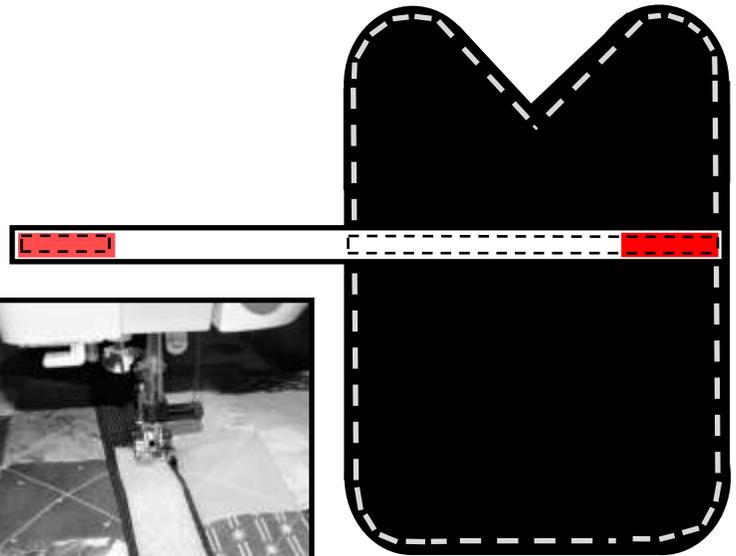
The **softer piece** is pinned to the strap on the **underside** (not the side facing up!



## Step 28.

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.

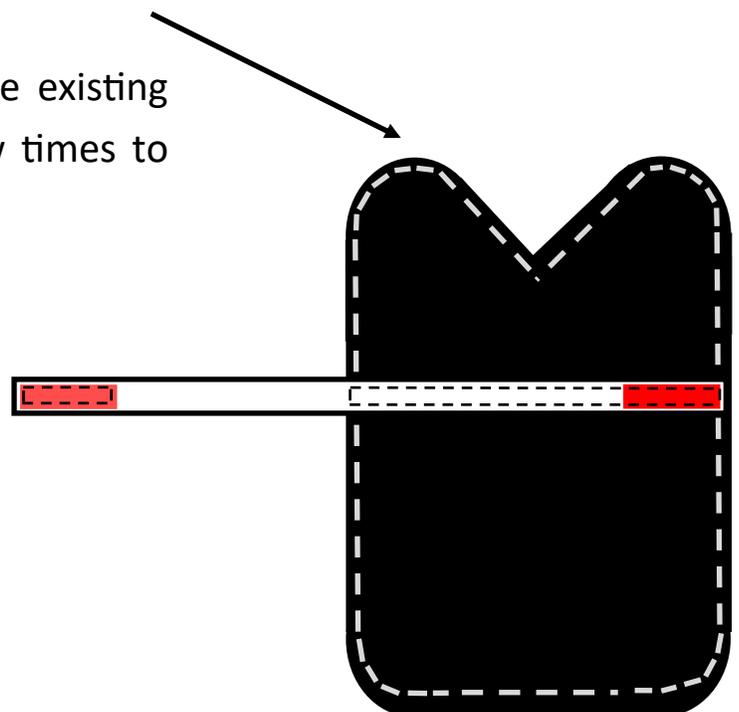


## Step 29.

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)

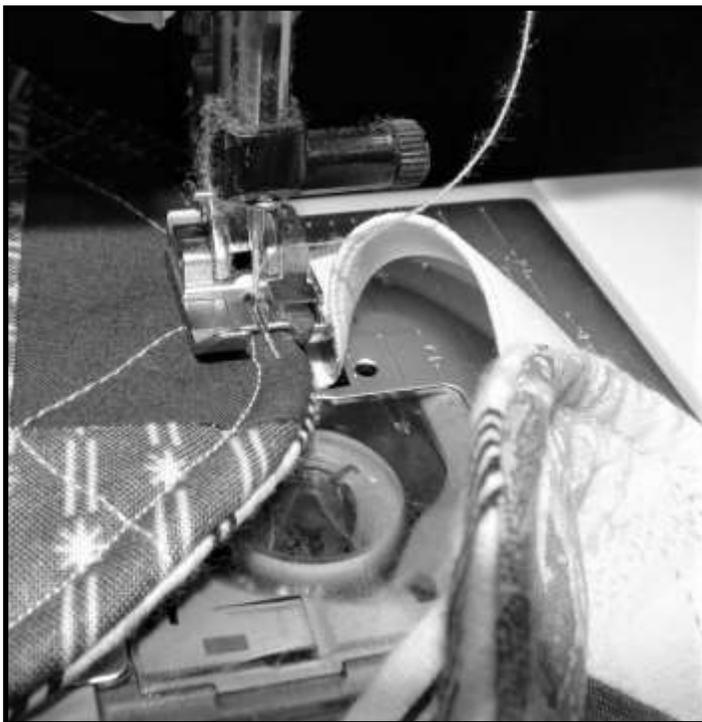
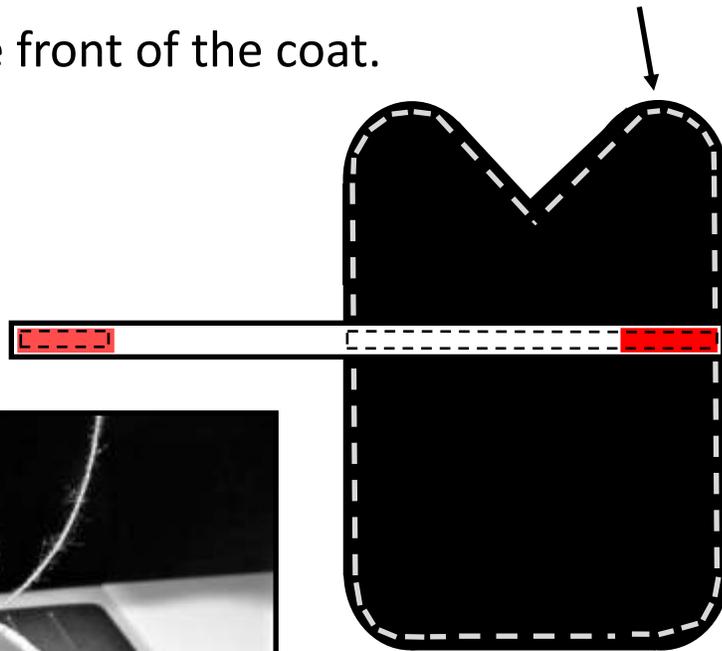
Attach the strip at the middle of the curve at the front of the coat.

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



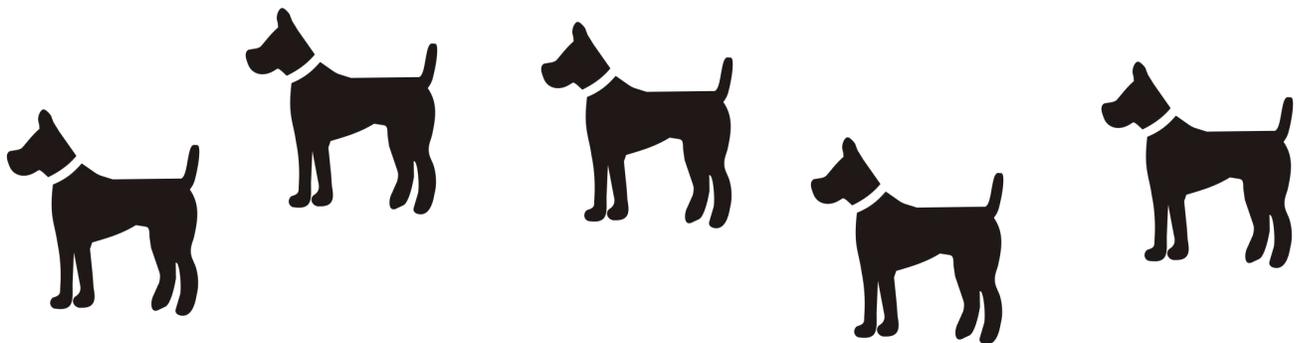
## Step 30.

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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