

Little Doggie Seatbelt from a Big Dog Collar

This is how I made a little dog seat belt from a big dog collar. My Yorkies usually ride in their car seats, but sometimes they need a seat belt!

I used 2 big dog collars, the largest I had. (Yes, I have random dog things lying around, don't you?) These were 18"-31" collars. Cut the hardware off saving as much of the webbing as possible and set the hardware aside - you will be re-using the strap adjuster and the D-Ring. Cut at the red lines.

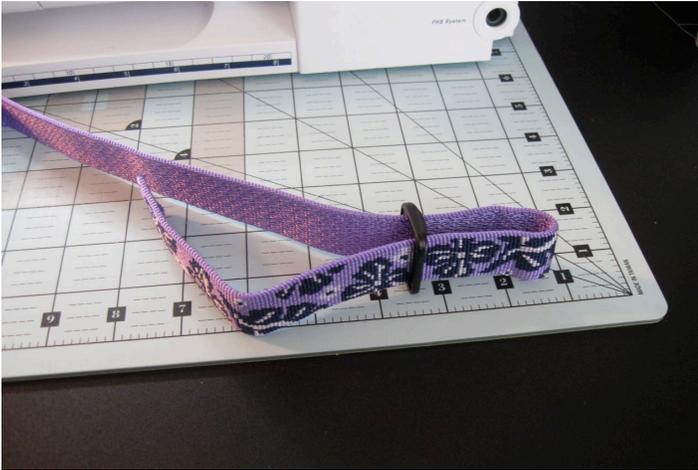


It should look like this. Now carefully burn the edges with a candle to melt the end so it doesn't unravel. DO NOT sew over this melted edge or you will break a needle.



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Using the strap adjuster, feed the webbing back through as shown:



Wrestle with this a little to get it under the foot of your sewing machine. Using a small, short zig-zag stitch back and forth several times. You may need to use a “sharp” or denim needle and strong poly thread. You are stitching the end back to itself, looped around the strap adjuster.



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Make sure the stitching is secure.

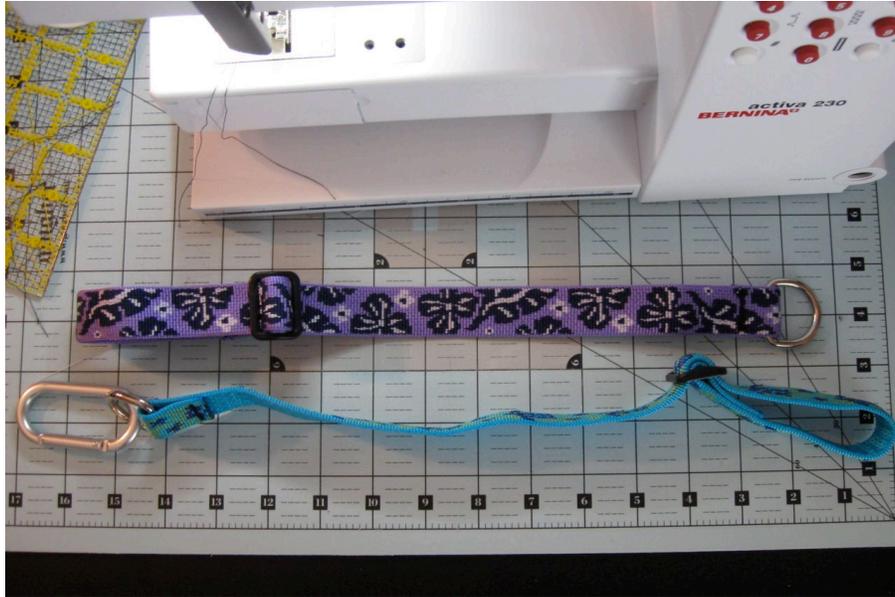


This is the part you will feed the seatbelt through.
The middle back seat is the safest!



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Stitch the D-Ring on the other end using the same zig zag stitch. Add a carabiner or clip and attach to your dog's HARNESS (not their collar!) and adjust so that your dog cannot jump off the seat but they can still enjoy riding safely in the car with you! And remember, just like children, pets are always safest in the back seat! Keeping them on a seat belt or in a car seat means they will not be running around the car, sitting in your lap or standing up to put their heads out the window!



Loki, my co-pilot.

Obviously, these are not crash tested. Please use your best judgement as you would in any situation concerning your pet.

I am not responsible for any problems you may have using a strap like this. My dogs enjoy riding in the car and behave themselves. Only you know if your dog will be safe wearing something like this.

