Key Wristlet aNd Dog Leash

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MATERIALS

For the leash:
- Heavy-duty cotton webbing in 1¼" width; Length depends on your height
- One swivel snap hook
- Strip of fabric 1½" by length of webbing plus 2"; You may have to piece two strips together if your leash is longer than 40"
- Pellon® fusible web
- Polyester thread
- Heavy-duty needle, #90 or denim
- Jewelry pliers with Teflon® coating

For the key wristlet:
- Heavy-duty cotton webbing in 1¼" width; You'll need about 10" per fob
- Key fob hardware
- Fabric strip measuring 1½" by 10"
- Pellon® fusible web
- Polyester thread
- Heavy-duty needle #90 or denim
- Jewelry pliers with Teflon® coating

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Cutting

Steps 1 through 3 are the same for both the leash and key wristlet.

1. Cut the webbing to length:

Cut 10″ for each wristlet and as long as you wish for the leash. When cutting the leash, make sure you account for the wrist loop.

2. Fuse fabric to the webbing:

Fold ¼″ over on each long side of your fabric and cut a strip of Pellon® to the length of the fabric (just shy of 1″ wide). Fuse the Pellon® to the backside of the fabric over the turned edges following the manufacturer instructions. Wait until the paper is cold, peel it off, and fuse the fabric to the cotton webbing.

The fabric for the leash should overlap the webbing by 1″ on each end. Trim the excess down to ½″. Turn the excess fabric to the other side of the webbing and fuse it in place. This step finishes the webbing ends without the bulk of turning it under.

3. Sew the strip down.

With your sewing machine, sew the strip of fabric to the webbing close to the fabric edge on each side.

4. For the leash only.

Make a loop large enough to accommodate your wrist. Sew it down ¼" from the edge of the loop. Sew over the same line several times to make it strong.

5. Sew the hardware to the other end with the same strong seam. You can even sew two rows of stitches.

6. Your leash is now complete.

7. For the wristlet only.

Fold the webbing (the piece with the fabric sewn on) in half, and place the ends inside the hardware.

The hardware for the key fob must be pinched on, not sewn.

Notes on procuring the supplies for this project:

Many websites will recommend buying a set of sheet-metal pliers to finish your fobs. I have found those to be costly and not necessary in this case. I use very inexpensive (around $4) jewelry pliers whose tips are coated with Teflon® (looks like white plastic). You'll have to press twice, once on each side of the hardware. The Teflon® does a great job of protecting the hardware and you can see what you are doing because the pliers are small.

I have found that the best source for the webbing and hardware are not your local craft chain stores, but online vendors from Etsy.com. I purchased my supplies from one such vendor at a very good price. The key words to find these products are "key fob hardware" and "swivel snap hook." The webbing they sell with the hardware is excellent also.