

Navy-Edged Round Nest With Removable Square Cushion

A round crochet shell paired with a square washable cushion



Photo-matched snapshot

Pet shown: small white-and-tan dog

Colours: natural cream with a navy outer edge and navy cushion

Shape: flat round shell with a shallow scalloped-looking edge and square cushion

Finished size: Outer diameter about 68 cm; washable cushion about 50 x 50 cm; raised edge about 5 cm.

Starting gauge: 9 hdc x 8 rounds = 10 cm in sturdy yarn. Swatch for a firm but flexible mat.

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 cream and navy, 6.5 mm hook, blunt needle, stitch marker, washable cotton fabric and square 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

Sew a washable 50 x 50 cm square cotton cushion with rounded corners or use a removable cover over a square insert. Tuck the corners inside the shell.

Construction route

Flat hdc circular mat with a firm navy side band and a connected cream border.

How to Crochet the Bed

1. Measure the square cushion first. Add at least 14 cm to its diagonal or widest measurement when choosing the crochet mat diameter.
2. Base: Work a flat hdc circle with evenly spaced increases until it measures about 62-64 cm across. Keep the centre smooth so the square insert sits flat.
3. Edge: Work one navy round in the back loop only, then one or two cream rounds without increases to create a shallow boundary.
4. Border: Work small connected increases at even intervals to make a softly undulating edge. Keep the points low and rounded, with no hanging loops.
5. Place the square cushion inside only after washing and drying the shell. The cushion must lift out completely for cleaning.

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 square cushion should not extend over the outer edge. Leave a clear walkway around the mat so the dog does not trip on a corner.

Pet-safety checkpoint

Keep the navy edge low and secure. Remove the bed if the dog pulls at the cushion corners or begins chewing the border.

Photo note: The square cushion changes the feel of a round crochet bed and makes it easy to replace the soft centre without remaking the shell.