

Soft Photo-Day Crown Band

DESIGN 13 | PHOTO-MATCHED FREE PATTERN



Skill	Easy	Finished baseline	Band about 23 cm long x 4 cm wide; three points about 3 cm high
Project	A low, soft crown band for a brief supervised portrait	Time	60-90 minutes
Colour plan	Soft ochre, matching the beagle puppy portrait.	Pattern	Original, photo-matched and adjustable

Materials

- 1. 25 g soft washable cotton in ochre
- 2. 4.0 mm hook, blunt needle and scissors
- 3. Blunt needle and scissors only. No wire, beads, glue or long chin cord

Gauge and abbreviations

Gauge: 16 sc x 18 rows = 10 x 10 cm after washing
Abbreviations: ch chain; sc single crochet; sl st slip stitch

Measure first

MEASUREMENT FORMULA
Measure the head or neck area where the band will rest, keeping it clear of eyes, ears and breathing. Finished length is circumference minus about 2 cm.

Baseline sample: For a small dog, ch 8 for 7 sc and work about 42 rows to make a 23 cm band. Adjust rows to the measured length.

PET-FIRST SAFETY
Remove immediately if the pet freezes, paws, shakes, lowers its ears or tries to chew. It is not a daily wearable.

Pattern status: This is an original photo-matched prototype. A photograph cannot reveal the exact yarn label, hidden seams or final fit. Swatch, wash, prototype and fit-test before publishing it as tested or leaving it on a pet.

Soft Photo-Day Crown Band - pattern instructions

Work in US crochet terms. Count the stitches at the end of each row or round, and adjust the final repeat to your measured size rather than forcing a tight fit.

Step	Instruction
Band	Ch 8. Row 1: sc in 2nd ch and across (7 sc). Rows 2-42: ch 1, turn, sc across. Stop at the measured length.
Join	Whipstitch the short ends together on the inside. Keep the seam flat and soft.
Crown points	Along the top edge, *sc in the next 2 edge stitches, ch 4, sc in the 2nd ch and next 2 chains, sl st into the next top-edge stitch*; repeat for 3 low points. Fasten off.
Finish	Weave every end into the band and trim. Press points gently with fingers; do not stiffen them with glue or wire.

Finishing

Wash and dry flat, then check that the points fold softly. Remove the band if any point scratches or catches fur.

Fit checkpoint

CHECK BEFORE USE
Use only for a short calm photo. The band must not cover the eyes, press the ears or have a chin cord.

Care

Hand wash and dry flat. Inspect the top points and seam before each portrait.

Why this matches the photo

The supplied image shows a small ochre crown with low rounded points on a beagle puppy. The simple crocheted points stay soft and avoid the rigid costume look.

Reference image file(s): 30BF18E0-2A58-42E1-8239-97A2E13CADD9.jpeg