Folded-Rim Crochet Cat Bed



Finished original Kitty Bed · supplied PDF reference

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Materials, gauge and size

Use firm, smooth bulky yarn held double, or a single smooth super-bulky cord that gives the stated gauge. Allow about 270 m of working length for the standard bed, or 540 m total when holding two strands. This is a purchase estimate. Start with a 9 mm hook. Gather a blunt needle and markers. Aim for about 7 sc and 9 rounds per 10 cm in a firm swatch. The standard floor is about 44 cm across before folding the rim. The rim is about 7 cm tall.

Stitch key

US terms. Sc = single crochet, ch = chain, sl st = slip stitch, inc = 2 sc in the same stitch, BLO = back loop only. Work continuous rounds and mark the first stitch. When starting with ch 2, work the first six stitches in the second chain from the hook. Weave the starting tail securely across several stitches.

Make the circular base

Work 6 sc into a ring for round 1. Round 2: inc around (12). For each round r from 3 through 16, repeat [sc in the next r minus 2 stitches, inc] six times. Counts from round 3 are 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60, 66, 72, 78, 84, 90 and 96. After round 8, measure the disk across the centre. At gauge it should be close to 22 cm. Lay the disk flat as you go. A little angularity can relax with blocking. If it cups or ripples strongly, correct your tension or swatch another hook before adding the wall.

Fold the raised rim

Round 17: 96 sc BLO to leave the front loops of the base available at the floor. Rounds 18–22: 96 sc through both loops. Round 23: 96 sc BLO to form the upper fold line. Rounds 24–29: 96 sc through both loops. Slip stitch and leave a long sewing strand. Fold rounds 24–29 inward so the final round reaches the saved loops at the floor. Quarter-mark both edges. Stitch one final-round stitch to each saved loop, matching the marks and keeping the seam snug. Bury the ends inside the fold. The rim stays hollow.

Resize and finish

For a smaller floor, stop the increase schedule after round 14 (84 stitches, about 38 cm). For a larger floor, continue to round 18 (108 stitches, about 49 cm). Use that final count for every wall round. To adjust rim height, add or remove the same number of rounds on both sides of the fold. Let the bed rest on a flat surface and make sure it does not rock. Inspect the seam and remove the bed if yarn or loops loosen. Follow the yarn label and dry flat. Check fit and shape after washing a sample swatch.

Original construction references

These source photos or diagrams show the reference design. Follow the written counts for this draft.



Original stuffed-tube sketch. Follow this draft for the hollow, folded rim. *(Original PDF p. 4)*



Original tube-to-base join. The draft catches the saved front loops. *(Original PDF p. 5)*



The reference shows the join between two ends of a tube. The draft's fold runs continuously around the bed. *(Original PDF p. 6)*

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