

Hill Top Leather Shop Needlepoint Collar Information

An accurate neck measurement is very important to ensure a custom fit. If your dog currently has a collar that fits, you can also measure the collar.

Measuring Instructions

Neck Measurement Method: Be sure to measure your dog's neck using a tailor's tape **adjusted as snug or loose as you would like the collar to fit. DO NOT ADD ANYTHING TO THE NECK MEASUREMENT.** This neck measurement will be placed at the center hole of the 5 adjustment holes on the collar, leaving you 2 holes on either side for adjusting larger or smaller. On very small collars (11" and under) there are only 3 adjustment holes, with the neck measurement placed at the center hole.

Collar Measurement Method: Lay your dog's collar out on a flat surface. Using a tailors tape or ruler, measure from the end of the buckle (including the buckle) to the hole in which the collar fits best.

The amount of stitched canvas needed for us to make a dog collar will be **3" less than the neck measurement.** Be aware that on each end of a dog collar canvas, about 1 ½" of the stitching will be covered by the leather.

Binding stitch or fold finish? If you have not stitched a binding stitch on the top and bottom of your canvas, please be sure that there are 2 extra rows on the top and the bottom. We will fold under these two rows so that your collar has a nice finished edge with no unstitched canvas showing. Without these extra rows, we will fold into the canvas design and this makes for an unattractive collar.

Collar Width

You may make your collar whatever width you prefer; however, keep in mind the size of the dog. A narrower collar is usually better for a smaller dog as we use smaller, lighter hardware for a ½" or ¾" width collar than we do for a 1" or larger collar.