



Crochet Cat Cave

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The coziest hideaway for your feline (or little canine) buddy. We designed this to be a 2 x 50-yard Tough Love ball project but feel free to add another ball to size it up for that larger cat in your life!

Finished Measurements: 17" Diameter x 8.5" Tall

Project Notes:

- This project is worked in a spiral pattern (working continuously, not joining between each round). There is a total stitch count for the round in parenthesis next to each round's instructions to help keep track.
- You may also find it easier to use a stitch marker, place it in the first stitch of each round to help keep count.
- This project uses both single crochet and half double crochet, make sure not to miss the switches between stitch types!
- You may notice both sides are slightly different in texture and either can be the outside. Choose whichever side you like best, and make sure your work is oriented to the side you'd like BEFORE starting decreases.
- To create a taller cave, you can use a third ball of Tough Love. Repeat round 6 for 1-2 extra rows.
- Note that using this particular yarn (Tough Love) is great because it can be washed on gentle and then reshaped by hand.



Materials + Notions:

- 2x 50-yard balls of Tough Love yarn (pictured here in Wisteria)
- Size U/50 25mm crochet hook
- Stitch Marker (optional but highly encouraged)
- Felting Needle (optional, ends can be weaved in)

Abbreviations:

SC- Single Crochet

HDC- Half Double Crochet

INC- Increase

DEC- Decrease

To start, create a magic loop/ring

Round 1: SC 6 into the magic loop (6)

Round 2: INC in every stitch (12)

Round 3: Alternate 1 HDC and 1 INC until the end of the round (18)

Round 4: Alternate 2 HDC and 1 INC until the end of the round (24)

Round 5: Alternate 2 SC and 2 INC (36)

Round 6+7: HDC in every stitch (36)



Decreases: Create HDC decrease by pulling up a loop in one stitch, then pulling up a loop in the next (for 3 loops on your hook, as shown below), yarn over and pull through all 3.

Round 8: Alternate between 2 HDC and 1 DEC (27)

Round 9: Alternate between 1 HDC and 1 DEC (18)

Round 10: SC in every stitch of the round (18)

Use an invisible join to finish off, then either felt or weave in the ends on the inside of the basket.

We hope your furry friend enjoys it!

