



DOGGIE DIGS

By Beth Ann Cecchetti

Show off the animal in your pet by dressing her in a zebra-print collar-and-leash combo. After a brisk walk through the neighborhood, reward her with a special treat from a matching treat can.

Supplies

- ◆ 3 yards of zebra-print webbing
- ◆ ¼ yard of lime green faux snakeskin
- ◆ 1 green two-part plastic buckle
- ◆ Three 1½" D-rings
- ◆ 1 charm (optional)
- ◆ 1 metal swivel latch
- ◆ 1 unused small paint can with lid
- ◆ Self-adhesive tear-away stabilizer
- ◆ 1 package of ¼"-wide tacky tape
- ◆ Needles: size 90/14 embroidery, size 75/11 universal
- ◆ Thread: embroidery, bobbin and monofilament
- ◆ Embroidery and font design

Embroidery

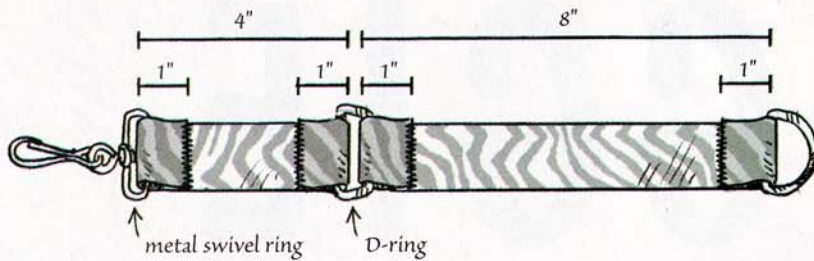
- ◆ Hoop tear-away stabilizer with the paper side up. Using a straight pin, score the paper and pull it away from the adhesive layer. Finger press a 10"-long piece of webbing to the adhesive stabilizer.

- ◆ Put the hoop on the machine. Check that the design size won't stitch beyond the webbing width. Embroider the design; remove any excess stabilizer.
- ◆ Cut a 14"-long piece of webbing for the treat can. Embroider the design, and then remove any excess stabilizer.
- ◆ Measure the pet's neck circumference and add 6". Cut a length of webbing to this measurement. Embroider the pet's name and owner's phone number with a font size that fits the webbing length and width. Remove any excess stabilizer.
- ◆ Cut a piece of faux snakeskin to fit around the paint can. Embroider with a 1½"-tall font.

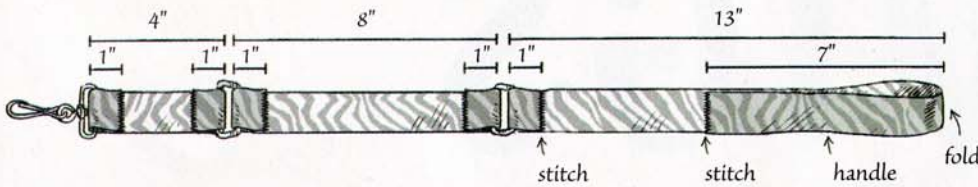
Leash Construction

- ◆ Cut a 6"- and 28"-long piece of webbing (this piece may be cut longer, depending on the distance the pet prefers to walk from). Thread the machine with monofilament thread, and choose a zigzag stitch.
- ◆ Loop one end of the 6"-long webbing through the ring on the metal swivel latch. Fold the webbing under 1";

A Fold webbing under 1"; stitch.



B Loop opposite webbing end under 7" to form handle; stitch.



stitch. Loop the other end through a D-ring. Fold the webbing under 1"; stitch.

◆ Through the same D-ring, loop the 10"-long piece of embroidered webbing. Fold the webbing under 1"; stitch. Loop the opposite webbing end through a second D-ring. Fold the webbing under 1"; stitch (A).

◆ Loop the 28"-long (or longer) piece of webbing through the second D-ring. Fold the webbing under 1"; stitch. Loop the opposite webbing end under 7" to form the handle; stitch (B).

Collar Construction

- ◆ Loop one embroidered webbing end through one opening of the green collar buckle. Fold the webbing under 1"; stitch.
- ◆ Slip a D-ring on the other webbing end, and then loop the webbing through the second opening of the collar buckle. Fold the webbing under 1"; stitch. Move the D-ring close to the row of stitching, and then stitch another row on the opposite side of the D-ring.
- ◆ Add a charm to the D-ring, if desired.

Treat Can Construction

- ◆ Apply tacky tape to the top and bottom of the paint can. Gently wrap the embroidered faux snakeskin around the can; press securely to the tacky tape.
- ◆ Apply tacky tape to the embroidered webbing. Wrap the webbing around the can upper edge, abutting the ends together on the back of the can. Press the webbing securely to the can.
- ◆ Cut a circle of faux snakeskin to fit the inner circle of the paint can lid. Apply tacky tape to the lid of the paint can. Press the snakeskin circle in place. ✻

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Designs

The leash, collar and treat can designs are built-in Baby Lock Elegante designs.

