

Terracotta and Cream Color-Block Collar

Photo-matched prototype draft | US crochet terms

Idea 3	Reference width	Palette
Base B - wide smooth two-color band	Wide, about 3.5 to 4 cm	Warm terracotta and oat cream with a 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

Build one dense band and change color cleanly across the width. The broad blocks stay quieter and more wearable than many narrow stripes.

Best for: Autumn palettes, color lovers and a stronger statement without adding dangling decoration.

Materials

- Smooth washable yarn in terracotta
- Smooth washable yarn in oat cream
- 3.5 mm hook as a starting point and one flat light button
- 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. Measure for a decorative band and record the target length, tested ease and button overlap separately.
2. Chain to the calculated length, then work single crochet or half double crochet rows until the band reaches the planned wide width.
3. Work the first half of the rows in terracotta. Fasten off cleanly at the side, join the cream shade and work the remaining rows.
4. Keep the color-change edge square. Do not carry a long float inside the band where it can catch on fur.
5. Form a tested button loop at one end, finish the other end square and weave every color tail through dense stitches.

- 6 Sew on the flat button and stretch the band gently. Any loose yarn near the closure is a finishing failure and must be corrected before use.

Finishing and fit check

The supplied inspiration image shows loose yarn near the closure; treat that detail as a warning, not as part of the finished pattern. All tails must be buried and trimmed.

Variation note: Use two broad blocks rather than narrow stripes. If the color join feels bulky, change shades at the edge and weave the tails in opposite directions.

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.