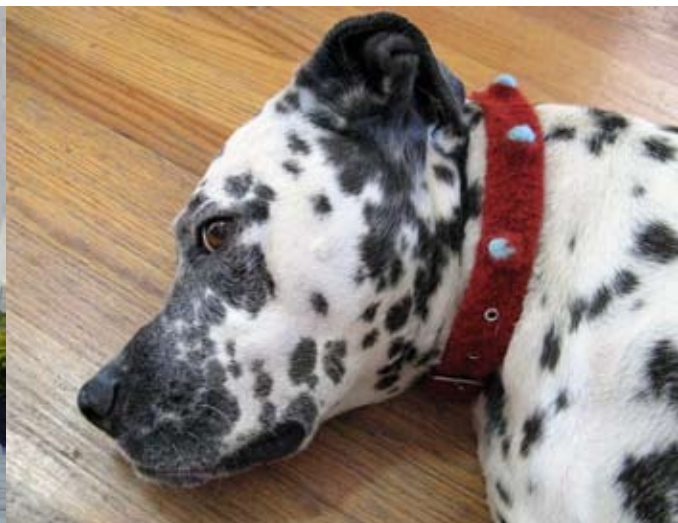


FELTED DOG COLLAR

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Our family mutt is just way too big to knit for; at 90 lbs it would take as long to knit him a sweater as it would to knit one for a human! But I realized the other day that in his position as the Cocoknits Security Department he deserved something knitted! So I used Leigh Radford's (leighradford.com) shibori felting technique to make him a "studded" collar. He looks thrilled, don't you think?

Skills Needed

General knitting knowledge.

Finished Size

Small (medium, large, x-large)

For neck size:

11-14" (14-18", 19-22", 23-26")

Materials

Yarn

Small amount (1/3 skein) feltable bulky or worsted weight used doubled. Small amounts of cc. Sample shown in Brown Sheep Naturespun worsted used

doubled and Cascade EcoWool used doubled (for dimples).

Notions

- One $\frac{3}{4}$ (1, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$)" buckle and D-ring. (You can cut apart an old collar and use the buckle and D-ring if they are still in good shape.)
- Small grommets or eyelets (optional, but makes the collar sturdier).

You will need 7-12 small Scunci brand silicone rubber bands (usually used for hair) to make dimples. (I must admit, I use my daughter's leftover rubber bands for her braces... they work perfectly for this!)

Needles

#13, any type.

Gauge

Not important for felting.

Abbreviations

See [vcocoknits.com](http://www.cocoknits.com)

Directions

CO 58 (72, 87, 101) sts (use two strands held together if using worsted weight) using long tail method and leaving a 6" tail.

Size Small

Work 3 rows ST st beginning with a RS row, then BO k-wise on WS.

Size Med (Large, X-large)

k first row, then work 3 (5, 5) rows ST st beg with a RS row (knit).

- Sizes med, x-large: k one additional row on WS, then BO k-wise on RS.
- Size large: after 5th row, BO k-wise on WS.

Attach Hardware

Slide D-ring onto collar, then slide buckle into place folding the tip of collar back about 2". Thread tapestry needle onto tail and use it to stitch the tip of the collar to the collar to hold D-ring in place, then in between D-ring and buckle. Keep the D-ring close to the buckle. Just a few stitches in and out will do... it felts together. Secure ends and trim.



Make Dimples

From the WS, poke your index finger into the fabric and on the RS wrap the rubber band around the base of the bump you created. Figure 1.

Each dimple is approximately the size of the tip of your index finger. To add the second color, make a french knot on the tip of the dimple with feltable wool. (To make a French knot, thread the yarn onto yarn needle, bringing it through from WS to RS, make a big, loose knot. Then take the yarn back to the WS and knot it loosely with the other tail to secure.) Figure 2.

Make as many dimples as you want. Figure 3.

Felt in sudsy hot water (I throw in an old pair of sneakers to aid with the felting). Once felted, roll in a towel to absorb excess water and pull into desired shape.

Once dry, use a sharp scissors to add holes for buckling. If desired, you may strengthen the holes by adding grommets or eyelets following the instructions on package.



Figure 1

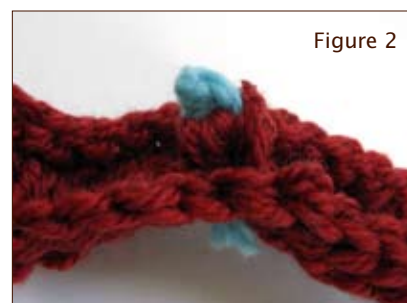


Figure 2



Figure 3



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