



## Floral pet collar: construction revision

### Status and scope

Version 1.0, September 28, 2026. Prototype-ready draft. The counts below have been checked on paper; the work has not been crocheted, fitted, load-tested or washed. This proposed construction replaces the conflicting band and flower directions in the six-page reference that follows. It is not a verified erratum from the original designer, and an exact match to the photograph is not established.

### Use

Start with a flat display sample. Any later dog use is decorative and closely supervised, with no lead attached. The pictured button is not a cat breakaway closure. No tested cat fastening conversion is provided. Do not add bells or charms, and do not put a second closure across a breakaway release.

### Materials and terms

Fingering or light DK yarn in a band color and flower colors; a 2.25 or 2.75 mm starting hook; yarn needle, scissors and marker. A small button may be used on the display sample. The reference allowance of 50-80 yards plus accent scraps is not measured consumption. US terms: ch = chain, sc = single crochet, sl st = slip stitch, yo = yarn over, st = stitch, MR = magic ring, MB = bobble.

### Measure a sample

Work at least 20 sc across for at least 10 rows. Measure the relaxed central stitches to find g, your stitches per inch. Choose a target flat band length L and use  $N = \text{round}(L \times g)$  stitches. Chain  $N + 1$ . Example only:  $g = 4$  and  $L = 10$  inches gives  $N = 40$ , so chain 41. No pet size is guaranteed by this example. Make and measure the actual closure before deciding the final closed circumference.

### What was inconsistent

The reference says chain 40 plus two chains and then sc in every chain from the second chain, which gives 41 stitches rather than 40. Its loop row describes five stitches without explaining the move to a three-row short edge. Its flower round combines one starting chain with four bobbles while claiming five bobble petals. Use the replacement instructions on the next page as one complete proposed system.

# Band and five-petal flowers

## Band

Foundation: ch 41 for the 40-stitch sample, or ch  $N + 1$  for your measured band. Row 1: sc in second ch from hook and each remaining ch; turn (40 sc, or  $N$ ). Rows 2 and 3: ch 1, sc in each st across; turn after Row 2 (40 sc, or  $N$  each row). The ch-1 never counts as a stitch. Fasten off after Row 3.

## Loop end

With the right side facing, join yarn at one corner of a short end. Ch 1; work one sc into the row-end of each of the three band rows (3 sc across the short edge). Ch 3; sl st into the first of these 3 sc to form a loop. Fasten off. This sample loop may need a different chain count for the chosen button: it should pass over the button without stretching the band, then sit securely underneath. Record the count used.

## Button end

Join at a corner of the opposite short edge. Ch 1; work one sc into each of the three row-ends (3 sc); fasten off. Sew a small button through the central portion of this short end with several secure passes. Check the actual button-to-loop closed circumference. If the band length needs changing, remake it using the measured stitch gauge; do not force it to fit by stretching.

## Bobble definition

MB: [yo, insert hook into the ring, yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops] five times in the same ring. Six loops remain on the hook. Yo and draw through all 6 loops. Each MB is one bobble.

## Flower petals

With the petal color, make an MR. Work [ch 2, MB into MR, ch 2, sl st into MR] five times. You now have exactly 5 bobbles, each bracketed by two ch-2 arches. Gently close the ring, arrange the petals outward and fasten off. Leave a sewing tail. Starting chains are not petals.

## Separate flower center

With the center color, make an MR, ch 1 and work 5 sc into the ring. Sl st to the first sc, close the ring and fasten off with a sewing tail. This is a separate flat center, not a round worked into the already closed petal ring. Sew it over the flower center, anchoring through all five sc and the bases of the petals. Secure and weave in both ring tails.

# Assembly and sample checks

## Arrange the flowers

Make five flowers for the pictured style, then check their actual combined width against the band. More flowers are an optional design change, not a promised size. Arrange on a flat surface and leave both closure ends unobstructed. The reference suggests about 1.5 inches clear at each end; adjust placement to the real hardware and measured flowers.

## Attach and finish

Sew each flower center firmly to the band, then tack each petal base so it cannot swing freely. Make two passes through each attachment area without drawing the band shorter. Weave tails back and forth through the fabric and trim only after checking that they hold. Avoid bulky knots against the neck-facing surface.

## Check before any fit trial

The band should lie flat with five evenly spaced petals per flower. Inspect the back for exposed loops, ends and rough joins. Gently manipulate each flower and the button to find loose parts; this is an attachment check, not a safety or load test. Check the real closed circumference and how the piece moves. Any brief dog trial requires direct supervision. Remove if the dog mouths it, scratches at it or appears uncomfortable. Never leave it on in a crate or while unattended.

## Care and troubleshooting

Use the care label for the yarn actually chosen and first wash a swatch. Dry flat and remeasure. No finished-accessory wash result is established. If petals overlap heavily, use fewer flowers or make a separate smaller-yarn flower sample. If the center cups, ease the sewing tension. If the band twists, check that each row has N stitches and that flower sewing has not shortened one edge. Remake a stretched or damaged band.

## Record the prototype

Record yarn, hook, g, N, row gauge, flat band width and length, flower diameter, flower count, loop chain count, closed circumference and post-wash measurements. Compare the sample with the reference photo before making visual claims. The six original reference pages follow, including their two color examples. Where band, flower, closure or use instructions conflict, use this revision; do not combine the two schedules.



# Floral Pet Collar Crochet Pattern

A sweet handmade collar adorned with fluffy bobble flowers



## ■ Pattern Overview

|                      |                                                                                        |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Skill Level</b>   | Beginner–Intermediate                                                                  |
| <b>Finished Size</b> | Adjustable: approx. 8–12 in (20–30 cm) for cats / 10–16 in (25–40 cm) for small dogs   |
| <b>Gauge</b>         | Approx. 16 sc x 20 rows = 4 in (10 cm) — exact gauge is not critical                   |
| <b>Hook Size</b>     | US B-1 / 2.25 mm or US C-2 / 2.75 mm (adjust for yarn weight)                          |
| <b>Yarn Weight</b>   | Fingering / Sock Weight (1) or Light DK (3) — try bulky yarn for larger flowers        |
| <b>Yarn Amount</b>   | ~50–80 yards (46–73 m) main color + small amounts of 2–4 accent colors                 |
| <b>Notions</b>       | Yarn needle, scissors, one small wooden or snap button (1/2 in / 12 mm), stitch marker |
| <b>Time to Make</b>  | 2–4 hours                                                                              |

## ■ Abbreviations & Stitch Guide

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>ch</b>    | chain               |
| <b>sl st</b> | slip stitch         |
| <b>sc</b>    | single crochet      |
| <b>hdc</b>   | half double crochet |
| <b>dc</b>    | double crochet      |

|                    |                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>bobble / MB</b> | Make Bobble: (yo, insert hook, pull up loop, yo, pull through 2 loops) 5 times in same st, yo, pull through all 6 loops on hook |
| <b>MR</b>          | Magic Ring (adjustable loop)                                                                                                    |
| <b>st(s)</b>       | stitch(es)                                                                                                                      |
| <b>sp</b>          | space                                                                                                                           |
| <b>rnd</b>         | round                                                                                                                           |
| <b>rep</b>         | repeat                                                                                                                          |
| <b>BLO</b>         | Back Loop Only                                                                                                                  |
| <b>[ ] x n</b>     | repeat instructions in brackets n times                                                                                         |

## ■ Yarn & Color Suggestions

These collars look gorgeous in pastel rainbow combinations. The band and flowers can be any colors you like — mix and match for a one-of-a-kind look! Below are three suggested colorways based on the photos.

| Colorway             | Band           | Flowers                                                                  |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rainbow Meadow       | White or ivory | Coral, yellow, lavender, mint, sky blue                                  |
| Pink & White Daisy   | Soft pink      | White petals w/ pink centers, pink petals w/ white centers (alternating) |
| Lemon & Sage         | Butter yellow  | Mint green petals w/ yellow centers, yellow petals w/ mint centers       |
| Custom / Your Choice | Any color      | Choose 2–4 colors and alternate flowers around the band                  |

## ■ Sizing Your Collar

Before you begin, measure your pet's neck loosely with a soft tape measure. Add 1–2 inches (2.5–5 cm) of ease for comfort. The button-and-loop closure provides some adjustability. The pattern below is written for a cat-sized collar (approx. 10 in / 25 cm finished length). Instructions for a small-dog adjustment follow each step.

| Pet Size              | Neck Measurement    | Finished Collar Length | Foundation Chain |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Kitten / tiny cat     | 6–8 in (15–20 cm)   | 8–9 in (20–23 cm)      | ch 32–36         |
| Average cat           | 8–10 in (20–25 cm)  | 10–11 in (25–28 cm)    | ch 40–44         |
| Large cat / small dog | 10–12 in (25–30 cm) | 12–13 in (30–33 cm)    | ch 48–52         |
| Small dog             | 12–15 in (30–38 cm) | 14–16 in (35–41 cm)    | ch 56–64         |

## ■ Part 1: The Collar Band

### Foundation Chain

Using your main color and hook, ch 40 (or the number from the sizing chart for your pet). Chain 2 more stitches for the button loop end.

### Row 1

Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Turn. — 40 sc (or your count)

### Row 2

Ch 1 (does not count as st), sc in each sc across. Turn.

### Row 3

Ch 1, sc in each sc across. Turn.

### Row 4 (Button Loop End — short end)

Ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, ch 3, skip 1 sc, sc in last 2 sc. Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail for seaming.

### Button End (long end)

With a fresh length of yarn, rejoin to the opposite short end of the band. Sc evenly across the short edge (approx. 3–4 sc). Fasten off. Sew your button securely to this end, centered on the band.

### Finishing the Band

Weave in ends. Gently block the band flat if desired — lightly misting with water and pinning helps it lie smooth.

*Tip: For a sturdier, more structured band, work the sc stitches in BLO on rows 2–3. This creates a subtle ribbed texture.*

## ■ Part 2: The Bobble Flowers

Each flower is made separately and then sewn onto the collar band. Make 5–7 flowers for a cat collar, or 7–9 for a small-dog collar. Alternate petal and center colors as desired.

### Foundation Ring

Using your petal color, make a Magic Ring (MR).

### Round 1 — Petals

Ch 3 (counts as first dc), [MB (make bobble), ch 1] 4 times in the MR, sl st in top of ch-3 to join. — 5 bobble petals around the ring.

### Close the Ring

Pull the magic ring tail snugly to close the center hole. Do not fasten off yet — this is a good moment to gently shape each petal with your fingers.

## Round 2 — Center

Switch to your center color (or fasten off and rejoin). Ch 1, work 5 sc evenly into the center of the ring (going through the ring itself, between the petals). Sl st to first sc to join. — 5 sc.

## Fasten Off

Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. Weave in the short end on the wrong side.

*Tip: If your bobbles feel too open, try using a hook one size smaller for the flowers, or pull each loop a little tighter as you work the bobble. A tighter bobble gives a plumper, more defined petal.*

*Variation — Flat Petal Flower: For a flatter, more defined petal, replace each MB with a dc cluster: (dc3tog in MR) for each of the 5 petals instead of the bobble stitch. This gives a cleaner, slightly smaller flower.*

## ■ Part 3: Assembly

### Lay Out Flowers

Before sewing, arrange your finished flowers along the band to plan spacing. For a cat collar, 5–7 flowers will fit nicely across the front 4–5 inches. For a dog collar, spread 7–9 flowers across the wider center section.

### Leave Closure Ends Clear

Keep the first and last ~1.5 in (4 cm) of the band flower-free — this is where the button and loop are, and the collar needs to flex to fasten around your pet's neck.

### Sew Flowers to Band

Thread the long tail of each flower onto a yarn needle. Place the flower face-up on the right side of the band. Using a whip stitch or mattress stitch, sew through all 5 sc of the flower center, anchoring each petal base to the band. Sew in a circle, going around twice for security.

### Check Placement

After sewing 2–3 flowers, check that they sit flat and are evenly distributed. Adjust before sewing the rest.

### Weave In All Ends

Pull all remaining tails to the wrong side of the band and weave them securely into the band stitches. Trim close to the work.

### Final Check

Test the button closure. The loop should engage firmly — if it's too loose, use a smaller button or tighten the ch-3 loop by pulling the tail slightly before fastening off that edge.

## ■ Pet Safety Notes

- Always supervise your pet while wearing this collar. This collar is decorative — do not attach a leash to it.
- Check the fit regularly: you should be able to slip two fingers easily between the collar and your pet's neck.
- Inspect the collar often for loose threads, stretched yarn, or a wobbly button. Repair or replace as needed.
- Cats in particular should wear breakaway or quick-release collars for everyday use. Consider sewing a breakaway buckle to the band ends instead of (or in addition to) the button closure.

- Machine washing is not recommended — hand-wash gently in cool water and air dry flat to maintain the shape of the flowers.
- Choose soft, pet-safe yarn with no loose fibers or embellishments your pet could chew off and swallow.

## ■ Tips, Tricks & Variations

**Add a Charm:** Thread a small jingle bell or heart charm onto the band before seaming, positioned at the center front below the flowers.

**Chunky Flowers:** For bigger, fluffier flowers (great for larger dogs), use DK or worsted weight yarn with a US G-6 / 4.0 mm hook. The collar band will be thicker and squishier.

**Mini Collar for a Tiny Cat:** Go down to a US A-0 / 2.0 mm hook with laceweight yarn for a super delicate collar. Use only 3 petals per flower (omit two bobbles from Round 1) for a daintier look.

**Striped Band:** Work rows 1–2 in color A and rows 3–4 in color B for a two-tone striped band that coordinates with your flower colors.

**All-One-Color:** A monochrome collar in all white or all blush pink looks chic and minimal — great for an elegant kitten look.

**Gift Idea:** These collars make adorable gifts! Tuck one into a small box with a tiny skein of matching yarn and a note card with care instructions.



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