

Wide Mustard Ribbed Button Collar

Photo-matched prototype draft | US crochet terms

Idea 1	Reference width	Palette
Base A - sideways ribbed button band	Wide, about 4 to 5 cm	Warm mustard yarn with one flat cream button

Pattern status: This is a photo-matched, prototype-ready publishing draft. Crochet a real sample, record the actual gauge and fit-test it before calling the pattern tested. This crochet is decorative and supervised only; never attach a leash, tether or tag.

What this design changes

Work across the width in back-loop half double crochet so the rows create raised horizontal ribs and the strip grows toward the measured neck length.

Best for: Short-haired dogs, warm neutral palettes and a simple handmade hero photograph.

Materials

- Smooth washable DK cotton or cotton blend in warm mustard
- 3.5 mm crochet hook as a starting point; change hook size after your swatch
- One flat, light 20 to 25 mm cream button
- Soft tape measure, yarn needle, stitch marker and scissors

Measure before you crochet

Wrap a soft tape where the accessory will sit without compressing the coat. Add 1 to 2 cm of wearing ease for most dog bands only after confirming it with two fingers under a real sample. For a sleeve, measure only the straight section that stays clear of every buckle, adjuster, D-ring, tag or breakaway clasp.

Instructions

1. Measure the neck where the band will rest. Add 1 to 2 cm of tested wearing ease and the tested overlap needed for the button; keep the result as a formula until a sample is fit-checked.
2. Chain 10 for a wide starting width. Half double crochet in the second chain from the hook and across. Turn.
3. Chain 1 and half double crochet through the back loop only across. Turn. Repeat until the strip is about 4 cm shorter than the target finished length.
4. Work the buttonhole row: half double crochet in the first 3 stitches, chain 4, skip 3 stitches, then half double crochet in the final 3 stitches. Adjust the chain after testing the real button.
5. Work the recovery row, placing one half double crochet into each chain of the buttonhole space so the original stitch count returns. Continue in ribbing until the measured length is reached.

6. Fasten off, weave the tail through at least 4 cm of dense fabric, sew the button to the opposite end through several stitches and open the closure repeatedly before fitting.

Finishing and fit check

Keep the ribbed band flat at the jaw and ears. Inspect the button, buttonhole and every ridge for loops or tails before each brief, supervised use.

Variation note: If the collar looks too tall, reduce the starting chain by two stitches. If it curls, relax your tension or change hook size rather than forcing the band flat.

Use and safety

- Use only for brief, supervised indoor wear. Remove before sleep, crating, rough play, chewing, walks or unsupervised outdoor time.
- Two fingers should slide under a dog band without force. The pet should move its head, jaw and ears normally.
- Never attach a leash, tether or identification tag to crochet. Use properly fitted walking equipment separately.
- For the cat cover, keep the real breakaway clasp fully visible and confirm it still releases normally after the cover and motif are attached.
- Retire the piece if the fabric stretches permanently, the button loosens, a seam opens or any loop appears.

Care

Hand wash in cool water with mild detergent. Press in a towel, reshape and dry flat. Inspect the button, seams, motifs, edges and woven-in ends before every use.

Prototype record

Record	Your notes
Pet neck / clear collar section	_____
Tested ease / overlap	_____
Yarn brand / shade / amount	_____
Hook and actual gauge	_____
Finished width / length	_____
Fit-test observations	_____

Publishing gate: Replace estimates with your measured prototype data. Add a flat-lay photograph, a closure or hardware close-up and a real fit check before removing the prototype notice.