

## How to Sew a Bandana for a Large Dog

1. **Select your fabric.** For this tutorial I'm using a bandana, but another option is a fat quarter. A fat quarter is sold pre-packaged at craft and fabric stores. They are approximately 18" x 22". Buy a fat quarter that has an overall, non-directional print.
2. **Download** and tape pattern pieces together: [bit.ly/mdpdogpattern](http://bit.ly/mdpdogpattern)
3. **Wash, dry, and iron** bandana. Match up the top of the bandana to a side, making sure the edges are even, so that the design is now on the diagonal, and press. Note: since many bandanas are not square, the design on the underside of the finished project will probably not be the same as the top. Keep this in mind so you're always working on the "finished" side.
4. **Line up** the pattern with the design on the fabric.
5. **Cut out.**
6. Be sure to **mark one edge** with chalk or a small snip.
7. Working on the wrong side, **turn down** the area between the marks 1/2" and press into place. Open this back out.
8. With right sides together, **pin** pieces together.
9. **Stitch** all round using 1/2" seam allowance. Start at the top edge opposite the side where you pressed in the seam allowance. Pivot at the corners or run the stitch off, lift the pressure foot, and realign the stitch. Stop at the mark making sure to lockstitch (backstitch) at that point.
10. **Trim** corners.
11. **Turn** right side out through the opening.
12. Gently **push** out the corners with a wood chopstick. Press with right side facing up. Notice how the previously pressed in seam allowance automatically goes into place. (That's why you do that step before sewing.)
13. Working on the right side, **top stitch** from top edge all around to the other side. I used the edge of the pressure foot as a guide.
14. **Flip** the piece over so the wrong side is now up. Turn down 2-1/2", pin in place and top stitch near the edge. You are creating the channel for the dog collar.
15. **Press** again and you're finished. Thread the dog collar through the channel, try it on your dog and admire how cute he or she looks!