

IT'S SEW EASY Series 1300 Upcycle Sewing: Double Collar



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Upcycle (up-si-keel) To improve existing goods (such as clothing) through the use of labor, materials, and creativity

Good for the planet, good for your budget!

In this episode we explore upcycling by adding a dramatic twist to your favorite dress shirt in the form of a double collar. It is possible to create a double collar with an oversized, undersized, or matching-sized collar and an inside or outside mount. The double collars may be worn up, down, or split up and down.

This episode focuses on **one method: The matching-sized pair of collars and outside mount**. Instructions for the other methods are available in a commercial pattern sold by [Paganoonoo](#). Visit Paganoonoo's [Etsy Shop](#).

MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

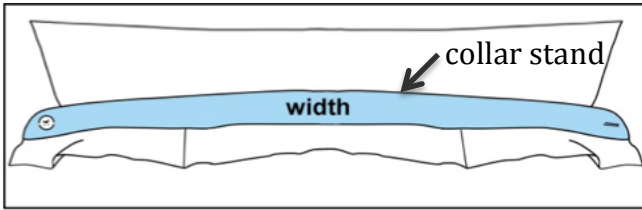
Dress shirt 1 / base shirt: The base shirt. The second collar will be added to this shirt. *Do not* use a button-down a standard size with or without collar stays works best.

Dress shirt 2: The second collar will be harvested from this shirt. The collar length must be the same size as the base shirt collar. Lay one on top of the other to compare. If possible use a collar with stays or one that is naturally a bit stiff.

Caution: If one side of the collar points up, and the other down, *don't use it*. Often this flaw is due to the fabric grain and will not press out.

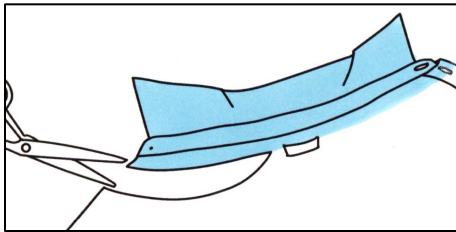
Supplies: Thread, tape measure or ruler, irons and ironing boards, pins, seam ripper, sewing machine, sharp sewing scissors, optional pinking shears

Instructions for Matched-Size Double Collar Method



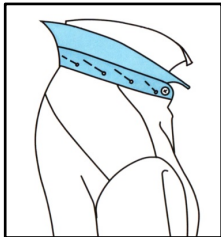
Verify that the two collars have collar stands the same width and approximate height.

The top sections of the collar should be about the same size too.



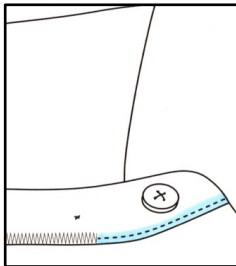
Harvest the second collar by cutting it away from the shirt. Trim directly under the stand. Optionally use pinking shears, make a zig-zag cut just under the collar stand and leave the edge raw (pinked). It will fray with washing.

Remove the button on the base shirt collar stand.

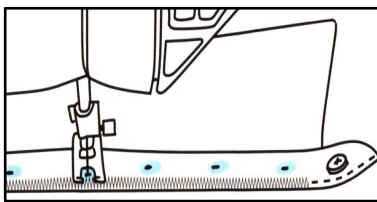


Arrange the second collar so that the front edge sits flush or just a bit back from front part of the stand & align the bottom edges of the stands. Pin in place.

Optional: Hand or machine baste the front edges of the collar stands together.



Set the sewing machine to zigzag. Starting at center back, stitch from the middle back of the collar forward along the lower edge toward the collar front. Stitch until 2" from the front edge and switch the sewing machine to a straight stitch and continue stitching to the front edge. As you approach the front edge reduce the stitch size. Cut threads. Repeat for the other side.



In order for the collars to sit nicely with each other put in some tacks about 2/3 of the way up the collar stand.

Caution: Do not tack so close to the collar front that it is visible on the backside of the stand when the collar is down, it won't look nice.

Sew up these Paganooonoo designs!

Upcycle Sewing Instructions for sale [here](#)



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