

Blueberry Cat Bandana

A blue triangle, golden scallops and an optional little berry.



Make the look, one step at a time. This guide builds a compact single-crochet triangle from the bottom point upward, adds a shell border and finishes it as an accessory for an existing breakaway cat collar.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE	DETAILS
Skill level	Confident beginner; single crochet, increases and shell edging
Approximate finished bib	18 cm wide × 8 cm deep (7.1 × 3.1 in), excluding berry
Construction	17 turned rows; edging; optional berry; collar tabs

About this pattern: An original, untested adaptation inspired by your reference images. The new 3D illustrations show construction stages, not exact stitch counts. The translated reference diagram is isolated on the final page; the written counts govern this version.

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Materials, size & gauge

Yarn: smooth sport-weight cotton, approximately 20 g blue and 10 g golden yellow; allow about 50 m (55 yd) blue and 25 m (27 yd) yellow. These are estimates, including a small swatch.

Tools: 3.0 mm crochet hook to start, tapestry needle, scissors, stitch markers, tape measure and a small amount of fiberfill if making the optional berry. Use a smaller hook for the berry if stuffing shows.

For wearable assembly: one properly fitted commercial breakaway cat collar. The written version uses two crocheted tabs that slide onto it. It does not require buttons, jewelry rings or a crocheted neck cord.

Swatch before choosing the size

Target gauge after gentle washing and drying: **22 sc and 26 rows = 10 × 10 cm (4 × 4 in)**. Ch 23; sc in the second ch from the hook and in each remaining ch (22 sc). Ch 1, turn; sc in each stitch. Work 26 rows in total. Measure a central section without stretching.

If too many stitches fit into 10 cm, try a larger hook; if too few fit, try a smaller hook. The fabric should be flexible, with defined stitches. A gauge change affects every finished measurement.

OPTION	ROWS / TOP STITCHES	BARE TRIANGLE*
Smaller bib	15 rows / 31 sc	14.1 × 5.8 cm (5.6 × 2.3 in)
Standard bib	17 rows / 35 sc	15.9 × 6.5 cm (6.3 × 2.6 in)
Larger bib	19 rows / 39 sc	17.7 × 7.3 cm (7.0 × 2.9 in)

*Calculated at the target gauge, before the yellow border. The border adds roughly 1 cm around the diagonal edges. Actual blocked sizes vary. The standard size has the complete border counts on page 5.

Choose the bib width for the individual cat; neck fit comes from the collar, not from the triangle width. Keep the bib short enough to clear the forelegs and allow unrestricted movement.

U.S. crochet terms

TERM	HOW TO WORK IT
ch - chain	Yarn over and draw through the loop on the hook.
sl st - slip stitch	Insert hook, yarn over and draw through the stitch and the loop on the hook.
sc - single crochet	Insert hook; yarn over, pull up a loop; yarn over and draw through both loops.
hdc - half double crochet	Yarn over; insert hook and pull up a loop; yarn over and draw through all 3 loops.
dc - double crochet	Yarn over; insert hook and pull up a loop; yarn over and pull through 2 loops, twice.
inc - increase	Work 2 sc into the same stitch. Each increase adds 1 stitch.
sc2tog - decrease	Pull up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches; yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.
MR - magic ring	Make an adjustable yarn ring, work the specified stitches into it, then pull the tail to close.
shell	Work 5 dc into one stitch.
st(s), RS, WS	Stitch(es), right side, wrong side.

Rules that keep your counts correct

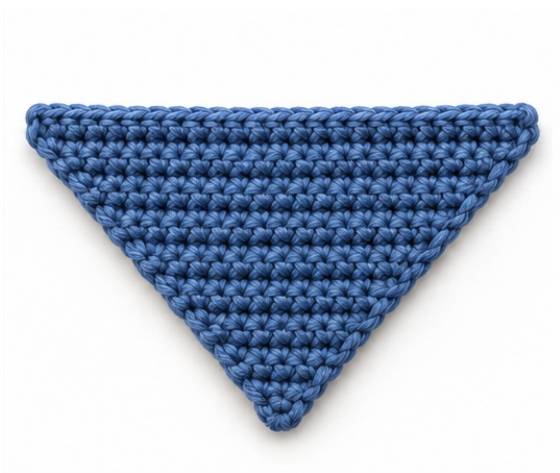
Ch 1 never counts as a stitch. Work the first sc into the first actual stitch below, not into the turning chain. Work under both top loops unless instructed otherwise.

Parentheses show the final stitch count. Repeat text in square brackets the stated number of times. For the triangle, turn after every row; for the berry, work in a continuous spiral without joining.

Mark the first and last sc of each triangle row. Move the markers upward as you work. These are the two stitches that receive increases on the next row.



Start at the bottom point



Foundation: With blue, ch 2. Leave a 12 cm (5 in) tail to weave in later. The second chain from the hook is the foundation stitch.

Row 1: Work 3 sc into the second chain from the hook. (3 sc) Mark both outside stitches. The foundation forms the downward point of the bib.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Inc in the first st, sc in the next st, inc in the last st. (5 sc)

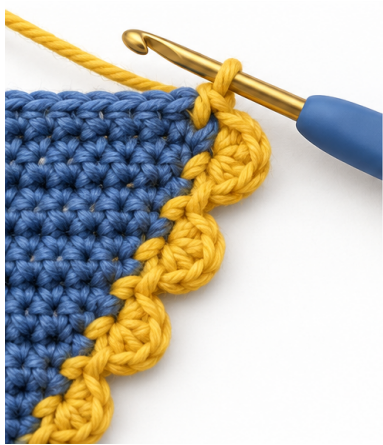
Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Inc in the first st, sc in each of the next 3 sts, inc in the last st. (7 sc)

Rows 4-17: Ch 1, turn. Inc in the first st, sc in every st up to the last st, inc in the last st. Each row adds 2 sc. Stop after Row 17. (35 sc)

ROW	STITCH COUNT	ROW	STITCH COUNT
1 / 2 / 3	3 / 5 / 7	10 / 11 / 12	21 / 23 / 25
4 / 5 / 6	9 / 11 / 13	13 / 14 / 15	27 / 29 / 31
7 / 8 / 9	15 / 17 / 19	16 / 17	33 / 35

Checkpoint: Row n contains $2n + 1$ sc. The standard triangle should be about 15.9 cm (6.3 in) across the top and 6.5 cm (2.6 in) deep before edging. Fasten off and weave the blue ends through several stitches in two directions.

Frame the triangle with shells



Base round: With your chosen RS facing, join yellow at the right end of the top edge. Ch 1; sc in each of the 35 top stitches, moving toward the left corner. Put a marker in the first and last of these top stitches.

Continue down the first diagonal: work **1 sc into each of the 17 row ends**. At the bottom point, work **3 sc into the foundation chain**; mark the middle sc. Work 1 sc into each of the 17 row ends up the second diagonal. Sl st to the first top-edge sc. **72 sc total: 35 + 17 + 3 + 17.**

Shell round, top: Ch 1; sc in each of the 35 top-edge stitches. Keep this edge plain. The next 17 stitches belong to the first diagonal.

First diagonal: Sc in its first st; [skip 1 st, 5 dc in next st, skip 1 st, sc in next st] 4 times. All 17 diagonal stitches are used and you have 4 shells.

Point: Sc in the first of the 3 point stitches; 5 dc in the marked middle stitch; sc in the third point stitch. This makes one centered shell at the tip.

Second diagonal: Sc in its first st; [skip 1 st, 5 dc in next st, skip 1 st, sc in next st] 4 times. Sl st to the first top sc. Fasten off. There are **9 shells total**, including the point shell.

Other sizes: On a 15-row bib, leave the first and last stitch of each 15-stitch diagonal plain and work the 13-stitch shell sequence between them (3 repeats). On a 19-row bib, leave 1 plain stitch at each end and work the 17-stitch sequence between them (4 repeats). Keep the same 3-stitch point treatment.

Crochet the little blueberry

Use blue and the same hook, or a slightly smaller hook for a firm fabric. Place a marker in the first stitch and move it up each round. Do not join rounds.

Round 1: 6 sc in MR. (6)

Round 2: Inc in every st. (12)

Rounds 3-4: Sc in every st. (12 each round)

Round 5: [Sc2tog] 6 times. (6)



Add a tiny amount of stuffing before finishing Round 5; the berry should be soft, about 1.5-2 cm (0.6-0.8 in) across. Cut yarn, leaving 20 cm (8 in). Thread through the front loops of the final 6 stitches, pull closed and secure.

Make a three-lobed yellow cap

With yellow, make an MR. [Ch 4; sl st in the second ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in last ch; sl st into MR] 3 times. You have three short lobes attached to one ring. Pull the ring closed and leave a 25 cm (10 in) sewing tail.

Lay the cap over the top of the berry. Sew the ring and the base of every lobe firmly to the berry. Leave the lobe tips free. Take several passes through the berry so the cap cannot peel away easily.

Attach without a hanging chain

Sew the capped berry directly to the center shell at the bottom point. Pass through several border stitches and through the berry, not just one loop. Secure and bury both tails inside the berry. Do not add a metal ring or a loose hanging cord.

Optional means optional: Leave off the berry for a lighter, simpler bib, especially if the cat chews accessories. This decorative piece is not a pet toy. Inspect it before each use and remove it if any part loosens.

Fit, block and check

Two tabs for an existing breakaway collar

Make 2 blue tabs: ch 5; sc in the second ch from the hook and next 3 ch (4 sc). Ch 1, turn; sc across (4 sc). Repeat this plain row until the strip is long enough to wrap loosely around the collar strap plus 1 cm (0.4 in) of overlap; start with about 10 rows and check the actual collar.

Place the bib WS up. Position one tab near each top corner, about 1.5 cm (0.6 in) inward. Fold each strip around the collar width to make a loop. Sew both short ends to the back of the bib over several stitches, keeping the loop opening clear. The tabs must allow the strap to slide.

Open the collar and thread its strap through both loops, following the collar maker's instructions. If the buckle cannot pass through and the strap cannot be unthreaded, sew the loops around the strap without stitching into it. Keep all crochet clear of the buckle and adjustment hardware.

Finish gently

Weave all ends through several stitches, reverse direction, then trim. Hand-wash according to the yarn label; press in a towel without wringing. Lay flat, straighten the top and ease the shells into shape. Dry completely. Do not stretch to force the stated size.

Fit the commercial collar according to its maker's directions. Check that its breakaway mechanism still releases as intended and is not covered or restricted. Use the bandana only during supervised wear; remove for sleeping, play or any sign of discomfort. Never attach a leash to the crochet.

If something looks wrong

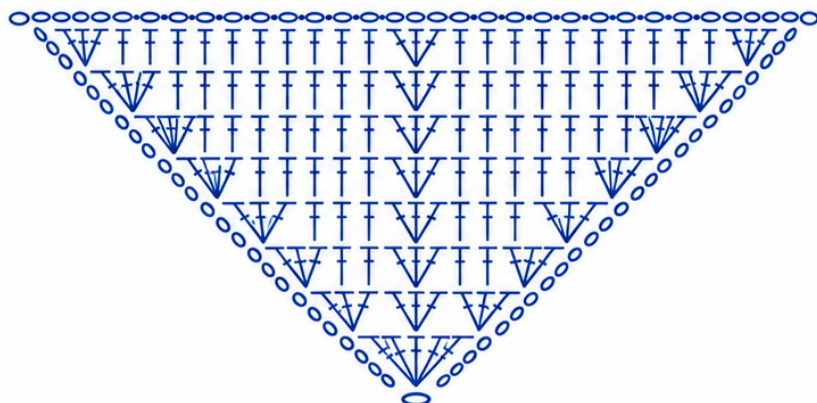
Triangle curves: recount both edge increases. **Edging cups:** loosen your tension or try a larger edging hook.

Border ripples: check for extra base stitches before changing hook size. **Berry has holes:** use a smaller hook or less stuffing. **Bib twists:** place the tabs at matching distances from the corners.

How to use the final reference sheet

The final page is an English translation of the supplied diagram, retained as a visual reference. Its double-crochet symbols, decorative side motifs and chain strap do **not** chart the single-crochet version written here. Follow pages 3-7 for stitch counts and wearable assembly; use the sheet for the overall arrangement only. No treble crochet or picot is required in this written version.

1. MAIN TRIANGLE (STITCH DIAGRAM)



2. SHELL BORDER



3. STRAP (CHAIN CORD)



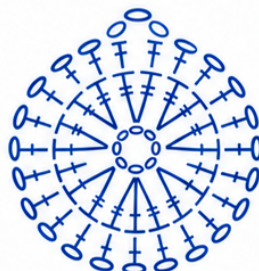
4. SIDE MOTIF (MAKE 2)



5. PENDANT LEAF



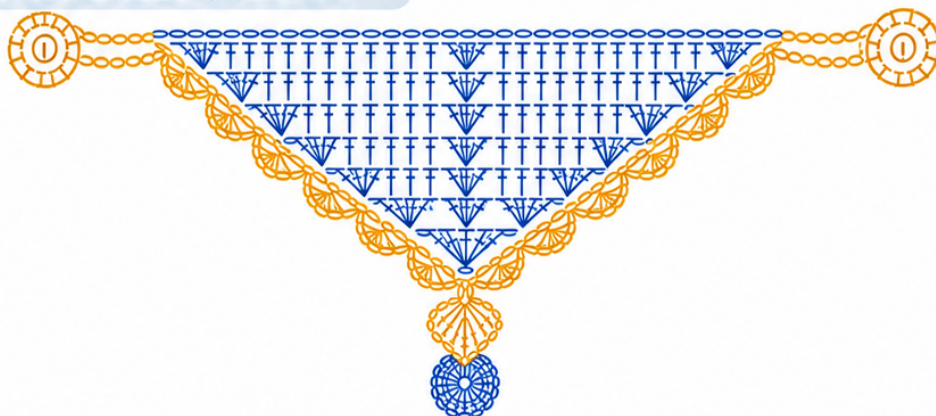
6. BERRY



7. PENDANT ASSEMBLY



8. ASSEMBLY OVERVIEW



9. SYMBOL KEY

- = chain
- = slip stitch
- = single crochet
- = double crochet
- = treble crochet
- = increase (multiple stitches in one stitch)
- = shell
- = picot chains