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# ♥ CROCHET ♥ Dog Vest

## STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL

A cute and comfortable vest for your furry friend! 🐾

| SIZES (approx.) |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| SIZE            | CHEST           | BACK LENGTH     |
| XS              | 28 cm (11 in)   | 18 cm (7 in)    |
| S               | 34 cm (13.5 in) | 22 cm (8.5 in)  |
| M               | 40 cm (16 in)   | 26 cm (10 in)   |
| L               | 46 cm (18 in)   | 30 cm (12 in)   |
| XL              | 52 cm (20.5 in) | 34 cm (13.5 in) |

\* Measure your dog's chest circumference behind the front legs for best fit. ♥

### MATERIALS

- Worsted weight cotton yarn (approx. 100 g / 109 yd) in sage green
- Small amount of cream yarn for flower
- 4.0 mm (G) crochet hook
- Wooden button (1.5-2 cm)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers (optional)

### YOU WILL MAKE

A lightweight and breathable vest with a tie neck closure and a cute flower accent. Perfect for everyday wear in any season!



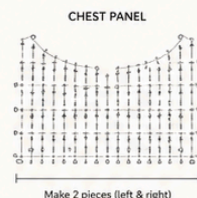
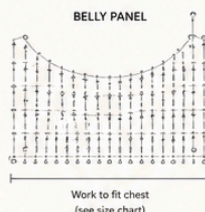
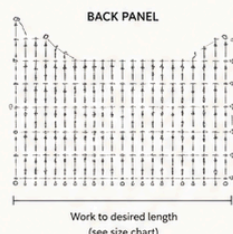
### STITCH GUIDE (US TERMS)

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- dc2tog = double crochet 2 together
- ( ) = work in same stitch
- [ ] = repeat



### PATTERN PIECES

(Worked in rows)



### LEGEND

- chain
- slip stitch
- † single crochet
- † half double crochet
- † double crochet
- † treble crochet
- △ dc2tog
- ( ) work in same stitch

## ♥ STEP-BY-STEP ♥

### 1 BACK PANEL



Ch to the foundation chain and work the back panel in rows. Fasten off.

### 2 BELLY PANEL



Work the belly panel in rows as per the chart. Fasten off.

### 3 CHEST PANELS



Make 2 chest panels (left and right).

### 4 ASSEMBLE



Sew shoulder seams. Then sew the sides, leaving openings for the front legs.

### 5 NECK EDGING



Work a row of sc around the neck opening.

### 6 TIES



Make crochet ties (ch cord or i-cord). Thread and tie.

### 7 FLOWER



Crochet the flower and sew the button in the center. Attach to the side.

### 7 ALL POWER



### 8 ALL DONE!



Your adorable dog vest is ready! 🐾

### TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Use soft, breathable yarn for your dog's comfort.
- Check your gauge to ensure the right fit.
- Try it on your dog as you go to adjust the size.



### IDEAS & VARIATIONS

- Add stripes or use two colors.
- Use a different button shape or add appliques.
- Make a matching leash or bandana!



### CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Hand wash gently with mild soap.
- Lay flat to dry.
- Do not bleach.
- Do not iron.



### PERFECT FOR

- Daily walks
- Photo shoots
- Special occasions
- Gifts for pet lovers



### MADE WITH LOVE

Every stitch is made with love for your little companion!



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# Crochet Dog Vest PDF PATTERN

Make a stylish and comfortable **Crochet Dog Vest** for your furry companion with this detailed step-by-step tutorial. This lightweight vest is worked in separate panels that are sewn together to create a comfortable fit while allowing plenty of movement. Finished with a decorative flower and tie closure, this project is perfect for everyday walks, special occasions, or adorable photo sessions.

## Finished Sizes

Use your dog's chest measurement (taken just behind the front legs) to determine the correct size.

| Size | Chest Circumference | Back Length    |
|------|---------------------|----------------|
| XS   | 11 in (28 cm)       | 7 in (18 cm)   |
| S    | 13½ in (34 cm)      | 8½ in (22 cm)  |
| M    | 16 in (40 cm)       | 10 in (26 cm)  |
| L    | 18 in (46 cm)       | 12 in (30 cm)  |
| XL   | 20½ in (52 cm)      | 13½ in (34 cm) |

## Skill Level

Easy to Intermediate

This project uses simple shaping, basic stitches, and straightforward assembly.

## Materials

- Worsted Weight Cotton Yarn (#4)
  - Main Color (Sage Green): approximately 110–250 g depending on size
  - Cream yarn for flower
  - Yellow yarn for flower center
- 4.0 mm (G/6) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers
- Scissors
- One decorative wooden button ( $\frac{3}{4}$ –1 inch / 2–2.5 cm)
- Measuring tape

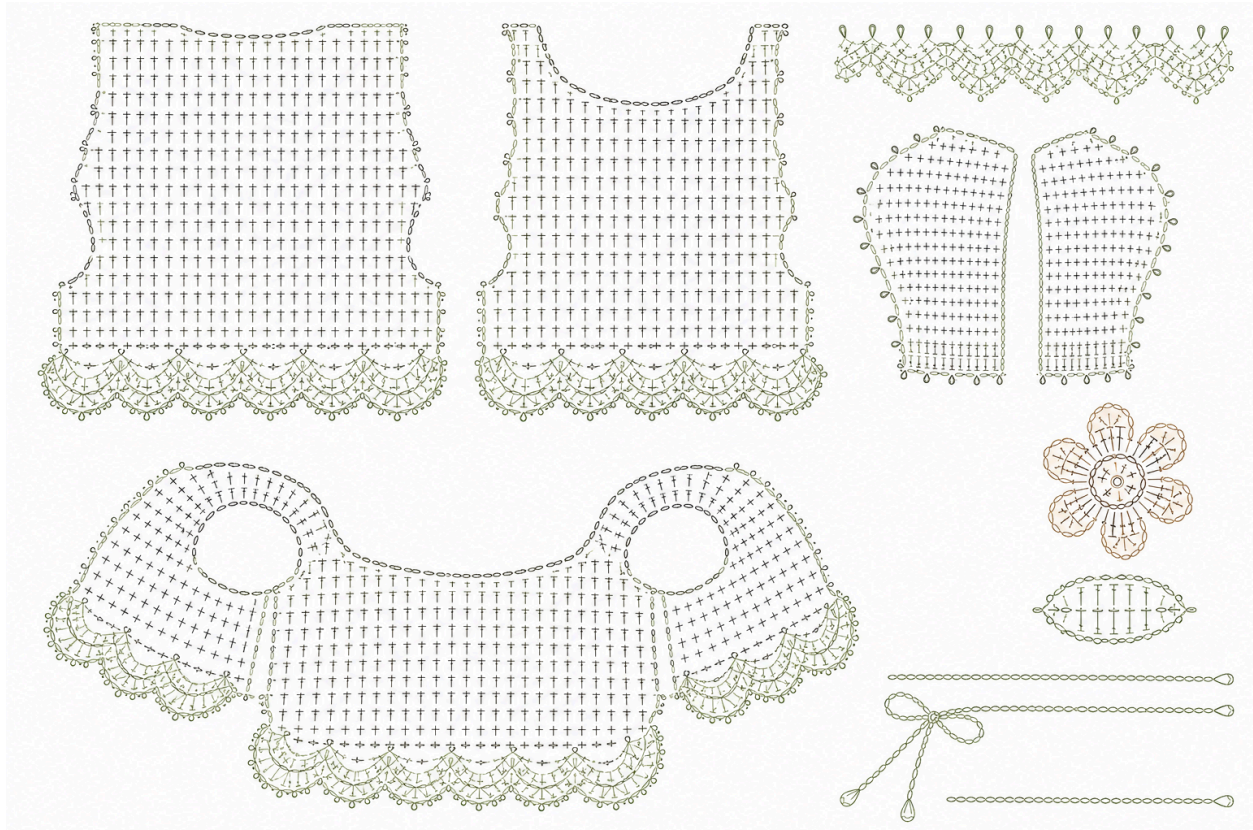
## Crochet Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch – chain
- sl st – slip stitch
- sc – single crochet
- hdc – half double crochet
- dc – double crochet
- tr – treble crochet
- inc – increase
- dec – decrease
- BLO – back loop only
- FO – fasten off

## Gauge

16 dc × 10 rows = 4 × 4 inches (10 × 10 cm)

Check your gauge before beginning to ensure the vest fits correctly.



## Step 1 – Measure Your Dog

Measure:

- Chest circumference
- Neck circumference
- Length from the base of the neck to the beginning of the tail

Choose the size that most closely matches your dog's chest measurement.

If your dog falls between sizes, make the larger size and adjust the ties.

## Step 2 – Crochet the Back Panel

The back panel is the largest section of the vest.

### Foundation Chain

For Size M:

Chain 42.

(Add or subtract chains according to your chosen size.)

### Row 1

Beginning in the fourth chain from the hook:

Work one dc in every stitch.

Turn.

### Rows 2–16

Ch 3.

Work one dc in every stitch across.

Continue until the back panel reaches the required length for your selected size.

### Shape the Neck

Mark the center stitches.

Decrease gradually on both sides over the next 4–6 rows to create a gentle neckline.

The shoulder sections should remain equal in width.

Fasten off.

## Step 3 – Crochet the Belly Panel

The belly panel helps secure the vest underneath the dog.

### Foundation Chain

Chain approximately half the width of the back panel.

For Size M:

Chain 24.

### Rows

Work dc rows until the panel reaches approximately:

6 inches (15 cm)

Shape the front edge with gentle decreases during the final few rows.

Fasten off.

## Step 4 – Crochet the Chest Panels

Make **two mirrored panels**.

### Foundation

Chain 18.

Work dc rows while shaping the neckline.

Decrease one stitch every second row along one side only.

The opposite edge remains straight.

Continue until each chest panel reaches the shoulder.

Fasten off.

Repeat for the opposite side.

## Step 5 – Assemble the Vest

Place:

- Back panel
- Belly panel
- Two chest panels

With right sides facing up.

Using whip stitch or slip stitch:

Join:

- Shoulder seams
- Side seams

Leave generous arm openings for comfort.

Try the vest on your dog before completely finishing the seams.

Adjust if necessary.

## Step 6 – Crochet the Neck Border

Attach yarn at the back neckline.

Work one complete round of single crochet around the neck opening.

For a decorative finish:

Work:

*(sc, ch 2, skip 1)*

Repeat around.

Finish with one slip stitch.

This creates a soft, stretchy neckline.

## Step 7 – Make the Neck Ties

### Foundation

Chain approximately:

20 inches (50 cm)

Or make an i-cord of the same length.

Thread the tie through the decorative neck edging.

Tie into a bow.

Trim evenly.

## Step 8 – Crochet the Decorative Flower

### Center

Magic Ring.

Round 1

10 sc.

Join.

### Petals

For each petal:

*sl st, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2, sl st*

Repeat around.

Create six petals.

Change to cream yarn if desired.

Sew a wooden button into the center.



## **Step 9 – Attach the Flower**

Sew the flower securely onto one shoulder or chest panel.

Do not place it where it could bother the dog's movement.

Weave in all yarn tails carefully.

## **Step 10 – Finish the Edges**

Attach yarn around all arm openings.

Work one round of sc.

Optionally add:

Reverse single crochet (crab stitch)

or

Slip stitch edging.

This strengthens the edges and gives a professional appearance.

## **Step 11 – Final Blocking**

Lightly steam block if using cotton yarn.

Do not overstretch.

Allow the vest to dry completely before placing it on your dog.

# Optional Adjustments

You can easily customize the vest by:

- 🐾 Adding extra rows for longer-bodied dogs
- 🐾 Making the belly panel wider for additional coverage
- 🐾 Replacing ties with buttons or Velcro
- 🐾 Adding embroidered initials
- 🐾 Sewing on multiple flowers
- 🐾 Adding lace edging
- 🐾 Using striped yarn
- 🐾 Creating a matching leash cover

## Care Instructions

- Hand wash with mild detergent
- Wash in cool water
- Do not bleach
- Lay flat to dry
- Do not wring
- Avoid tumble drying
- Steam lightly if necessary

## Tips for the Best Fit

- Always measure your dog rather than relying solely on breed size.
- Check the fit after joining the main panels but before finishing the edging.
- Ensure there is enough room around the front legs for unrestricted movement.
- Cotton yarn provides excellent breathability and is ideal for year-round wear.
- If your dog has thick fur, allow an additional 1–2 inches (2.5–5 cm) of chest ease.

## Finished Project 🐶❤️

Congratulations! Your **Crochet Dog Vest** is now complete. This elegant handmade vest combines comfort, style, and practicality, making it ideal for daily walks, holidays, photo shoots, or simply keeping your furry friend looking adorable. With its breathable stitch pattern, adjustable tie closure, and charming floral embellishment, this timeless design is both functional and beautiful. Enjoy your handmade creation and happy crocheting! 🧶🐾❤️