



How to make your dog a “Dutch Dog” for the Volksparade

Most dogs fit into real kids’ Dutch costumes! The dog “Sparky” pictured below on left is wearing a 2T boy’s vest, with scarf (Achterhoek style is the name of his costume). His owner found an 18-month or 2T blue or striped oxford (think Kohl’s, Target, etc.) and he has a little elastic band around the Dutch boy cap. (He does not care to wear the hat however – and that’s ok!)

- If you want to sew, check out the patterns at Field’s Fabrics at 281 East 8th Street downtown. See their website for great ideas and to place orders for patterns: <http://shop.fieldsfabrics.com/Dutch>
- Also, Dutch Village has some ready-to-wear costumes you may buy right off the rack (limited supply).

We've seen folks get little mini wooden shoes with the dog's name burned on them at Dutch Village (US 31 and James) to hang from their collar or a small wooden shoe pin to wear on their vest.

There are lots of Dutch costume seamstresses, you can check the *Holland Sentinel* classifieds, look on Craigslist, ask friends on Facebook, listen to the WHTC Trading Post every day on 1450am, view the bulletin board at Field’s, etc.

If you find someone who is specifically making Dutch costumes for dogs, let us know. We would love to add them to this list!

Check out some of these great costumes for ideas of how to make your dog a
Dutch Dog!

