Crochet Kitty Bed

Materials: Size P crochet hook. Removable stitch marker.

These kitty beds are a great way to use up your yarn stash! They are made by crocheting four strands of yarn together. The directions below are for a spiral pattern single crocheted kitty bed.

Round 1: Make 6 sc using adjustable ring cast on method. Or you can Chain 2, sc 6 times in second chain from hook. Or use any other method that works for you to wind up with 6 sc in this first round. Mark first stitch with stitch marker. (6)

Round 2:   2 sc in each stitch around (12)
Round 3:   *sc in next stitch, 2 sc in next stitch * around (18)
Round 4:   *sc in next 2 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch* around (24)
Round 5:   *sc in next 3 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch* around (30)
Round 6:   *sc in next 4 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch* around (36)
Round 7:   *sc in next 5 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch* around (42)
Round 8:   *sc in next 6 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch* around (48)
Round 9:   *sc in next 7 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch* around (54)
Round 10: *sc in next 8 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch* around (60)
Round 11: *sc in next 9 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch* around (66)
Round 12: *sc in next 10 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch* around (72)

Medium and Large beds:
Round 13: *sc in next 11 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch* around (78)
Round 14:   *sc in next 12 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch* around (84):

Large Beds:
Round 15:   *sc in next 13 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch* around (90)
Round 16:   *sc in next 14 stitches, 2 sc in next stitch* around (96)

Once you reach the desired diameter, it is time to make the sides go up.

To make the sides: sc in front loops only. For one round. (pictured below)

Once that first round is made, sc each stitch in both loops until kitty bed sides reach the desired height. You can accomplish this with one layer.

Or you can knit twice the height you need and fold the sides over to the outside as pictured at the beginning of this pattern.

To attach the sides to the bottom of the bed: Insert the needle into the two loops on the side and the back loop that you didn't crochet when you started the sides.

Pull the yarn through to form a 2nd loop in the crochet hook.

Pull that loop through the loop that had been on the crochet hook.

Continue until all loops from the side and bottom have been crocheted together. Fasten off and weave in yarn ends.

Variations:

Instead of knitting in a spiral pattern, you can simply knit in the round using the pattern above as a guide.

Instead of crocheting twice the height needed to fold the sides over, and if you don't have enough yarn left, you can simply crochet one layer vertically and fasten off. The sides are not as sturdy, but the kitties still enjoy them none the less!

This bed can be made by crocheting only 3 strands together. The folded over sides are best when only using 3 strands.