Striped snood for dogs

Medium dog, head 15 in (38 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 13½ in (34 cm) round and about 9¼ in (23 cm) long; the 13½ in (34 cm) round is the measure of the face edge before the ribs draw in, and the neck edge is about 17¼ in (44 cm) round

To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill

Easy

Joined rounds, ribbed edges, color changes, a chain cord

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: mustard, the light stripes and the pom-poms **about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: navy, the dark stripes and the cord **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle, scissors and a piece of card 1½ in (4 cm) wide for the pom-poms.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small dog	12 in (30 cm)	11 in (28 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) long	about 95 yd (87 m)
Medium dog (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**13½ in (34 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) long**	**about 135 yd (123 m)**
Large dog	18 in (46 cm)	16 in (41 cm) round, 11½ in (29 cm) long	about 190 yd (174 m)
Extra large dog	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 13¾ in (35 cm) long	about 265 yd (242 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet; UK FPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands out toward you. It leaves 1 front post double crochet for the next round.

BPdc (back post double crochet; UK BPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from back to front and to the back again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands away from you. It leaves 1 back post double crochet for the next round.

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

The gauge is measured on the snood itself, at the round named: put a soft tape round its outside along the round just worked, without pulling it in. If it measures more than the round says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. The depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 7 rounds of double crochet or 7 rounds of post stitches. Post stitches often come out a little shorter than that, and then the snood is a little shallower than stated.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1, put a soft tape round the outside of the snood along that round, without pulling it in: the snood should measure about 13½ in (34 cm) round.

Before you start

- Measure the dog: let the ears lie down and put a soft tape round the head, behind the eyes, over the top of the head and under the jaw, and choose the size whose head measurement is nearest. Then measure round the neck where the snood ends, at the base of the neck: the neck edge of the size should be at least as large; if it is not, choose the next size. The snood stretches a little.
- The pattern is written in United States terms, the directions of the special stitches too; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- The snood begins with a ring of chains: leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain, see that the chain is not twisted, and slip stitch in the first chain. Round 1 is worked into each chain, one stitch in each, the first of them into the chain that was joined. At the end sew the little gap at the foot of round 1 closed with the beginning tail.
- The right side of the snood faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- A joined round begins with a chain that does not count as a stitch and ends with a slip stitch in its first stitch. Unless the line says otherwise, the first stitch of the next round goes into the same place as that slip stitch.
- A post stitch goes around the post of the stitch straight below it in the round before, whatever kind of stitch that is; the line says whether it is a front post or a back post stitch.

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- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the joining slip stitch of the round before with the new yarn. Where a yarn rests for 4 rounds or fewer before it is used again, carry it up the inside; where it rests for more, or is not used again, cut it, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The number at the end of each line is the number of stitches it has when it is finished; chains and slip stitches that are not named there are not counted.
- The first FPdc of a round goes around the stitch that was joined. Where a round is plain double crochet, the stitches go into the tops, as usual.
- A dog that wears the snood should not be left alone with it: the cord and the pom-poms can be chewed.

Instructions

Chosen: Medium dog, head 15 in (38 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: B, navy; A, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 44, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	

Head

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, dc in each ch around, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 1.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the snood along that round, without pulling it in: the snood should measure about 13½ in (34 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 2 to 3**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 22 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(22 FPdc, 22 BPdc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3

☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 11**	Repeat rnds 4 to 7 in order, over and over. The last rnd, rnd 11, is worked as rnd 7. (44 dc)	

A box for each round, 8 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

Neck

☐ **Rnd 12**	With A, ch 3, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(56 dc)**

Round 12 widens the snood for the neck: from here every round has 56 stitches.

☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(56 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	With B, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(56 dc)**

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☐ **Rnds 15 to 16** Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 28 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join
(28 FPdc, 28 BPdc)

A box for each round, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go.

15 16

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Assembly

1. Cord: with yarn B leave a tail of 8 in (20 cm), make a slip knot and chain until the chain, laid straight and not stretched, is about 30 in (76 cm) long. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20 cm).

2. Threading: the line where the rounds are joined lies under the chin. Put one end of the cord in the needle. At the join line go in from the outside to the inside, between the last and the first double crochet of round 1, halfway up the round. Go behind the next 2 stitches of round 1 and come out, go in front of the next 2 stitches and in again, and so on round the whole edge, by turns behind 2 stitches and in front of 2 stitches. After the 44 stitches the cord has passed in front of the last 2 and hangs on the outside at the join line, beside its other end. Pull both ends to the same length.

3. Pom-poms (make 2): wrap yarn A 60 times round a piece of card 1½ in (4 cm) wide. Slide the wraps off, tie them very tightly round the middle with a strand 12 in (30 cm) long, cut the loops at both ends, shake the pom-pom out and trim it, the ends of the tie too, to a ball about 1¼ in (3 cm) across. With the tail at an end of the cord sew one pom-pom firmly to each end, passing through its middle several times.

4. To wear: draw the snood over the head, the neck edge first, until the ears lie flat under it and the face edge stands behind the eyes. Draw the cord up only until the edge lies close without pressing, two fingers still going under it, and tie it in a bow under the chin.

Finishing

- Weave in every end on the inside of the snood.

In all: 16 rounds.

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