KATZIE'S BED

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INTRODUCTION

I do not know about your cats, but all cats I know absolutely adore sleeping on knitted fabric. Does not matter if spiky needles are still coming out of everywhere, it is cozy, warm and smells mike human. Perfect for snuggles.

Welcome the solution to this cute but rather annoying habit of your furry pet (yes, dogs love it as well, but you might need to scale up a bit).

You can put it next to you on a couch, on the windowsill, into their baskets or beds. It's perfect to keep them warm and energetically connected to you, it can also become a unique design element in your interior. Well, enough talking, let's start.

YARN

Any scrap or leftover yarn would do, either any 2 stands of aran weight yarn held together or 1 strand of bulky yarn of your choice.

I used 2 strands of aran weight held together.

The finished cushion is 170 g, which is ca. 3.5 skeins of aran weight yarn with 90-100 m in 50 g.

NEEDLES AND NOTION

4 mm (G) crochet hook (at least), 1 or a few stitch marker (s). Use a hook suitable to the yarn you use.

GAUGE

8.5 - 9 sc in 10 cm/4 in

FINAL MEASUREMENTS

34 cm (13.4 in) long, 27 cm (10.6 in) wide

CONSTRUCTION

This cushion in made of 2 identical oval pieces, worked with single crochet in a round and joined together afterwards, which makes it sturdy, durable and warm. Follow the instructions below twice to make 2 oval pieces. After finishing, do not cut the yarn on the piece that will go on top (the one you like most, I assume).

ABBREVIATIONS

ch – chain;

sc – single crochet stitch;

work 2sc in 1 – work 2 single crochet stitches into 1 stitch of the previous row.

Techniques

All you need to know is, how to make chains (Fig. 1) and how to work single crochet stitches (Fig. 2). Detailed video instructions are available on my Instagram page and saved in Stories Highlights called Katzie's Bed.

Start working

Ch9.

Rnd 1: *6sc, work 2sc in 1, ch1, work 2sc in 1; rep from * to the end. Place a stitch marker to mark the beginning of the round (you can move it in every round, or place new ones, in case you need to unravel to previous rnd).

Rnd 2: 22sc.

Rnd 3: *7sc, (work 2sc in 1) 4 times; rep from * to the end.

Rnd 4: 30sc.

Rnd 5: *6sc, (work 2sc in 1, 1sc) 4 times, work 2sc in 1; rep from * to the end.

Rnd 6: 40sc.

Rnd 7: *7sc, (work 2sc in 1, 2sc) 4 times, work 2sc in 1; rep from * to the end.

Rnd 8: 50sc.

Rnd 9: 8sc, (work 2sc in 1, 3sc) 4 times, work 2sc in 1; rep from * to the end.

Rnd 10: 60sc.

Rnd 11: 11sc, (work 2sc in 1, 2sc) 6 times, work 2sc in 1; rep from * to the end.

Rnd 12: 74sc.

Rnd 13: 74sc.

This should be enough for a medium size cat or a small dog, if you need a bigger size, work more rounds and keep increasing evenly until reach the desired size.

Cut the yarn on the pice that will be on the bottom and weave in the end.

Joining

Before joining the halves, weave in the ends on the wrong side, even though they will be hidden inside, make sure they do not stick out later.

Then, put the 2 halves on top of each other with right side facing out.

Hold your pieces together with the right side of the top half facing you, and with a row of single crochet stitches seam the 2 halves together. Make sure to pick up the stitches of the previous row from both halves.

Cut the yarn and weave in the end. Usually no blocking is needed. In my experience, your sweet pet will take care of it.

If you feel like sharing, please add pictures to your projects on Ravelry and/or tag @ nutsknitwear and #katziesbed on Instagram.

Greetings from Holland and thank you for supporting my work.
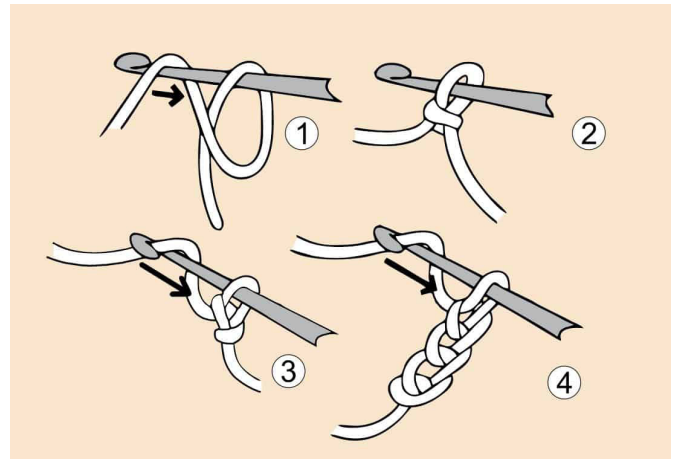
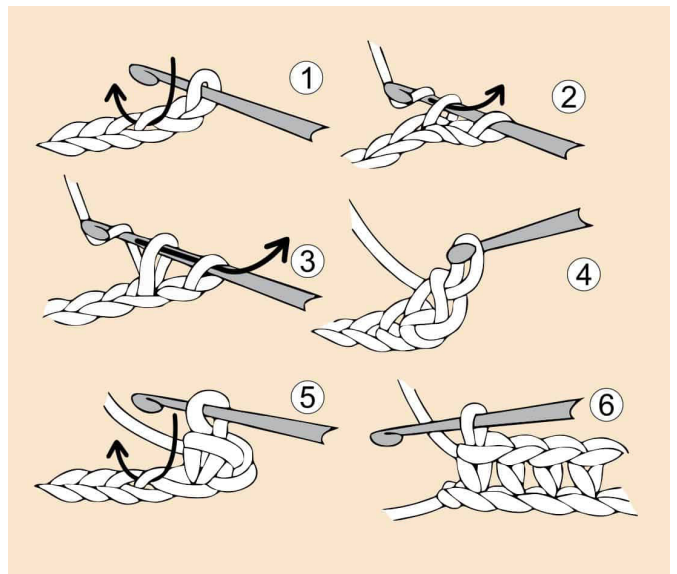Warmly, Teti

Fig. 1. How to chain.

Fig. 2. How to work single crochet.

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