Bandanas

Double Sided Bandana

1. Ok, pick your fabrics (pre-washed) and cut out a 10″ x 9″ rectangle of each (do as I say here, not as I do. I know the photo clearly shows a 9″ square, which is totally my bad.) Fold the rectangle in half lengthwise and make a mark along the raw edges at 4.5″ from the bottom. Cut at an angle from your mark to the end of the fold to create the pointed shape. Do the same to the other half.

2. Now if you want to embellish your bandana here is your chance. I have added a simple embroidered heart (which my dog will promptly snag with her scratching, I'm sure) but you could add a heart (or decoration of your own choosing) with paint or fabric markers or iron-on...or your bedazzler. Whatever.

3. Once your embellishing is done, take both pieces, lay them right sides together and pin them around the sides and bottom (if y'all weren't watching I totally would not have pinned this). Stitch around the edges leaving a 1/4" seam allowance and remove your pins. Remember not to stitch the top!

4. Carefully clip your corners and turn your bandana right-side-out. Push the corners and the point out with a turning tool or a chopstick or whatever you like to use and press it nice and flat and sharp.

6. To make the casing, make a 1/2" fold at the top and press. Then make another 1 1/2" fold and press again. This is where, if you are using different measurements, you want to make sure you are making your casing wide enough for the collar you will be sliding in. Remember to add *at least* 1/2" to the collar width measurement to accommodate the hardware. (Again, this will hopefully mean that you already added to

the length of your rectangle before cutting.)

7. Ok, ready? Pin the casing in place, stitch across 1/4" from the bottom edge and remove your pins.   I wish I could say something like my grandmother would be very proud of my methodical pinning for this project…but I don't have that kind of grandmother. My grandmother is proud when I remember that lay (not lie) takes an object and when I don't misuse *hopefully* like I just did. Anyway, I like to stitch this seam twice so it is nice and sturdy.

DOUBLE SIDED TIE ON BANDANA

For small dogs cut a 14″ square from 2 different fabrics. For medium size dogs cut a 18″ square, for large dogs cut a 22″ square, and for extra large dogs cut a 26″ square.

Fold the square in half diagonally. Cut down the long end (corner to corner) to form 2 triangles.

You only need one of the triangles from each color fabric. Keep the other for another pet scarf, or stash it away in your fabric scrap pile.

Place two different color triangles PRETTY SIDES together. Pin around the outer edge. Leave a 4″ opening

Stitch around the outer edge 1/4″ (or using the pressure foot as your guide). Don't forget to leave a 4″ opening.
Clip corners and trim seams.

Turn your reversible doggy bandana pretty side out. Carefully poke out the corners so they have a nice point to them.

Press.

Now the opening needs to be sewn closed. Fold both fabrics in and pin as shown in the photo. Either sew close to the edge with a machine, or hand stitch it closed.

SINGLE SIDED SLIDE ON BANDANA

You'll need a small square of fabric, with the size depending upon the size of the dog. My formula is as follows: to determine the size you need, measure the circumference of your pet's neck, loosely like a collar would fit. Then divide in half. The size you need will be the nearest size (equal to or less than) half the length.

So for example, if you have a good-sized dog with a 16″ neck, you'd start with an 8″ square of fabric. Generally, my sizes run 4″-extra small, 5″-small, 6″-medium, 8″-large, 10″=extra large.

You'll start by tucking in the ends. Fold in two opposing corners. The size of the fold depends upon the width of the collar. If you don't have the collar handy, this isn't an exact science and you can usually estimate pretty easily. Generally, small dogs have thin collars, larger dogs have thicker collars. You'll want to make the length of the fold a little over twice the thickness of the collar. So for an 8″ scarf, the fold is usually 3″ long. (As you read through the instructions, this should make more sense later.)

Stitch down the corner folds, running a stitch just inside the fold. Next, fold the scarf in half, right sides together, aligning the two remaining (unstitched) corners. Stitch along the raw edges.

After folding and stitching, you should have a scarf that looks like the picture above.

Next, turn the scarf right-side-out, using the opening in the folded corner.

Align and press the seams.

Next, you'll need to run a stitch parallel to the top fold. This should be wide enough to fit the collar. Basically, the stitch should run from folded corner to folded corner and align with the ends of the corner fold. Wow! That's tough to describe! The pictures of the finished scarves at the bottom of the post show the alignment of the collar stitch, which might help if this isn't clear.
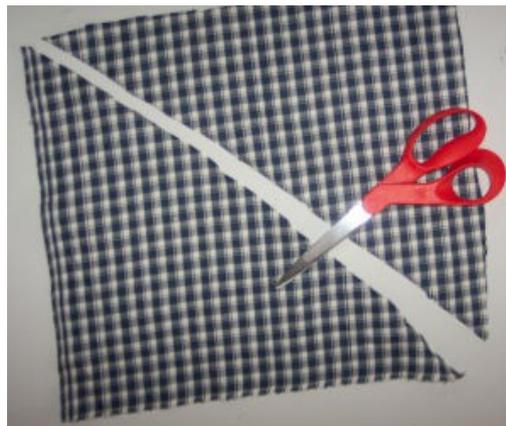

If you have fancy stitches on your machine, you can dress up the edges.

Next just slide the collar through the bandana. Viola!

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Fold the square in half diagonally. Cut down the long end to form 2 triangles.

You only need one of the triangles. Keep the other for another pet scarf, or stash it away in your fabric scrap pile, or make yourself a matching one.

I am sure that if you have bought one of these at a pet shop or on-line it is a square, not cut in half like we are doing. The reason we do this is to cut down the amount of fabric wrapped around your dog's neck. We do not want him/her to be uncomfortable.

The edges of the bandana must be finished. You have 2 choices. One, you may set your machine to zigzag and stitch the edge of the fabric on all 3 sides, or use a serger to do so.

Or two, fold the fabric up 1/4" and then 1/4" again to the ugly side, press, pin, and then top stitch.

The neatest, most durable, and most professional looking way is the second way mentioned above.