

Shaggy Dog

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Since we had a doghouse for this issue I felt we also needed a dog. I learned how to make this little guy at a club meeting, taught by Ginger Landon Siegel. When I asked Ginger for permission to use the project in the Gazette she informed she that she learned it from someone else. Ginger found Bev's name and I spoke to her about printing the directions in the Gazette. Bev happily said yes, so here is Bev's pound puppy. He's traveled a long way to make this appearance so I hope you all enjoy making him. After our club made our dogs we had a dog show. Above is my puppy Poochini who won a ribbon for being the best groomed. Will your dog win best in show?



The cotton braided welting is becoming increasingly difficult to find. Try a fabric or upholstery store to see if they might have some in stock. The welting is used for making the piping or rolled edges on chair cushions and pillows. Thanks for sharing Bev! — Carolyn Eiche, Gazette Liaison

MATERIALS

- 11" of cotton braided welting
- Black seed bead
- Piece of ivory thread
- Small piece embroidery floss
- Tacky glue
- Scissors
- Toothpick
- Alligator clips

1. Cut 4 pieces of welting 1-1/4" long. Cut 3 pieces of welting 1-3/4" long.

2. Fold the four pieces of welting in half and glue. Use alligator clips or clamps to help hold them until they are dry. Once dry, glue the four pieces side by side to form the dog's body. Let dry.



3. Cut a piece of ivory colored thread. Tie a secure knot in the middle of one of the 1-3/4" pieces of welting. Trim the ends. Unravel/fray the welting with a toothpick.



4. Glue this to one end of the dog's body for his tail. Trim excess threads even with the bottom of dog's body when dry.



5. Tie the other two pieces of welting together with a piece of the thread, knotting securely and trimming the ends of the thread. Fray as you did before.



6. Glue this to the other end of the dog's body for his head. Trim excess threads as before.



7. Lift a few strands from the head of the dog and tie a piece of embroidery floss to them and make a bow. Glue a seed bead to his face for a nose.