

Cream Basket Bed With Charcoal Cushion

A sturdy small basket with a dark washable centre



Photo-matched snapshot

Pet shown: small adult terrier

Colours: natural cream shell with a charcoal-grey cushion

Shape: compact round basket with a thick smooth rim

Finished size: Outer diameter about 58 cm; inner sleeping area about 43-46 cm; wall about 11 cm.

Starting gauge: 8 waistcoat-style or dense sc stitches x 8 rounds = 10 cm. If waistcoat stitch is difficult, use firm sc.

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 yarn in natural cream, 8 mm hook, blunt needle, stitch marker, washable fabric and 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

Use a 44 cm round washable charcoal cushion with a plain envelope cover so it can be removed without hard hardware.

Construction route

Dense vertical V texture on the wall, a flat single crochet base and a rounded cream rim.

How to Crochet the Bed

1. Measure the terrier while curled and add 8-10 cm. For the pictured size, make the inner base about 44-46 cm across.
2. Base: Work a flat circle in dense sc, increasing evenly from 6 sc in the magic ring until the circle reaches the planned inner diameter.
3. Wall: Work one round in the back loop only. Continue dense vertical-texture stitches in even rounds for 9-10 cm, checking that the wall remains upright rather than flaring sharply.
4. Rim: Work two rounds of sc with a slightly looser tension. If the rim rolls inward, add one extra increase round rather than forcing it flat.
5. Make the cushion separately, insert it only after all yarn tails are woven in and the shell has been washed according to the yarn label.

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 terrier should sit without the front rim pressing behind the elbows. The cushion should fill the base but not push the wall outward.

Pet-safety checkpoint

A dense stitch is preferable for a pet bed because it reduces snagging. Inspect the rim for split yarn and pulled loops.

Photo note: This is a compact basket version of the main round bed, with the charcoal cushion providing a useful washable contrast.