Donut cat bed with ears

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 19¾ in (50 cm) across the outside, 10¾ in (27.5 cm) across inside the ring and 4 in (10 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases and decreases, and the last round is sewn to the base.

Yarn
Super bulky (6), 2 colors

Hook
10 mm (US N/P-15)

Gauge
7 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: oatmeal, contrast color — **about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: slate blue, main color — **about 400 yd (366 m), an estimate**
Fiber: wool

Hook: 10 mm (US N/P-15). Also: a stitch marker, a large yarn needle, scissors and washable toy stuffing, about 17 oz (480 g), an estimate from the size of the ring.

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

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Medium (this file)	**19¾ in (50 cm) across, 10¾ in (27.5 cm) across**	**about 510 yd (467 m)**
Large	22 in (56 cm) across, 13 in (33 cm) across	about 565 yd (517 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
sp	space
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

7 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

A range that is near enough is printed after that round. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 14 the base should measure about 15¾ in (40 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Where round 1 does not begin with a chain, chain 1 to hold the loop, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The rounds of the bed and of the ears are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where only one or two rounds are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the inside.
- Colors of the bed, round by round. Rounds 1 to 14: A. Rounds 15 to 39: B.

Instructions

Chosen: Medium. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and sc2tog is dc2tog.

Bed

Yarns in order of use: A, oatmeal; B, slate blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 5 sts	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 6 sts	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(84 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 14.** After round 14 the base should measure about 15¾ in (40 cm) across. Anything from 15¼ in (38.5 cm) to 16 in (40.5 cm) is near enough.

Ring

☐ **Rnd 15**	With B, sc in BLO of each st around	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**Sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(102 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 8 sts	**(108 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 20 to 23**	Sc in each st around	**(108 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23

☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**Sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(102 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 8 sts	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**Sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**Sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 6 sts	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**, sc in next 5 sts	**(60 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 32 to 35**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 32 to 35: tick them off as you go.

32 33 34 35

☐ **Rnd 36**	**[**Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 37**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 5 sts	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 38**	**[**Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 39**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 6 sts	**(84 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 5½ yd (5 m) for sewing.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn B, slate blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(20 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 40 in (102 cm) for sewing. Press the ear flat with its increases at its two edges.	

Ear lining: make 2

Yarn A, oatmeal.

A triangle: each ch-2 sp is a corner. The chain of 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. The first sc of round 2 goes into the stitch round 1 was joined in.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 2 sc in MR, ch 2, **[**2 sc in MR, ch 2**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc, 3 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc, 3 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing. Pull the ring closed.	

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Assembly

1. Weave the tails of the color change, between rounds 14 and 15, in on the wrong side now: step 2 shuts that place inside the ring. Weave the starting tails of the ears and of the linings in on their wrong sides. Lay the base flat with its right side down. The ring stands up from its edge: fold the upper half of it down to the inside, so that the last round lies on the base over round 14, just inside the place where the ring began.

2. With the long tail, sew the last round to the base: through each stitch of the last round and through the stitch of round 14 below it, 84 stitches to 84 stitches. After every 6 in (15 cm) push stuffing into the part just closed, so that it is full and even and still gives. Close the last of it and fasten the yarn well inside the ring.

3. Sew an ear lining to one side of each ear, right side out, one corner toward the tip of the ear and the edge opposite it along the last round but one.

4. Put a marker on the top of the ring at the middle of the back. Set the ears on the top of the ring, linings to the front, one at each side of the marker, with 4 in (10 cm) between them. Sew each ear down all round its open end, front and back, so that it stands, and run the end of the yarn into the ring.

Finishing

- Weave the starting tail of the base in round its middle.
- For washing, follow the band of the wool and of the stuffing.

In all: 5 pieces; 3,022 stitches (2,730 in the bed, 128 in each ear, 18 in each ear lining); 12 ends to weave in.

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