

Mustard Low-Entry Oval Crochet Bed

A sunny oval bed for a smaller dog



Photo-matched snapshot

Pet shown: small adult mixed-breed dog

Colours: muted mustard with a cream inner cushion

Shape: oval shell with a broad low front and taller side and back walls

Finished size: Outer length about 72 cm; outer width about 57 cm; inner cushion about 58 x 43 cm.

Starting gauge: 9 sc x 9 rounds = 10 cm in dense mustard yarn. Wash the swatch before measuring.

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, 6.5 mm hook, blunt needle, stitch marker, washable cotton fabric and low-loft 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

Cut or crochet a washable oval cushion cover about 58 x 43 cm, with a removable insert and no loose ties.

Construction route

Dense single crochet in an oval base, worked upward in even rounds with a rounded cream cushion inside.

How to Crochet the Bed

1. Start with a chain long enough to equal the desired inner length minus the rounded ends. For this size, begin with about 34-38 chains, adjusting to your gauge.
2. Oval base, R1: sc along one side of the chain, work 3 sc in the end chain, sc back along the other side, then work 2 sc in the final end. Join or continue spirally.
3. Continue oval increases at both rounded ends until the base measures about 60 x 45 cm. Keep the long sides mostly straight so the bed does not become a circle.
4. Side wall: Work one round in the back loop only, then continue even in sc for 8-10 cm. Lower the front by working short rows over the back and side sections for the final rounds.
5. Finish with one compact border round and weave every end into the inside of the wall before inserting the cushion.

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

An oval bed should give a long-bodied pet space to lie on its side without forcing the tail into the rim.

Pet-safety checkpoint

Keep the front opening smooth and avoid decorative buttons or dangling ties. Remove the bed if the dog begins chewing the edge.

Photo note: The oval footprint uses the room efficiently and is a useful alternative when a round base wastes space in a corner.