

Retro Concentric-Round Cat Bed

A colour-ringed bed built around a flat circular base



Photo-matched snapshot

Pet shown: Skyla, a real adult cat

Colours: cream, muted rust, slate blue and taupe

Shape: flat circular colour-ring base with a low cream rim

Finished size: Outer diameter about 52 cm; inner sleeping area about 41-43 cm; low rim about 6 cm.

Starting gauge: 10 hdc x 8 rounds = 10 cm in medium-weight cotton. Colour changes can alter tension, so wash the swatch.

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 cream, rust, slate blue and taupe, 4.5 mm hook, needle, stitch marker, washable 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 41 cm washable round cushion in plain cream or taupe so the concentric crochet remains visible around it.

Construction route

Half double crochet in concentric colour rounds, followed by a shallow cream side wall.

How to Crochet the Bed

1. Plan the colour order before crocheting. Keep each round complete and joined cleanly so the rings look structural rather than printed.
2. Base: Begin with 8 hdc in a magic ring. Increase evenly in each round, changing colour at the join, until the circle reaches about 42-43 cm.
3. Side wall: Work one round in the back loop only, then two or three even rounds in cream hdc. Keep the wall low so the colour rings remain visible.
4. Rim: Add one compact cream sc round. Carry no unused yarn across the inside; cut and weave each colour change neatly.
5. Cushion: Make a plain washable round cushion so the cat can use the bed without putting claws into the colour-change joins.

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 low rim suits a cat that likes to stretch across a flat surface and still gives a soft boundary for curling.

Pet-safety checkpoint

Weave every colour tail securely. Do not leave contrast floats, loose loops or decorative beads where a cat can pull them.

Photo note: Skyla's concentric bed shows how colour can create a completely different look without changing the basic round-bed construction.