

Lavender Cat Bed With Matching Round Mat

A small raised-rim bed paired with a flat washable mat



Photo-matched snapshot

Pet shown: Skyla, a real adult cat

Colours: soft lavender with a warm cream scalloped rim

Shape: compact circular bowl with a separate flat round mat underneath

Finished size: Bed outer diameter about 46 cm; inner sleeping area about 35-38 cm; matching mat about 58 cm across.

Starting gauge: 10 sc x 10 rounds = 10 cm in medium-weight cotton. This is a draft gauge only; swatch and wash first.

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

Medium-weight washable cotton yarn in lavender and cream, 4.5 mm hook, blunt needle, stitch marker, washable cotton fabric, light cushion insert.

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

Make a 36 cm washable round cotton cushion with a cream or pale lavender cover. The separate flat mat is optional and should remain removable for cleaning.

Construction route

Dense single crochet bowl with a cream connected scallop-style rim and a flat circular mat in simple half double crochet.

How to Crochet the Bed

1. Measure the cat curled tightly, then add 8-10 cm for the inner bed diameter. Skyla's smaller bed is a useful example of beginning with the space she used, not an oversized basket.
2. Bed base: Work a flat circle beginning with 6 sc in a magic ring. Increase evenly in each round until the circle measures about 36-38 cm across.
3. Side wall: Work one round in the back loop only, then continue without increases for 6-7 cm. Keep the wall low enough for an easy step-in.
4. Rim: Work one cream round of sc, then repeat a small connected shell sequence such as (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc) in every fourth or fifth stitch. Keep each shell flat and firmly attached.
5. Matching mat: Work a second flat circle in lavender with evenly spaced increases until it measures about 58 cm. Finish with one cream round and wash separately from the bed shell.

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

Leave enough room for the cat to curl, turn and stretch one foreleg without the rim pressing into the shoulders.

Pet-safety checkpoint

Skyla should never be left with loose yarn, detached edging or a cushion she can pull apart. Remove the mat if the cat begins chewing the border.

Photo note: Skyla's cat bed gives the article its personal starting point. The matching mat also makes cleaning the area easier without changing the bed itself.