

Terracotta Striped Round Dog Bed

A warm striped basket with a cream centre



Photo-matched snapshot

Pet shown: adult beagle

Colours: muted terracotta, oatmeal and warm cream

Shape: deep round basket with horizontal colour stripes and a low front

Finished size: Outer diameter about 72 cm; inner sleeping area about 56-60 cm; rear wall about 12 cm.

Starting gauge: 8 sc x 8 rounds = 10 cm in bulky yarn. Work one complete round per stripe and check colourfastness.

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 yarn in terracotta, oatmeal and cream, 6.5 mm hook, 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 56 cm washable cream cushion with a concealed envelope opening or removable low-loft insert.

Construction route

Dense single crochet in horizontal colour rounds with a cream top rim.

How to Crochet the Bed

1. Choose a stripe sequence that repeats cleanly. Cut each colour at the end of its round and weave the join inside the wall rather than carrying long floats.
2. Base: Work a flat sc circle in terracotta, increasing evenly until it measures about 58-60 cm.
3. Wall: Work one back-loop-only round, then continue sc in the stripe sequence without increases for 10-12 cm at the back.
4. Front entry: Leave the central front 18-20 cm lower by using short rows over the back half for the final 3-4 rounds.
5. Finish with one or two cream rounds around the opening. Wash the shell before measuring the cushion cover.

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

A beagle should be able to turn, curl and stretch its front legs over the cushion without the stripe wall collapsing inward.

Pet-safety checkpoint

Do not add tassels to the stripes. Inspect every colour join and remove the bed if the dog starts pulling at the yarn.

Photo note: The horizontal stripes are simple to reproduce and make this a useful stash-yarn version of the round basket.