

Roomy Cat Yurt Crochet Pattern

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I live with a very long cat who doesn't fit into the cave built into his cat tree because he is relatively long and slightly overweight. At the same time, I wanted to make something using t-shirt yarn, just because. So... I made a roomy cat yurt, and he walks into it multiple times a day!

This project is incredibly simple and easy to execute. It is an exercise in patience and planning, not skill. The important part to pay attention to is your gauge (pull tight!) and to buy enough materials.

Materials, Size, and Gauge

- 10mm crochet hook
- 400m of jumbo t-shirt yarn. I used just under four skeins of Fox Yarn's 7-9mm recycled t-shirt yarn.
- Finished size is 16in tall (floor to top) and 19.5in diameter.
- The opening is 9in wide by 6in tall.
- Gauge: 8 rows of 8 sc = 4in by 4in

Stitches Used

This pattern uses American crochet terminology.

- single crochet (sc)
- single crochet increase (inc)
- “single crochet two together” (sc2tog), NOT invdec
- magic ring

Pattern

Round	Instruction	Count
1	6 sc in magic ring	6
2	inc in 6 sc	12
3	(sc, inc)*6	18
4	(sc 2, inc)*6	24
5	(sc 3, inc)*3	30
6	(sc 4, inc)*3	36
7	(sc 5, inc)*3	42
8	(sc 6, inc)*3	48
9	(sc 7, inc)*3	54
10	(sc 8, inc)*3	60
11	(sc 9, inc)*3	66
12	(sc 10, inc)*3	72
13	(sc 11, inc)*3	78
14	(sc 12, inc)*3	84
15	(sc 13, inc)*3	90
16	(sc 14, inc)*3	96
17	(sc 15, inc)*3	102
18	(sc 16, inc)*3	108
19	(sc 17, inc)*3	114
20	(sc 18, inc)*3	120
21-25	sc around	120
This next bit forms the opening and is effectively worked in rows. On odd-numbered rows, your hand/hook will be on the inside of the piece instead of on the outside.		
26-39	sc 100, ch1 and turn	100 + 1ch
At this point, the cave is probably not standing upright, like in Figure 1. That'll be fixed at the very end, so don't worry about it yet. For now, just close the top with some ch stitches and the first sc of Rnd 41.		
40	sc 100, ch 20	100 + 20 ch
41-45	sc around	120



Figure 1: The cat yurt won't stand upright until after the opening is reinforced at the very end.

46	(sc 18, sc2tog)*6	114
47	(sc 17, sc2tog)*6	108
48	(sc 15, sc2tog)*6	102
49	(sc 14, sc2tog)*6	96
50	(sc 13, sc2tog)*6	90
51	(sc 12, sc2tog)*6	84
52	(sc 11, sc2tog)*6	78
56	(sc 10, sc2tog)*6	72
54	(sc 9, sc2tog)*6	66
55	(sc 8, sc2tog)*6	60
56	(sc 7, sc2tog)*6	54
57	(sc 6, sc2tog)*6	42
58	(sc 5, sc2tog)*6	66
59	(sc 4, sc2tog)*6	60
60	(sc 3, sc2tog)*6	24
61	(sc 2, sc2tog)*6	18
62	(sc, sc2tog)*6	12
63	sc2tog 6	6

Fasten off. Your cat probably won't mind if there's a little tail hanging inside. :D

After fastening off, reinforce the door by single-crocheting all around the entrance and then fastening off. To get started, stick your hook in a st somewhere from outside-in, draw up a loop, and ch 1, like at the start of a magic ring. At the corners, sc2tog instead of single crochet. **pull really tight!**