

Fabulous & Fun

Lovable Leashes

Make a fast, stylish dog leash from cute ribbons or trim

They say a dog is man's best friend. But those adorable leashes you've seen in dog boutiques are expensive. Why not make your pal a cool custom dog leash? This 6-foot-long, ribbon dog leash is an easy and affordable way to guarantee your pup will be stylin'.

Creating a ribbon dog leash for your pooch takes about an hour and is a great project for a beginning sewer. Use nylon webbing for support, ribbon for glamour, and a swivel hook for function. I chose grosgrain ribbon for a preppy look, but you can use any ribbon or trim you like.

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Supplies & sources

- Matches or lighter
- Nylon webbing, 70 inches (*Strapworks.com*)
- Pins
- Ribbon or trim, 70 inches (*TheRibbonRetreat.com*, *JKMRibbon.com*, *MJTrim.com*)
- Ruler
- Sewing machine
- Swivel hook (*Strapworks.com*)
- Thread

- Optional:
 - > Webbing tips (*Strapworks.com*)

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Walk your dog in style

Make a dog leash your pup will be proud of in four simple steps.



{1} FUSE THE WEBBING.

To prevent the ends from fraying, fuse the cut ends of your webbing. Pass them through a match flame several times. Or, if you'd prefer, attach webbing tips.



{2} STITCH THE EDGES.

Sew the grosgrain ribbon to the nylon webbing along both long edges.



{3} MAKE THE HANDLE. Measure down 7½ inches on one end of the leash, fold it over, and pin it to the leash. Sew a small square, and then sew an "X" through it, as shown above, to secure the handle



{4} ADD A SWIVEL HOOK. On the opposite end of the strap, thread the nylon webbing through the swivel hook. Fold the webbing over 1 inch, and pin it in place. Repeat the box stitch shown in step 3 to secure the leash hook. Then, you're ready to lead the way.