

Navy Crochet Bow-Tie Collar

Photo-matched prototype draft | US crochet terms

Idea 8 Base B + Motif 1 - flat bow	Reference width Narrow band, about 2.5 to 3 cm, with a compact bow	Palette Navy cotton with a firmly stitched matching bow
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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

Make a narrow smooth band, then sew one dense rectangular bow flat to it. The bow has no ribbon tails and must not hang loosely.

Best for: Birthdays, adoption anniversaries, family photographs and small dogs.

Materials

- Smooth washable cotton in navy
- 3.5 mm hook as a starting point
- One flat button for the band and a small amount of extra yarn for the bow center
- 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 and calculate the narrow band length with tested ease and overlap.
2. Work the smooth single-crochet button band and form a tested loop or buttonhole at one end.
3. For the bow, crochet a dense rectangle about twice as wide as its height. Bring the short edges to the center and stitch them together.
4. Wrap a narrow strip firmly around the middle, sew through all layers and check that the center cannot slide off.
5. Sew the bow directly to the band at several points. Tug it from several angles before fitting.
6. Remove the piece if the bow rotates under the chin, becomes loose or attracts chewing.

Finishing and fit check

A small structured bow is enough. Do not add ribbon tails, beads, bells or a second dangling motif.

Variation note: Keep the bow compact and dense. If the bow feels heavy for the band, reduce its size rather than tightening the collar.

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.