

Simple Sage Cotton Button Collar

Photo-matched prototype draft | US crochet terms

Idea 2 Base B - narrow smooth button band	Reference width Narrow, about 3 cm	Palette Muted sage cotton with one light natural-wood button
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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

Use dense single crochet for a calm, smooth band with square edges. The restrained finish lets the color and the pet's coat provide the contrast.

Best for: A first collar project, darker coats and everyday-looking inspiration.

Materials

- Smooth washable DK cotton or cotton blend in sage
- 3.5 mm hook as a starting point
- One flat, light natural-wood button scaled to the band
- Soft tape, 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** 1. Measure the neck without compressing the coat. Add modest tested ease and the overlap required by the actual button placement.
- 2** 2. Make a foundation chain to the calculated finished length. If your chain feels tight, use a chainless foundation single crochet instead.
- 3** 3. Work single crochet rows until the band reaches about 3 cm wide. Mark the first and last stitch so both long edges stay square.
- 4** 4. Near the final end, form a compact button loop or horizontal buttonhole that fits the real flat button. Do not guess the opening from a photograph.
- 5** 5. Finish the opposite end square. Weave both ends through several dense stitches, stretch the band gently and inspect it again.

- 6 Sew the button securely through multiple stitches. Test the closure repeatedly before placing the band on a calm pet.

Finishing and fit check

Stop tightening as soon as the fabric begins to cup around the neck. The band should lie smoothly and leave two-finger ease without rotating into the jaw.

Variation note: For a smaller pet, keep the width narrow and scale down the button. A smaller button is preferable to a bulky closure that makes the band rotate.

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.