

Sage-and-Cream Low-Entry Bed

A calm two-colour basket for a small dog



Photo-matched snapshot

Pet shown: small dachshund

Colours: sage green base with a thick cream rim

Shape: round basket with a wide cream bolster and a low front opening

Finished size: Outer diameter about 64 cm; inner sleeping area about 50-54 cm; rear wall about 11 cm.

Starting gauge: 9 sc x 9 rounds = 10 cm in bulky cotton-blend yarn. Swatch and wash before measuring the rim.

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 sage and cream, 6.5 mm hook, 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 50 cm washable cushion in pale sage cotton, with a flat insert so it does not push the bolster outward.

Construction route

Dense single crochet base and sage lower wall, followed by a thick cream upper rim worked in compact rounds.

How to Crochet the Bed

1. Measure the dachshund from nose to rump while curled and add 10-12 cm. Keep the inner base long enough for the back and tail.
2. Base: Work a flat circle in sage sc until it measures about 52 cm across. If the dog stretches long, add one or two increase rounds before the wall.
3. Lower wall: Work one back-loop-only round, then continue sage sc without increases for 6-7 cm.
4. Cream bolster: Change to cream and work 3-4 compact rounds. Lower the front by using short rows across the back half for the last 2 rounds.
5. Finish with one tidy cream round around the opening and insert the washable cushion only after all ends are secured.

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 long-backed dog needs a clear low entry and a cushion that does not buckle in the middle.

Pet-safety checkpoint

Keep the cream rim soft and stable. Do not add a handle or tie that could catch around the dog's legs or neck.

Photo note: The contrasting cream rim gives a simple base a finished look while also making the front entry easy to see.