Plaid dog bow tie

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 5 1/8 in (13 cm) wide and 2¾ in (7 cm) tall at its side ends
To fit a collar up to 1½ in (4 cm) wide

Skill
Easy
Single crochet, lines of surface chain and some sewing

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: red, main color **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, stripe **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, stripe **about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 25 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

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 of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	a collar up to 1 in (2.5 cm) wide	4 in (10 cm) wide, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) tall	about 39 yd (36 m)
Medium (this file)	**a collar up to 1½ in (4 cm) wide**	**5 1/8 in (13 cm) wide, 2¾ in (7 cm) tall**	**about 54 yd (49 m)**
Large	a collar up to 2 in (5 cm) wide	6¼ in (16 cm) wide, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall	about 75 yd (69 m)

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Gauge

14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Check it on the Bow itself, laid flat and not stretched: the 18 stitches of Medium are about 5 1/8 in (13 cm) wide and its first 5 rows, up to the first fold, about 1¼ in (3 cm) tall; the 14 stitches of Small are about 4 in (10 cm) wide and its first 4 rows, up to the first fold, about 1 in (2.5 cm) tall; the 22 stitches of Large are about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and its first 7 rows, up to the first fold, about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. The first stitch of a row goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- Row 1 is the right side of each piece, and so is every odd-numbered row.
- Cut each yarn at the end of its stripe, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn. To change, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of a row with the yarn of the next row.
- Surface chain: hold the yarn at the back, on the wrong side, and the hook at the front. Put the hook from front to back below row 1, between the two chains under the gap, and pull a loop of the yarn up to the front. Then, for each row: put the hook from front to back in the same gap, just above that row, yo at the back, pull the loop through to the front and on through the loop on the hook. Keep the loops loose, so that the cloth lies flat. For the last row the hook has no gap to go into: yo behind the edge of the last row, pull the loop up over it and on through the loop on the hook. Cut the yarn, pull its end up through the last loop, and take it over the edge to the back.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle through one edge and then through the other, always from the same side, and pull the yarn through. On a row of stitches go under both loops of a stitch, on a foundation chain under the two strands left free below a stitch, on row ends under two strands at the very end of the row. Where an edge is sewn to the face of another piece, go under two strands of the face, close beside the edge, and then through the edge. Sew 2 or 3 times into the same place where a seam begins and where it ends.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given.
- A dog may chew what it can reach. Take the bow off when you are not there to see.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Instructions

Medium. US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **st** stitch.
yo yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
(18 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Bow

Yarns in order of use: A, red; B, black; C, cream.

Rows 1 to 5 and rows 17 to 21 are the back of the bow. Rows 6 to 16 are the front, and they are the same from either end.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(18 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7	
☐ **Row 8**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Rows 16 to 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
	16 17 18 19 20 21	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 22 in (56 cm) to sew the long seam with.	

Knot

Yarn A, red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(4 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 18 in (46 cm) to sew with.	

Collar band: make 2

Yarn A, red.

Begin each band with a tail of about 12 in (30 cm) as well: each of its two ends is sewn with the tail that hangs there.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(3 sc)
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 12 in (30 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of the stripes on the wrong side, each along its own color. Leave the long tail of the Bow hanging.

2. Upright lines: cut 4 strands of B and 2 strands of C, each 36 in (91 cm) long. Each is for one line. Leave 6 in (15 cm) of it hanging at both ends of its line, and weave these ends in on the wrong side.

3. Hold the Bow with the right side facing you and the foundation chain at the bottom. Work each line upward from the foundation chain to the last row, in the gap between two stitches; it takes 21 surface chains, one to each row. Counted from the right edge, work a line of B between the 3rd and the 4th stitch, one of B between the 4th and the 5th, one of C between the 6th and the 7th, one of C between the 12th and the 13th, one of B between the 14th and the 15th, and one of B between the 15th and the 16th.

4. Long seam: lay the Bow right side down, turning it over like a page, so that the last row is at the top. Fold the foundation chain up and the last row down until they meet in a line along the middle: the right side is now outside, the folds lie between rows 5 and 6 and between rows 16 and 17, and the tail hangs at the right end of the line. With it whip stitch the last row to the foundation chain, stitch to stitch, from the right end to the left: 18 stitches. Fasten off and draw the end inside. The seam is the middle of the back.

5. Side ends: for each side cut a length of A about 18 in (46 cm) long. Whip stitch the front and the back together from fold to fold, 11 stitches: each row end of the front to the row end of the back that lies against it, and the row end of the C row, in the middle, to the end of the seam. Hide the ends inside.

6. Collar bands: turn the back toward you, with the half that ends in the last row above the seam. Sew through the back layer only. Lay a band upright, its right side up, over the 4th, 5th and 6th stitch from the left side edge: its last row along row 18, its foundation chain along row 4. With the tail at each end whip stitch that end of the band to the row under it: 3 stitches, sewn twice. The band is a row longer than the place it lies on, so it stands a little off the back. Sew the other band over the 4th, 5th and 6th stitch from the right side edge in the same way.

7. Gathering: cut a length of A about 30 in (76 cm) long. The middle of the bow is the line between the 9th and the 10th stitch. With the front facing you, push the C row up toward you along this line in one ridge, and bring the two folds up level with it, so that there are three ridges with two dips between them, about ¾ in (2 cm) from top to bottom. Pass the needle through all of them from one fold to the other and back, wind the yarn tightly round the pleats 4 times, take two stitches through the windings at the back and fasten off.

8. Knot: wrap the Knot round the pleats, right side out, so that its last row and its foundation chain meet on the back, over the long seam. With its tail whip stitch them together: 4 stitches. Then take 3 stitches through the windings underneath, so that the knot cannot turn. Weave in the ends that are left.

Finishing

- Slide the two bands onto the collar, one on each side of the knot.
- All the ends are woven in as you put it together.

In all: 4 pieces; 480 stitches (378 in the bow, 48 in the knot, 27 in each collar band).

Found a mistake in this pattern? Tell us at flossfield.com, under Make a request.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.