

Oatmeal Ribbed Cat Bed

A neutral ribbed basket with a taupe cushion



Photo-matched snapshot

Pet shown: Skyla, a real adult cat

Colours: natural oatmeal with a taupe-brown cushion

Shape: round basket with strong vertical ribs and a soft rolled rim

Finished size: Outer diameter about 52 cm; inner sleeping area about 42-44 cm; wall about 10 cm.

Starting gauge: 9 hdc BLO stitches x 8 rounds = 10 cm. Ribbed fabric can relax after washing, so measure the washed 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

Bulky washable oatmeal yarn, 6.5 mm hook, blunt needle, stitch marker, washable cotton 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 42 cm washable taupe cushion with a smooth cotton cover. Keep the cover separate from the ribbed shell.

Construction route

Half double crochet worked in the back loop only for pronounced vertical ribs, with a dense sc base.

How to Crochet the Bed

1. Measure the cat's curled sleeping space before choosing the base diameter. Increase the circle until the washed inner base will be at least 42 cm for this version.
2. Base: Work a flat circle in dense sc, increasing evenly until the target diameter is reached.
3. Ribbed wall: Work one round in the back loop only, then hdc BLO in even rounds for 8-10 cm. Keep the turning or joining seam at the back.
4. Rim: Work one round of sc, then one relaxed round of hdc. If the rim feels stiff, change to a larger hook for the last round.
5. Finish by washing and drying the shell according to the yarn label, then make the cushion cover to the actual washed opening rather than the pre-wash measurement.

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 ribbed wall should hold its shape while still yielding slightly when Skyla leans against it.

Pet-safety checkpoint

Do not use a rigid insert inside the crochet wall. Inspect the vertical ribs for snagging and keep all ends fully woven in.

Photo note: This neutral ribbed version is a practical example of scaling the same basic bed as Skyla's sleeping space became more generous.