The indefinite article, the possessive article and the negative article

Indefinite article: Das ist **ein** Ball./Das ist **eine** Lampe./Das ist **ein** Buch./Das sind Bücher. (**no article in plural!**)
Possessive article: Das ist **mein** Ball./Das ist **deine** Lampe./Das ist **sein** Buch./Das sind **meine** Bücher.
Negative article: Das ist **kein** Ball./Das ist **keine** Lampe./Das ist **kein** Buch./Das sind **keine** Bücher.

For easier understanding, I will use the _possessive article_ from now on.
All following rules apply for the _indefinite article_ and the _negative article_ as well.

- The possessive article has the **ending of the definite article**.
- But the basic forms are different. In the nominative singular: mein, meine, mein.
- In the accusative feminine and neutral, the possessive article retains its basic form.

🤖 Easy German Grammar Stories	Singular maskulin	Singular feminin	Singular neutral	Plural
1 Nominativ	mein	meine	mein	meine
4 Akkusativ	meinen	meine	mein	meine
3 Dativ	meinem	meiner	meinem	meinen
2 Genitiv	meines	meiner	meines	meiner

The indefinite article, the possessive article and the negative article + adjective

If an adjective follows the possessive article, the adjective receives the following endings:

- On basic forms: -**the ending of the definite article**
- **After all other forms**: **-en** (as with the definite article!).

(Attention: In the plural, there is no indefinite article; the adjective gets the ending of the definite article)

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1 Nominativ	mein (-**er**)	meine (-**e**)	mein (-**es**)*	meine (-en)
4 Akkusativ	meinen (-en)	meine (-**e**)	mein (-**es**)*	meine (-en)
3 Dativ	meinem (-en)	meiner (-en)	meinem (-en)	meinen (-en)
2 Genitiv	meines (-en)	meiner (-en)	meines (-en)	meiner (-en)

* The ending d<u>as</u> of the definite article becomes –<u>es</u> for the adjective, so: mein klein<u>es</u>

For example: **Mein alter** Vater ist krank. **Meine alte** Mutter ist gesund. **Mein kleines** Kind ist gesund.

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