

Cranberry and Cream Holiday Collar

Photo-matched prototype draft | US crochet terms

Idea 6 Base B - repeating two-row stripe	Reference width Wide, about 3.5 to 4 cm	Palette Muted cranberry red and warm cream
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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 wide band and change yarn every two rows. The seasonal feeling comes from color alone, with no bells or dangling ornaments.

Best for: Holiday cards, winter portraits and muted seasonal styling.

Materials

- Smooth washable yarn in muted cranberry
- Smooth washable yarn in warm cream
- 3.5 mm hook as a starting point and one flat dark wooden 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 pet and calculate the tested finished length. Check jaw and ear clearance before choosing the wide photographed proportions.
2. Work the first two rows of the wide smooth band in cranberry, changing colors at the edge.
3. Work the next two rows in cream. Continue alternating two rows of cranberry and two rows of cream until the band reaches the target width.
4. Fasten off each shade instead of carrying long floats across the inside. Weave each tail through several dense stitches.
5. Make a compact tested buttonhole or loop, finish the opposite end square and sew on the flat button.

6. Stretch and inspect the stripes, edges and closure before brief supervised wear. Remove it for walks, rough play and unsupervised time.

Finishing and fit check

Seasonal does not have to mean embellished. Keep the collar quiet, washable and free from bells, glitter, pom-poms and loose ornaments.

Variation note: For a long-haired dog, reduce the width if needed so the band does not become bulky. Keep the two-row rhythm consistent across the sample.

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.