

# Aqua Summer Collar with Picot Edge

Photo-matched prototype draft | US crochet terms

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| <b>Idea 5</b><br>Base B + Edge 2 - sparse picots | <b>Reference width</b><br>About 2.5 to 3 cm | <b>Palette</b><br>Aqua cotton, warm-white picots and a flat coconut-style 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 a dense aqua band rather than open mesh, then add a tightly closed, widely spaced picot edge along one side.

**Best for:** Warm-weather color inspiration and small amounts of cotton yarn.

## Materials

- Smooth washable cotton in aqua
- A small amount of warm-white cotton for the edge
- 3.5 mm hook as a starting point and one flat coconut-style 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 the neck in the shade of the coat where the collar will sit. Add tested ease and closure overlap, not a generic size label.
2. Work a narrow dense single-crochet band in aqua until the measured length and width are reached.
3. Join the warm-white yarn at the chosen edge. Slip stitch in the first edge stitch, chain 3, slip stitch into the first chain to close the point, then slip stitch across the next 2 or 3 edge stitches.
4. Repeat the sparse picots. Keep every point closed tightly; a claw must not be able to enter the loop.
5. Add and test a compact button loop, finish the opposite end and weave every tail into the dense fabric.
6. Run a finger along the full edge and remove any point that catches on fur or opens when the band is gently stretched.

## Finishing and fit check

The dense base is more practical than open mesh for a pet accessory. The edge is decorative only and should never create snagging loops.

**Variation note:** If the picots feel too open, reduce the chain to 2 or increase the spacing. Test on the finished fabric, not on a loose chain alone.

## 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.