Martingale Dog Collar

Materials

15-20 ft each in two colors of paracord

Two ¾ or 1 inch D rings

One 1 inch O ring

Cost for this project starts at $5.86

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Step 1: With one 15 ft. strand of paracord, find the middle and insert it up through one of the D rings.

Step 2: Insert the two cord ends through the middle of your cord and pull tight.

Repeat steps 1 and 2 with the second 15 ft. cord tying a knot around the first. For this collar, you'll want the braided cords to cover about ¾ of the dog's neck.

Thread all four cord ends down through the other D ring and measure to desired length. The D rings should not touch when on your dog's neck. Separate the cord ends so you have two on each side.
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Step 3: Bring the right outside cord over and around the next three right cords then up through the loop it created.

Step 4: Bring the inside color B strands up through the middle and out of the way. Wrap the right outside color A around the right color B strand in the collar and up through the loop it created.

Step 5: Bring the left color A over and around the left color B in the collar and up through the loop it created. Pull both color A cords tight.

Step 6: Bring cord A ends down. With color B on the right, wrap it over the right color A in the collar then up through the space it created. Make sure you also crossed over the working end of color A.

Step 7: Wrap color B on the left over color A on the left of the collar and up through the space it created. Pull both color B cords tight.

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Step 8: Cross the outside color A strands with the left over the right.

Step 9: Wrap the outside color A cords around the same color cords in the collar and come up in the space it creates as shown. Pull both cords tight.

Step 10: Bring color B cords over and around the same color cords and up through the spaces they create as shown. Pull both cords tight.

Repeat steps 4 through 10 until you reach the end. Forceps or a lacing needle will help toward the end.

Once you reach the end, wrap the ends around to the back and lace them under a few knots with forceps or a lacing needle. Trim and melt the ends. Using two 15 ft cords, we had a 12 inch braid.

Now we'll make the adjustable part of the martingale collar. We used two 3 ft pieces of paracord. Insert each end through the O ring and fold at the center. Lay the cords out as shown.
Step 11: Bring the far left cord behind the next two cords and back over the third cord as shown.

Step 12: Bring the far right cord behind the previous two cords and over the second as shown.

Repeat steps 11 and 12 until you have about a 10 inch braid. Then insert the braid through both D rings of your collar.

Insert the cord ends through the O ring and fold them back toward the braid. Use forceps or a lacing needle to weave the cord ends back through the braid.

Once you have each cord end woven through two or three pieces, trim and melt the ends.

Now you can slip the collar over your dog's head and attach a leash to the O ring. This collar can also be made with any braid like a solomon or cobra weave.