



“Adopt Me Neck Tie”

A Humane Project Gift for our friends at the Animal Shelter

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Description: This pattern was designed for our friends at the Animal Shelter. Some shelters are lucky enough to receive funding from their local government, but there are many that are voluntarily operated through donations. In all instances it is a tough job to keep food and housing for our friends while they wait for their forever homes. There isn't a lot left over to make additional cute items to promote adoptions. That is where we can help. The Adopt Me Neck Tie can be used when the shelters are having adoption days or for pictures on the internet. They are very inexpensive to make and would also be a great service project for Scouts or church youth groups. A collar can be slipped through the tie and worn comfortably by our furry friends. Imagine the happy tails wagging when you deliver these to your local shelter. You might even bring home a new friend!



Finished Neck Tie

The materials needed can be purchased at most big box stores or your local fabric hobby store. You might also get lucky and find what you need at secondhand stores.

1 Neckerchief— This will make four Adopt Me Neck Ties—I found the pictured one for .99 cents

Plain Material to embroider or to write on (visit the scrap bins) Each piece is cut about 7”X2” so 1/8 yard of 45 inch width fabric would be plenty

Matching Thread

Stabilizer if using an embroidery machine

If not embroidering use Permanent Markers, Puffy Paint or stamp pads and ink





Wash and dry your neckerchief per the recommended material settings. Iron it on low. I used a straight edge and rotary cutter to make it easy to cut it into four equal pieces.



Gather your plain piece of fabric that the words "Adopt Me" will be either embroidered on or written on. Depending on your choice of preparation you will cut them into pieces that will be 7 inches X 2 inches. If you will be embroidering, cut them after. If you are writing or painting, you may want to cut them before.

If you have an embroider machine, stabilize your fabric and proceed with the embellishment. I stabilized one big piece of fabric and did all of my Adopt Me phrases at one time. Once that was completed, I took them out of my hoop and cut them to the correct size needed.





Fold each of your four pieces on the diagonal so they are a triangle. **Iron the piece on the top to create a crease.** This will help you mark where you are going to place the words. **Open the piece up and pin the fabric on top.**

Set your machine to a zig zag stitch that is wide but close together so it will catch the outer edges of most of the material. This will alleviate the need to turn your edges under. If you choose to turn those edges, by all means do so.



Stitch around the perimeter of the Adopt Me Fabric with your zig zag stitch





You will need to hem a couple of the cut sizes of the neckerchief fabric so it won't ravel. Pin a small hem around those sides and stitch with a regular straight seam to match the existing hem



Now you will create a channel for the collar to be able to slide through. Fold the fabric in half diagonally again so it is a triangle and Pin directly under the Adopt Me Fabric in a straight line all the way across.

Stitch a nice straight line from edge to edge





Your Adopt Me Necktie is complete!

Sew a bunch of them and deliver to your local shelter!



Enjoy making this worthy project!

