

Cat Nap Nest



Edition and sample status

Version 1.0 | October 13, 2026. Reading and making edition using the supplied reference-size construction. The added wording, count interpretations and optional modifications have not been physically crocheted, fitted or cleaned. Proposed changes are untested drafts, not verified errata. The complete supplied pattern pages follow the written route for photographs, original colour keys and assembly charts.

Size and measurement

Approx 17 in (43 cm) across and 5 in (12.5 cm) tall. Measure a completed, relaxed sample across the widest outside edge and separately across the usable sleeping centre. Measure wall height from the base to rim. For couch and cube record width, depth, height and clear entrance/seat dimensions. Listed dimensions are reference targets, not independent measured results.

Materials and starting hook

Bernat Mega Bulky, four 300 g balls; 19 mm hook. Gauge: 4 sc and 4 rows per 4 in (10 cm). Also use a yarn needle, scissors, measuring tape and removable markers. Keep yarn colour/strand counts exactly as the route specifies. Listed balls/metres/yards are the supplied purchasing quantities, not measured consumption for this edition or a guarantee for substitutions. Foam, batting, stuffing, pillow forms and retained fittings must suit their intended component use; check their care labels separately.

Gauge check

Make a swatch larger than 10 cm square in the specified stitch and with the stated strand count. Let it rest and count stitches and rows in the middle 10 cm without stretching. Trial the intended label-compatible cleaning on a spare sample, let it dry and measure again. Change hook size and reswatch if the listed gauge is not met. Circle diameter and finished interior measurements still need direct checks; do not calculate a round bed diameter from linear stitch gauge alone. For couch also make the alternating sc/dc texture; for granny square measure the five-round square. Record both pre- and post-care dimensions.

Size route and adjustment

Keep the reference stitch schedule for this single-size edition. For a different scale, trial yarn/hook so desired outside diameter divided by measured sample diameter matches the fabric scale. The 12-inch middle section must be proportionally trialled, then fold and check the actual wall. This is not a tested second size.

US terms and count rules

ch=chain; sc=single crochet; dc=double crochet; hdc=half double crochet; tr=treble crochet; sl st=slip stitch; st=stitch; RS/WS=right/wrong side; MC=main colour. An increase is 2 sc or 2 dc in one base stitch, as specified. sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops; it consumes 2 and makes 1. For dc: yarn over, insert/pull up loop, yarn over/pull through 2 twice. For hdc: yarn over, insert/pull up loop, yarn over/pull through all 3. For tr: yarn over twice, insert/pull up loop, pull through 2 loops three times. Front/back post dc passes around the named stitch post from the indicated face, instead of its top loops. Keep beginning chains counted only where expressly stated. A spiral uses a first-stitch marker and no joining slip stitch; joined rounds use their stated join. Do not count a joining slip stitch as an extra stitch.

Count review before making

The shaping counts reconcile: 8, 16, 24, 32, 40, 48, 56, then decreases to 8. The closing and fold instructions need careful sample shaping; the added gathering note is proposed.

Foundation and joined-round rule

Use the 19 mm starting hook and teal yarn. Chain 4 and slip stitch to the first chain to make a ring. At the start of every round chain 1; it is not a stitch. Join each round to the first single crochet. Do not turn.

Base shaping

Round 1: work 8 sc in the ring. Round 2: 2 sc in each stitch, 16. Round 3: repeat (2 sc in next stitch, sc in next stitch) eight times, 24. Round 4: repeat (2 sc in next stitch, sc in next 2 stitches) eight times, 32. Round 5: repeat (2 sc in next stitch, sc in next 3 stitches) eight times, 40. Round 6: sc in each stitch, 40. Round 7: repeat (2 sc in next stitch, sc in next 4 stitches) eight times, 48. Round 8: sc in each stitch, 48. Round 9: repeat (2 sc in next stitch, sc in next 5 stitches) eight times, 56. Mark the end of round 9.

Length and decreasing end

Round 10 and subsequent rounds: sc in all 56 stitches, until the fabric after the marked round measures 12 in (30.5 cm). Record the number of plain rounds. Decrease round 1: repeat (sc2tog, sc in next 5 stitches) eight times, 48. Next round: 48 sc. Decrease round 2: repeat (sc2tog, sc in next 4 stitches) eight times, 40. Next round: 40 sc. Decrease round 3: repeat (sc2tog, sc in next 3 stitches) eight times, 32. Decrease round 4: repeat (sc2tog, sc in next 2 stitches) eight times, 24. Decrease round 5: repeat (sc2tog, sc in next stitch) eight times, 16. Final round: sc2tog eight times, 8. Fasten off securely.

Fold and finish

Push one end into the other to form the double-layer basket. Align the circular ends into the base and smooth the fold around the rim. Proposed closing detail: if the final eight-stitch hole remains open, thread the tail through those loops, gather gently and secure; similarly secure the starting ring. No stuffing is specified. Weave ends into the fabric, check that the base lies stable and remeasure the usable centre.

Final assembly and use checks

Weave in every tail securely with no accessible long loop. Remove ALL pins and markers. Check fabric, joins and all decorations by hand before introducing the bed. Put furniture/cube on a level stable floor and keep the entrance clear. Verify your cat can enter, turn and leave; observe the first use. No durability, load, attachment, stability or recipient-use test has been completed for this edition. These resting projects are not chew toys. Remove the item if yarn, decoration, foam or filling becomes accessible or damaged.

Care and repair

Follow labels for every yarn and internal component. A washable yarn does not establish that glued foam, batting, stuffing or the whole bed is machine-washable. Use the spare-sample care result to plan cleaning; reshape only as the components permit and dry every layer fully. Cube cover and pillow can be removed as their construction allows. Check hidden filling and seams before reuse. If the base ripples, check round counts and gauge; if it cups too early, check missed increases. If wall or cover seams strain, check paired counts and actual dimensions rather than pulling harder. Reseat stuffing before closing a lumpy body; repair loose trim before pet use.

Sample record

Record yarn/fibre/colour, hook, strands, gauge, final round and counts, finished outside and inside dimensions, wall/entrance size, yarn used, seam pickups, fill/foam details, cleaning method and result, and every modification. Only a physical sample and use/care checks can establish that a proposed count or fitting change works as intended.

Supporting care guidance

General guidance checked October 13, 2026: quiet, accessible hiding/resting spaces and free entry/exit are described by Cats Protection: <https://www.cats.org.uk/help-and-advice/cat-behaviour/cats-hiding> . PDSA advises keeping loose wool, thread, string and swallowable items out of reach: <https://www.pdsa.org.uk/pet-health-and-advice/pet-health-hub/other-veterinary-advice/my-cat-has-eaten-something-harmful> . These sources do not test or certify this pattern.

Complete visual reference pages

The full supplied pages begin next with their own page numbering. Keep them alongside the written route to compare photographs, colour keys, joining geometry and the opening/foam diagrams. Where text and diagram disagree, follow the explicitly marked proposed route only when sampling; the count review records the difference.



MATERIALS

Bernat® Mega Bulky™ (10.5 oz/300 g; 64 yds/58 m)
Teal (88206) **4 balls**

Size U.S. S (19 mm) crochet hook **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Stitch marker.

ABBREVIATIONS:

Approx = Approximately
Ch = Chain(s)
PM = Place marker
Rep = Repeat
Rnd(s) = Round(s)

Sc = Single crochet
Sc2tog = Draw up a loop
in each of next 2 stitches.
Yoh and draw through all
loops on hook.

Sl st = Slip stitch
St(s) = Stitch(es)
Yoh = Yarn over hook



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MEASUREMENTS

Approx 17" [43 cm] diameter x 5" [12.5 cm] tall.

GAUGE:

4 sc and 4 rows = 4" [10 cm]

INSTRUCTIONS

With A, ch 4. Join with sl st to first ch to form ring.

1st rnd: Ch 1. 8 sc in ring. Join with sl st in first sc.

2nd rnd: Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st in first sc. 16 sc.

3rd rnd: Ch 1. *2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in next sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st in first sc. 24 sc.

4th rnd: Ch 1. *2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 2 sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st in first sc. 32 sc.

5th rnd: Ch 1. *2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 3 sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st in first sc. 40 sc.

6th rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc.

7th rnd: Ch 1. *2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st in first sc. 48 sc.

8th rnd: As 6th rnd.

9th rnd: Ch 1. *2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 5 sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st in first sc. 56 sc. PM at end of last rnd.

10th rnd: As 6th rnd.

Rep last rnd until work from marked rnd measures 12" [30.5 cm].

Next rnd: Ch 1. *Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 5 sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st in first sc. 48 sts.

Next rnd: As 6th rnd.

Next rnd: Ch 1. *Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st in first sc. 40 sts.

Next rnd: As 6th rnd.

Next rnd: Ch 1. *Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 3 sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st in first sc. 32 sts.

Next rnd: Ch 1. *Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 2 sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st in first sc. 24 sts.

Next rnd: Ch 1. *Sc2tog. 1 sc in next sc. Rep from * around. Join with sl st in first sc. 16 sts.

Next rnd: Ch 1. (Sc2tog) 8 times. 8 sts. Fasten off.

Push one half into another to create basket shape as shown in picture.