

Terracotta Low-Rib Dachshund Blanket

A photo-matched crochet pet blanket with dense stitch guidance, measurement-based sizing, washable-yarn notes and finishing checks.



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Publishing status

Prototype-ready draft. Crochet, wash and supervise one physical pet-use test before calling this pattern tested.

Project plan

Visible construction	A muted terracotta blanket with long shallow ribs, a simple edge and a low, flexible profile beneath a dachshund.
Starting stitch	back-loop-only single crochet with stabilizing full-loop rows
Starting gauge	Prototype starting gauge: 15 stitches x 16 rows = 10 cm in the rib sequence after washing.
Photo-style target	Photo-style starting target: 55 x 80 cm.

Materials

- Worsted washable cotton-acrylic yarn in muted terracotta, approximately 450-650 m
- 5 mm hook
- yarn needle
- markers.

Also have scissors, a measuring tape and a smooth 15 cm swatch board. Keep needles, markers and loose yarn away from pets.

Abbreviations

ch = chain; sc = single crochet; hdc = half double crochet; dc = double crochet; BLO = back loop only; st(s) = stitch(es); rep = repeat.

Measure before crocheting

Width = curled body width + 15 cm. Length = full resting length + 20-25 cm. Use a multiple of 6 rows for the rib sequence.

Pet / use	Starting width	Starting length	Write actual size
Cat	50-60 cm	65-80 cm	____ x ____ cm
Small dog	55-65 cm	75-90 cm	____ x ____ cm
Medium / large dog	65-95 cm	85-125 cm	____ x ____ cm

Swatch and snag check

- Make a 15 cm swatch, wash it as the yarn label allows and dry it completely.
- Record stitches and rows per 10 cm before and after washing.
- Run fingertips and a blunt wooden cuticle stick lightly across both surfaces. Reject visible loops that lift easily.
- Rub the yarn with a white cloth to check shedding or dye transfer.
- Choose the safer tighter version if two hook sizes both produce flexible fabric.

Pattern instructions

1. Chain to the calculated width plus one and work one sc row through both loops.
2. Work five rows BLO sc, then one row sc through both loops. Repeat this six-row sequence to the target length.
3. The full-loop row interrupts the ridge before it becomes a deep channel. If the swatch still catches a claw, use full-loop sc for the entire blanket.
4. Finish with two full-loop sc rounds, easing corners so the blanket lies flat.
5. Weave tails away from the pet-facing surface, wash, reshape and inspect each rib from both directions.

Finishing checklist

- Lay the blanket flat and confirm the corners do not curl into cord-like loops.
- Weave every tail through dense stitches in more than one direction, tug-test, then trim.
- Inspect the reverse surface, color changes and border joins, not only the photographed side.
- Wash and dry the completed prototype before measuring final size and yardage.

Pet-use fit check

The dachshund should be able to lie fully lengthwise without the head or hindquarters resting directly on the floor.

- Let the pet approach voluntarily and supervise the first sessions.
- Watch the pet lie down, turn, stand and walk off without the blanket wrapping around a paw.
- Remove the blanket if a claw catches, yarn loosens, the pet chews, or the fabric forms a tight loop.
- Keep the blanket dry and away from heaters or open flames.

Care

Machine wash only if the yarn label permits it; otherwise wash gently and dry flat.

Design-specific safety

A low rib may reduce loose surface loops but cannot prevent snagging. Inspect before every use.

Final sign-off

Swatch washed: ____ Finished size: _____ Both sides inspected: ____ Edges secure: ____ Supervised pet-use check passed: ____ Yarn / hook / yardage recorded: _____ Version/date: _____