

Easy Crochet Pet Bandana

A photo-matched collar-sleeve design with a dense triangle, cream border and measurement-based sizing.



PROTOTYPE-READY DRAFT

Crochet and fit-test one sample before calling this pattern tested. Use only over a correctly fitted normal collar and supervise wear.

Before you crochet

The photograph shows a dusty-rose triangular bandana with dense horizontal rows, a narrow cream border and a top channel carrying a normal neutral collar. The pattern is written to reproduce that visible construction while keeping the size adjustable.



Materials

- Smooth DK or light worsted cotton yarn in dusty rose, about 45–85 g depending on size
- Small amount of cream yarn for the border
- 4 mm hook, yarn needle, scissors and the normal flat collar

Target gauge: 18 single crochet stitches and 18 rows measure about 10 cm square. This is a working target for the draft, not a tested result. Use the finished measurements and fit checks as the final authority.

Starting measurements

Size	Top edge	Depth	Collar width
Small	24–27 cm	11–13 cm	up to 1.5 cm
Medium / photo-style	30–34 cm	14–17 cm	about 2 cm
Large	38–42 cm	17–21 cm	up to 2.5 cm

The channel should measure the collar width plus about 0.5 cm. It must slide over the collar without stretching, while the buckle and D-ring remain usable.

Crochet the triangle

Abbreviations: ch = chain, sc = single crochet, sc2tog = single crochet two together, sl st = slip stitch, FO = fasten off.

1. Foundation row

Choose the top-edge width. At the target gauge, multiply the width in centimetres by 1.8 and add 1 for the foundation chain. Round to an odd stitch count after the first row so the decreases can finish at one stitch.

Chain the calculated number. Single crochet across, beginning in the second chain from the hook.

2. Balanced decreases

Chain 1 and turn. Work sc2tog at the beginning, single crochet across to the final two stitches, then work sc2tog at the end. Repeat this row until one stitch remains. Keep both sides balanced so the point stays centred.

3. Secure the triangle

Fasten off and weave the rose-coloured tail into the back of the dense fabric. Gently tug the finished fabric to make sure no end pulls through. Do not leave loose yarn near the dog's mouth or collar.

Shape checkpoint

Lay the triangle flat. The top edge should be straight, both sloping sides should look balanced and the point should not curl. Correct the triangle before adding the channel.

Add the collar channel and border



1. Build the channel strip

With the right side facing, attach dusty-rose yarn at one end of the straight top edge. Single crochet evenly across. Chain 1, turn and repeat until the strip measures the collar width plus about 0.5 cm. Four rows usually suit a 1.5–2 cm collar at the target gauge; five rows may suit a collar up to 2.5 cm.

2. Fold and secure

Fold the strip toward the back. Sew or slip stitch the lower edge of the strip to the triangle, leaving both short ends open. Thread the real collar through before burying the final sewing tail. The crochet must never be the leash attachment point.

3. Work the cream border

Attach cream below one end of the channel. Single crochet evenly down the first sloping edge, add a small increase at the point so it lies flat, then single crochet back up the second slope. Fasten off below the channel's opposite end. Leave the channel's top edge unbordered, as shown in the reference.

4. Finish

Weave every tail into the back of the dense fabric. Trim only after each tail is secure. Slide the collar through the channel and check that the bandana hangs centred, the cream edge lies flat and the buckle and D-ring remain accessible.

Fit, care and safe use

Fit checklist

- Fit the normal collar first and keep its ordinary two-finger comfort check.
- The crochet should not make the collar tighter or press into the throat.
- The point should stay above the mouth and should not catch under the front legs.
- The buckle, D-ring and identification equipment must remain functional.
- Watch the dog stand, sit, turn, walk and lower the head during the first supervised check.
- Remove the bandana before sleep, crating, rough play or unattended time.

Stop use if the dog pants, scratches, freezes, backs away, chews the yarn or moves differently. Never add bells, beads, long ties, tassels or small charms.

Care

Follow the yarn label. For a cotton prototype, begin with a cool gentle hand wash. Press out water without twisting, reshape the triangle and dry flat. Inspect the channel seam, border and woven-in ends after washing and before every wear session.

Pattern status

This guide is photo-matched and prototype-ready. The visible images support the construction, but they cannot prove gauge, yarn quantity or tested fit. Crochet a sample, wash it when appropriate, measure the finished piece and fit-check it on the individual dog before publishing final tested specifications.

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