

Blush Cat Bed With Soft Low Entrance

A dusty-rose round nest with cream trim



Photo-matched snapshot

Pet shown: Skyla, a real adult cat

Colours: dusty blush pink with a warm cream border

Shape: round cat basket with a curved low front opening

Finished size: Outer diameter about 50 cm; inner sleeping area about 39-42 cm; back wall about 10 cm.

Starting gauge: 10 sc x 10 rounds = 10 cm in medium-weight cotton. Swatch for softness without open holes.

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 dusty rose and cream, 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 40 cm washable cream cushion with a soft cotton cover and a flat, stable insert.

Construction route

Dense single crochet bowl with a cream slip-stitch-look edge and a shallow front entry.

How to Crochet the Bed

1. Measure Skyla or another cat while curled and add 8-10 cm to the inner diameter. The cushion should support the whole curl, not only the chest.
2. Base: Work a flat sc circle from 6 sc in a magic ring until it measures about 40-42 cm.
3. Wall: Work one back-loop-only round, then continue in even sc for 8-9 cm. Keep the side wall firm but not rigid.
4. Entrance: Mark the front 18 cm. Work short rows over the back and side sections for the final 3 rounds, blending the edges into the full opening.
5. Trim: Work one cream round of compact sc or slip stitches. Weave the cream tail into the inner wall and trim it flush.

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 cat should be able to step in, circle and leave freely. A low front is preferable to forcing a cat to climb over a high wall.

Pet-safety checkpoint

Skyla's bed is for resting, not restraint. Remove it if she chews the rim, pulls at the cushion seam or shows signs of discomfort.

Photo note: This is one of the smaller Skyla designs and helps illustrate why a growing cat may need more floor space even when the bed style stays the same.