

What you'll need:

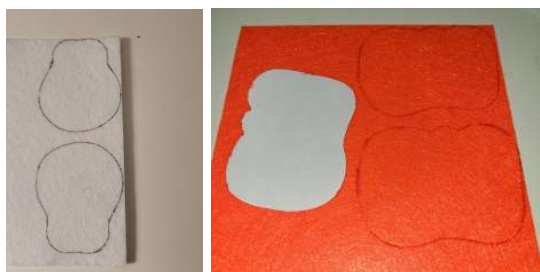
- Felt
- Thread - embroidery or regular thread
- Fabric scissors
- A fine felt tip marker or fabric marker
- Snaps or Velcro
- Cotton balls



Optional additions:

- Hot glue gun or fabric glue - if you are adverse to stitching, you could definitely do this project with glue
- Decorative items - beads, small fabric flowers, decorative thread and stick on gems could all be used to embellish your project! You could even use fabric paint!

Steps:



- Draw a basic shape on paper or print out a template
- Cut out the template
- Using a fine tip marker or fabric marker, trace the outline on to the felt. You will need 2 outlines: a front and a back



- Cut out the felt
- Decorate one side! This will be the front side. Feel free to be creative! You could purely do embroidery, you could use fabric paint, you could place little beads or gems for the eyes and nose. You can cut out little pieces from other felt colours and sew or glue them on. Get creative!



- Using doubled up thread or embroidery thread, stitch the front and the back together all around the outside, leaving the bottom or a side open
- Stuff the plushie. I pulled apart a cotton ball to make it looser. I used 1 cotton ball for the skull plushie and 2 for the pumpkin plushie. You can add a little more or a little less depending on your desired thickness

- Sew up the rest of the outside
- Attach a thin (approximately 1/2 inch wide) strip to the back of the plushie. No need to be super careful about the stitches here as this side will be against the collar. The collar you want to use will determine the length (will need to wrap around the width of the collar)
- Attach the snaps or velcro to the strip
- Attach the plushie to your dog's collar. For safety reasons, make sure to remove the plushie when you are not monitoring your dog

