

Easy Round Crochet Pet Bed With Washable Cushion

Neutral round bed with a low front entrance



Photo-matched snapshot

Pet shown: adult golden retriever

Colours: warm oatmeal with a narrow charcoal-grey rim

Shape: large round shell, low front entry, higher back wall

Finished size: Outer diameter about 88-92 cm; inner sleeping area about 70-76 cm; back wall about 14 cm and front entry about 8 cm.

Starting gauge: 8 single crochet stitches x 8 rounds = 10 cm in dense yarn. Swatch, wash and adjust before choosing the final round count.

Prototype notice: This guide is drafted from the supplied photograph. It is not a physically tested pattern until you crochet a sample, wash it, confirm the measurements and fit-test the finished bed.

Materials

Super bulky washable cotton-blend yarn, 8 mm hook, blunt yarn needle, stitch marker, washable cotton fabric, polyester cushion insert, measuring tape.

US crochet terms

ch = chain; sc = single crochet; hdc = half double crochet; dc = double crochet; sl st = slip stitch; inc = work two stitches in the same stitch; BLO = back loop only.

Washable cushion

Cut two washable cotton circles about 72 cm across, sew or use an envelope cover, and fill with a removable low-loft insert. The cream cushion must lift out of the crochet shell.

Construction route

Dense single crochet for the base and side wall, with a charcoal surface round on the rim.

How to Crochet the Bed

1. Measure the pet while curled. Use the longer curled measurement plus 10-15 cm as the finished inner diameter. For the pictured large bed, aim for an inner diameter of about 72-76 cm.
2. Base, R1: Make a magic ring and work 6 sc into it. R2: inc around. R3: (sc, inc) around. R4: (2 sc, inc) around. Continue the same evenly spaced increase rhythm, keeping the circle flat, until the base reaches the planned inner diameter.
3. Side wall: Work one round of sc in the back loop only with no increases. Continue in joined or spiral rounds until the back wall is about 14 cm high. Mark the front 20-24 cm of the bed.
4. Front entry: On the next rounds, work short rows across the back three-quarters of the bed and leave the marked front section lower. Blend the first and last stitches of each short row into the side wall so the entrance has a smooth curve rather than a sharp step.
5. Rim: Work one dense round around the complete opening. Add one narrow charcoal round if desired, keeping the rim soft and free from hard trim.

Make the washable cushion

1. Measure the washed inside of the shell, then make the cushion 1-2 cm smaller so it settles without buckling the wall.
2. Cut two washable cotton pieces to the planned cushion shape, adding a seam allowance. For a round cushion, cut two matching circles; for an oval or square cushion, round the corners slightly.
3. Sew around the edge, leaving a wide opening. Turn the cover right side out, insert a removable low-loft cushion or washable polyester filling, then close the opening with a secure ladder stitch or concealed closure.
4. Do not leave long ties, exposed cords, loose buttons or dangling fasteners. The cushion must lift out of the crochet shell for inspection and cleaning.

Finish and care

Weave every yarn tail deeply into the inside of the shell, trim only after the end is secure and wash a swatch before washing the finished bed. Dry the shell and cushion completely. Replace the cushion if the filling clumps, the cover tears or the insert no longer lies flat.

Fit checkpoint

The pet should be able to turn around, lie fully on the cushion and step through the front without lifting the shoulders over a high wall.

Pet-safety checkpoint

Use smooth washable yarn and remove the bed if the pet chews the fabric. The crochet shell is not a restraint, crate tie or chew toy. Inspect the cushion seam after every wash.

Photo note: This is the simplest base pattern in the collection and the best starting point for scaling a bed around a growing pet.