

Chunky Crochet Cat Bed

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Pets Crochet

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Before you choose yarn

What this draft makes

One circular single-crochet basket with a low, open-top front entry and a separate purchased cushion. The source images establish the silhouette and cream colour only. Their creation method and whether they show a physically crocheted sample are unverified. Stitch texture in this prototype may differ from the pictured texture.

Materials

Start with super-bulky category 6 T-shirt yarn or cotton rope yarn suitable for crochet, a 10 mm hook, at least four removable markers, scissors, a blunt large-eye yarn needle and a tape measure. Fibre content and care vary: check the actual label. Use cream for the pictured colour direction. No wire, glue, rigid insert or attached decoration is specified.

Yarn quantity

The source gives 300-400 yd (about 275-366 m) for its different construction. This larger 84-stitch version has no measured yardage. Treat that figure only as source context, not a purchasing guarantee. Make a swatch and base first; weigh them and use the same yarn lot for subsequent supply. Do not promise one skein.

Gauge swatch

Provisional target from the source: 7 sc and 8 rows per 4 in / 10.16 cm. Ch 13; sc in the second chain and all remaining chains (12 sc). Ch 1, turn; sc in each of 12 stitches for 11 more rows. Turning ch never counts. Care for the swatch according to its label, dry flat and measure the central 7 stitches and 8 rows. Record stitches and rows per inch. If loose or unstable, change yarn/hook and recalculate; do not force gauge by stretching.

Choose the usable space

Measure the area your own cat occupies while resting without disturbing it. Plan enough clear cushion area for its usual posture and voluntary entry. The kitten image is a styling reference, not a three-cat size recommendation. Select the cushion after measuring the finished inner floor. It must lie flat without bowing the walls or filling the entry.

Sizing and construction plan

Provisional dimensions

At 1.75 sc per inch, an 84-stitch perimeter estimates a 15.3 in / 38.8 cm base diameter: $84 / (\pi \times 1.75)$. This estimates a stitch-line diameter, not verified outer or usable inner diameter. Four lower-wall rounds at 2 rows per inch suggest a 2 in / 5.1 cm threshold; twelve extra upper rows suggest an 8 in / 20.3 cm total back wall. Edging, thickness and spiral rise alter those figures. Measure the sample.

Entry

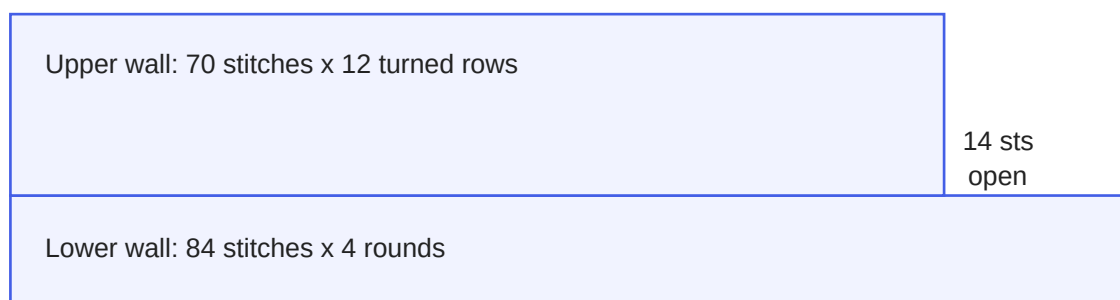
Leave 14 consecutive stitches unworked above the low wall; work the other 70 stitches back and forth. Fourteen stitches span about 8 in along the curved edge at target gauge, not an 8-inch straight opening. Measure the actual clear width and threshold with the cushion installed. No closed chain bridge crosses the entry.

Resizing calculation

For a starting estimate, choose final base count N = nearest multiple of 6 to $\pi \times$ desired base diameter in inches $\times$ measured sc per inch. Base rounds = $N / 6$. Estimate entry stitches E from desired curved entry span $\times$ sc per inch, then choose an integer smaller than N . Upper rows work $N - E$ stitches. Lower-wall rounds = desired threshold height $\times$ rows per inch, rounded; upper rows = (desired back height - threshold height) $\times$ rows per inch, rounded. Verify the base and entry physically before proceeding.

Record actual dimensions

Record outer diameter, inner floor diameter, back height from floor, threshold height with cushion in place, clear opening width, yarn weight used and dimensions after cleaning. The source 20-22 in outer and 14-16 in inner measurements are not validated by this draft. No graded fit range or weight rating is established.



Unrolled view: continuous lower wall, open upper wall. Not to scale.

Stitch key and circular base

US terms

ch = chain; sc = single crochet; sl st = slip stitch; inc = two sc in one stitch; BLO = back loop only; st = stitch. Work through both top loops unless BLO is specified. Base rounds are continuous spirals, without joining or turning. Mark the first stitch and move the marker each round. Initial and turning chains do not count.

Start

Leave a tail long enough to weave securely. Make a magic ring, ch 1 and work 6 sc into the ring. Pull closed. This is base round 1 (6). Alternatively ch 2 and work 6 sc into the second chain. Secure the centre tail through several dense stitches in more than one direction; do not leave a hanging loop.

Rounds 2-14

R2: inc in all 6 stitches (12). For each round r from 3 through 14, repeat [sc in the next r - 2 stitches, inc in the next stitch] six times. Counts after R3-R14: 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60, 66, 72, 78, 84. Specifically, R14 is [12 sc, inc] six times; it consumes 78 stitches and produces 84. Keep the yarn attached.

Flatness checkpoint

Lay the base flat after each round. If it cups or ripples strongly, check the six increases, stitch count and tension before adding walls. A thicker or stretchy yarn may not form a flat disc with this schedule. Change yarn/hook or record sample-based adjustments; do not hide a distorted base under the cushion. Confirm that the measured base suits the intended floor space.

Lower wall and open front

Wall rounds W1-W4

W1: sc BLO in every base stitch (84), with no increases. W2, W3 and W4: sc through both loops in every stitch (84 each). Mark each new first stitch. After W4, sl st in the next stitch, fasten off and weave in the tail. This positioning join does not count or replace a stitch.

Mark the front

Choose the front on the opposite side from the finishing join. Number the 84 W4 stitch tops around the perimeter, making positions 1-14 the front threshold. Mark stitches 1, 14, 15 and 84. Do not count the finishing slip stitch as an 85th stitch. The upper wall will occupy stitches 15-84 inclusive.

Upper row U1

With the outside facing you, join fresh yarn to stitch 15 with a slip stitch, ch 1 and sc in that same stitch. Sc in every stitch through 84 (70 sc). Leave stitches 1-14 untouched. Ch 1 and turn. The joining slip stitch and turning chain do not count.

Upper rows U2-U12

Sc in each of the 70 stitches, starting in the stitch directly beneath the turning chain. After U2-U11, ch 1 and turn. After U12, fasten off with a weaving tail. Each row remains 70 sc. Do not chain across the entry or join the row ends into a circle. Alternating rows may give a different surface texture from the reference image.

Optional colour change

The references are cream. For an optional two-colour version, finish the last pull-through of W4 in the new colour, then make the positioning join and finish. Use the new colour when joining U1. Weave every end securely without long exposed floats. This creates a colour break, not a verified smooth ombre gradient.

Edge, cushion and use checks

Continuous edging route

Join yarn at one top corner. Work 1 sc in each of the 70 upper-row stitch tops, then 1 sc in each of the 12 row-end gaps down the first entry side. Work 1 sc in each of the 14 untouched W4 threshold stitches, then 1 sc in each of the 12 row-end gaps up the other side. Join to the first edging sc and fasten off. Starting total: 108 sc. Do not count the four meeting points twice or work into turning chains as extra stitches.

Check the corners

This 108-placement border is a prototype starting count. If the corners pull inward, loosen the edging or add a corner stitch where the fabric requires it; if the border waves, remove unnecessary extra stitches. Record any change and the resulting count. Do not claim the heavy braided appearance in the image is reproduced by this simple sc edge.

Cushion and shape

Secure the centre and all joins, remove every marker, and follow the yarn label for any shaping or washing. Dry completely. Place a separate cushion through the open top; do not force it through a small arch. The cushion must fit without lifting, bulging, covering the threshold or exposing loose filling. Choose its size from the measured inner floor; source 14-16 in is a reference range only.

Stability and pet use

Set the bed on a stable floor surface and check whether it slides, tips or collapses when the rim is gently pressed and released. Do not present a collapsing wall as support. Introduce it while watching your cat and allow voluntary entry and exit. Remove it if yarn is chewed, loops catch claws, ends loosen or the cushion shifts. No chew-resistance, orthopedic benefit or load rating is established.

Care and placement

Follow the separate care labels for yarn and cushion; machine washability is not established for the assembled draft. Recheck size, shape and ends after cleaning. Cats Protection recommends a quiet sleeping spot away from draughts and heat sources. Its general advice does not test or endorse this bed.

Troubleshooting

A narrowing upper wall usually means a missed first or last stitch: count 70 every row. A closed opening means the rows were bridged or joined: undo that step. A curling rim needs a tension/placement adjustment, not a stiff wire. A cushion that lifts the bed is too large or too full. A flexible wall that will not stay upright needs a different fabric and a fresh sample.

General placement source: [Cats Protection sleeping-spot guidance](#).

Source audit and release notes

Written source versus visible shape

The source describes two opposite chain openings, then works rounds above them. That makes enclosed holes; it does not make the visible single U-shaped open-top entry. The new 84-stitch base and 70-stitch upper rows are a proposed construction for the visible silhouette, not a verified correction or exact reproduction of the image.

Source arithmetic

Its round 19 lists $4 \text{ sc} + \text{skip } 7 + 22 \text{ sc} + \text{skip } 7 + 18 \text{ sc} = 58$ old stitches, not 60. It makes 44 sc plus 14 chains, not the printed 46 sc plus 14. The described positions do not support the claimed opposite placement either. Its chain bridges form the upper edges of openings, not their bottoms.

Source sizing

At 7 sc per 4 in, 60 perimeter stitches estimate a diameter of $60 / (\pi \times 1.75) = 10.9$ in, before wall thickness. This does not support the stated 20-22 in outer diameter. Seven stitches span about 4 in, not the claimed 7-in opening. These are diagnostic estimates, not measured crochet dimensions.

Reference limits

The source mentions blue-grey and purple ombre, but all supplied bed views are cream. Only finished/lifestyle reference imagery is provided; there are no authentic step-by-step construction photos. Three kittens in one image do not prove a multi-cat capacity. The drawn construction map in this guide is an explanatory schematic, not a sample photo.

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Testing before release

Crochet the full draft; record actual dimensions and yarn use, verify flatness and wall stability, check the cushion and entry, and reassess after care. Resolve source-image and adaptation rights before public release. All marketing concepts remain private until those issues are settled.

Original listing: [Wetfish Designs on Creative Fabrica](#).

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Original source-page reference

Tips & Customization

- Ombre Effect: Start with a blue-gray base color and gradually introduce lavender/purple for the upper walls, as shown in the sample photo.
 - Sizing Up: To fit a larger cat or dog, increase your base to 66 sts (add one more increase rnd) and work 8 arch skip sts instead of 7.
 - Firmer Structure: Use a larger ball of cotton rope yarn and go down one hook size for a stiffer basket that holds its shape better.
 - Single Opening: For a more enclosed feeling, work only one arch cutout instead of two.
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