Cat nest bed

US terms



Finished size
About 18 in (45.5 cm) across and 5½ in (14 cm) tall with the wall folded down, with a floor about 15¼ in (38.5 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Six pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Super bulky (6), 2 colors

Hook
10 mm (US N/P-15)

Gauge
8 stitches and 8.8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

Yarn A: oat, nest **about 525 yd (480 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: charcoal, nest, paw pad and toe **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 670 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 90 yd (82 m).
Hook: 10 mm (US N/P-15), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors, a round cushion about 15 in (38 cm) across for the floor and if you like.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

The pieces



Nest **Paw pad** to the nest **Toe x 4**

Gauge

8 stitches and 8.8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

8 sc and 8.8 rounds = 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet; 8 hdc and about 6 rounds = 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet. To check it, work rounds 1 to 4 of the nest: the circle should measure about 5 in (12.5 cm) across. Around the nest 96 hdc measure 48 in (122 cm), which is about 15¼ in (38.5 cm) across the inside wall, and the 112 hdc of the part folded down measure 56 in (142 cm), which is about 17¾ in (45 cm) across; the thickness of the yarn brings the outside to 18 in (45.5 cm).

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Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Notes

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- If the floor ruffles, work it with a smaller hook; if it cups, with a larger one.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in B. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the nest. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- No plastic eyes are used.
- One size, at the gauge above: 18 in (45.5 cm) across and 5½ in (14 cm) tall with the wall folded down, with a floor about 15¼ in (38.5 cm) across. A thinner or a thicker yarn with a hook to suit makes it smaller or larger; every length then changes with it.

Instructions

US terms.

sl st slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.
(8 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Nest

Yarns in order of use: A, oat; B, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in each st around	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 8 times**	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(56 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 8 times**	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**	(88 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 8 times**	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 13 to 19** 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Hdc in each st around	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 8 times**	(104 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 8 times**	(112 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 22 to 26** 22 23 24 25 26	Hdc in each st around	(112 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 27 to 28** 27 28	With B, hdc in each st around	(112 hdc)
☐ **End**	Sc in the next st and sl st in the next st, to level the edge. Fasten off. Rounds 1 to 12 are the floor, rounds 13 to 28 the wall. Rounds 20 and 21 grow from 96 to 112 stitches: the fold will lie there, and the part that folds down needs the extra width to go round the outside of the wall. The right side is the inside of the nest: turn the piece so that the right side of the wall is on the inside. Hide every end on the other side.	

Paw pad

Yarn B, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 34 in (86 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Toe: make 4

Yarn B, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Assembly

1. Set the nest on its floor, right side inside. Fold the upper half of the wall, rounds 21 to 28, down over the outside all the way round. The right side of these rounds now shows on the outside, the fold, a soft round roll, is the rim of the nest, and the charcoal edge lies close to the table. Do not press the fold flat: the two layers stand a little apart.

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2. Lay the paw pad flat on the nest, right side out, on the outside of the folded part, its middle on round 24, anywhere along the round; this place is the front of the nest. Its lower edge lies on round 25, so that round 26, in oat, shows between the pad and the charcoal rounds. Sew down all 12 stitches of the edge with its tail, through the folded part only.

3. Pin the four toes, right side out, in an arc above the pad, with a little oat showing round each one: the middles of two between rounds 21 and 22, one to each side of the line that runs straight up from the middle of the pad, 1½ stitches from it, and the middles of the other two on round 23, one to each side, 3½ stitches from that line. No toe touches another toe or the pad. Sew each down with its tail all the way round its edge (6 stitches), through the folded part only.

Finishing

- Weave in every end.

In all: 6 pieces; 2,338 stitches (2,296 in the nest, 18 in the paw pad, 6 in each toe).

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