

Forest-Green Ribbed Bed With Low Entry

A deep ribbed basket bed with a cream outline



Photo-matched snapshot

Pet shown: small adult spaniel

Colours: forest green with a warm cream rim

Shape: round basket with vertical ribbed walls and a lower front opening

Finished size: Outer diameter about 76 cm; inner sleeping area about 60-64 cm; wall about 13 cm at the back.

Starting gauge: 9 sc BLO stitches x 9 rounds = 10 cm. Swatch because ribbing changes height after washing.

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

Bulky washable cotton-blend yarn in forest green and cream, 6.5 mm hook, blunt needle, stitch marker, washable cushion fabric and 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

Use a removable 60 cm cream cotton cushion with a narrow forest-green piping edge or plain stitched border.

Construction route

Single crochet in the back loop only for vertical ribbing, dense single crochet for the base and a cream slip-stitch-look rim.

How to Crochet the Bed

1. Measure from the pet's nose to rump while curled and add 10-12 cm for the inner diameter. Mark the front entry before starting the side wall.
2. Base: Work a flat sc circle with 6 sc in the first round and evenly spaced increases until the base measures 62-64 cm.
3. Ribbed wall: Work one round in the back loop only. Continue sc BLO in joined rounds without increases for 11-13 cm, keeping the tension firm but flexible.
4. Low entrance: Work short rows across the back and sides for the final 4-5 rounds, leaving the front centre 20 cm lower. Join the short-row ends with neat slip stitches.
5. Border: Work one or two rounds of cream sc around the entire opening. Do not use wire or a hard plastic ring to hold the shape.

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 entrance should be low enough for the spaniel to step through naturally, while the back wall supports a curled sleeping position.

Pet-safety checkpoint

Ribbing should not have open loops that catch claws. Check the cream border and cushion piping regularly for pulled stitches.

Photo note: The visible vertical ribs are the defining feature. The final PDF keeps them on the wall while leaving the cushion plain and washable.