

Mini Granny-Motif Collar

Photo-matched prototype draft | US crochet terms

Idea 9 Base D - joined mini-motif band	Reference width Set by the tested motif size, roughly 4 cm per motif in the reference look	Palette Muted rust, sage, cream and dusty blue
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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

Join equal compact motifs edge to edge, stabilize both long edges and add a separately tested closure tab. This is the least fixed-count variation until a sample exists.

Best for: Experienced beginners, scrap yarn and smooth-coated dogs.

Materials

- Small amounts of smooth washable yarn in rust, sage, cream and dusty blue
- Hook selected to make compact, equal motifs
- Flat light button and matching yarn for a closure tab
- Soft tape, blocking surface, 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 target finished length and reserve space for a tested closure tab. Do not choose motif count from the photograph alone.
2. Crochet identical small square motifs with the same final stitch count. Block each motif to the same measurement before joining.
3. Join motifs edge to edge with no open loops. Check the strip against the measured neck after every join.
4. Add a firm single-crochet border along both long sides so the band does not stretch into points between squares.
5. Attach a tested button tab and inspect every join while the band is gently stretched.

6. Record the actual motif count, size, yarn and gauge in the prototype record before treating this as a repeatable pattern.

Finishing and fit check

The photo is inspiration for the palette and construction. Fixed motif counts should be published only after equal squares, joins, border and closure are physically tested.

Variation note: Use fewer motifs for a smaller pet, but preserve the border and closure tests. A loose joined square is not suitable for a wearable pet accessory.

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.