

How to make a

# Dog Bandana

*Help find a dog a home!*

***ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED!***

## **Materials Needed:**

*(Makes 2 bandanas)*

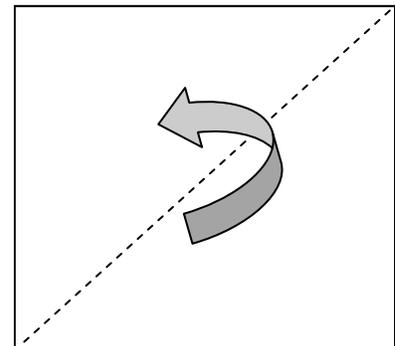
- \* 22" X 22" square of patterned fabric
- \* 1 pack of 2-inch iron-on letters in a dark color  
(make sure your pack includes two of each letter:  
A,D,O,P,T, M and E. If not, you'll need a second  
pack)
- \* Sharp scissors
- \* Ruler
- \* Disappearing fabric marker
- \* Iron and ironing board
- \* Pinking shears OR a needle and thread

**note:** Cut fabric will fray (come apart) so you need to finish the edges of the bandana. You can do this by either using special scissors called *pinking shears* or by sewing the edges with a needle and thread.



## **Instructions:**

**1. Place the fabric square on the table. Take one corner and fold it over to the opposite corner, creating a triangle. Press the crease firmly with your fingers. Unfold the fabric and use the scissors to cut along the crease. You now have two identical triangles. We will make one bandana at a time.**



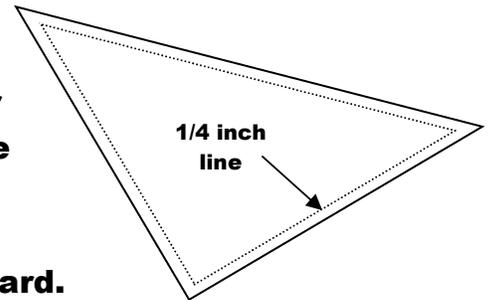
**2. Let's finish the edges of the bandana:**

- a. **Pinking shears method - Using the fabric marker and ruler, draw a line 1/4 of an inch all the way around the edge of the fabric. Cut along the line you drew using the pinking shears. The edge of the bandana will have a zig-zag look. Throw away the 1/4 inch of fabric you cut off.**

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**b. Needle and thread method - Place the bandana pattern-side down on a table. Use the fabric marker and ruler to draw a line 1/4 of an inch all the way around the edge of the fabric. Using the line you drew as a guide, fold the 1/4 inch of fabric on the line and crease it firmly with your fingers. There will be a little extra fabric on the corners of the triangle - just trim it off with scissors. Take your triangle over to the ironing board and place it pattern-side down on the board. **HAVE AN ADULT HELP YOU** turn the iron on and set it on medium heat. Press the folded edges of the bandana with the iron so that the fabric is flat and the crease you made is nice and sharp. Once the fabric is cool, use the needle and thread to stitch along the edges you just pressed on all three sides of the bandana.**



**3. Let's put on the letters! Grab the pack of iron-on letters and take out the letters to spell 'Adopt me!' including the exclamation point, if the pack has one. Peel off the paper backing, if necessary. Place your bandana right-side up on the ironing board with the longest edge away from you. Arrange the letters on the bandana. If you would like to get creative and slant the letters or overlap them a little, go for it! Just make sure the words are still readable. Following the ironing instructions on the iron-on letter pack, have an adult help you press the letters onto the bandana. Voila! You now have a beautiful dog bandana. Now repeat what you just did with the second fabric triangle. Why not get your friends together and make a bunch of bandanas?**

**Drop off your masterpieces at the Humane Society of Broward County and know that YOUR thoughtfulness and creativity may just help find a homeless dog a home! Woof! Woof! (Thank you!)**

**Take a picture of you and your friends making bandanas and we may put it in our newsletter!  
Call 954-266-6848.**



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