

# Making a neckband

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In a recent project, I wanted to experiment with different ways of doing neckbands that might work better than the simple double fold under. With the loose guidance of Burda Style's T-shirt V-Neck tutorial, I made my first neckband. Here is how I did it. Check out more techniques at: <http://sewhappyclothes.blogspot.com/search/label/Techniques>.

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## Step 1 — Measure



Measure the neckband.

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## Step 2 — Cut



Cut out a strip of the same or contrasting fabric as long as the neckband plus a little more. Mine measured 29 1/2" and was cut with a few inches to spare for good measure. The strip should be cut perpendicular to the selvage. It should also be cut about twice as wide as you want the neckband to be, plus 1 more inch for selvages.

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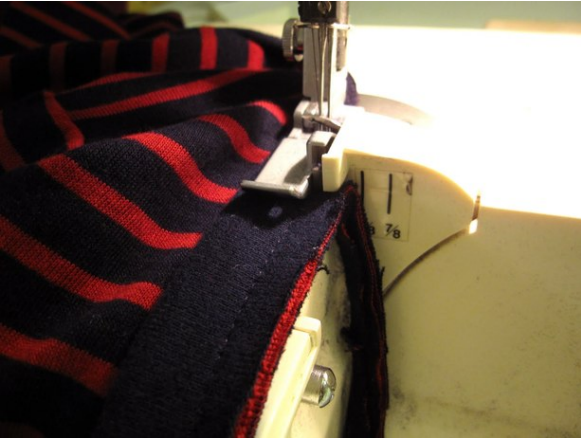
### **Step 3 — Baste**



Folding the neckband in half with wrong sides together, pin it along the right side of the neckband, matching raw edges. Baste in place.

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### **Step 4 — Finish**



Finish the raw edge using a serger or other non-bulky technique.

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### **Step 5 — Topstitch (optional)**



Topstitch along the garment to hold the serged edge to the wrong side of the garment. This will help to hold the collar upright and keep it from folding in.

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