

# Felted Kitty Bed

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I think of this as a Kitty Pi, because the shaping is based on the increases used in Elizabeth Zimmerman's Pi Shawl. Think of it as a pie shell with your kitty as the filling!

You can use any bulky weight 100% wool yarn that will felt.

## Materials

Noro Big Kureyon (bulky weight wool, 176 yards/skein) -- 2 skeins (I used less than half of the second skein)

Eyelash yarn (optional, for trim)

US size 11 (or larger!) dpns and 24" circular needle

## Directions

With Kureyon, cast on 9 stitches on dpns

Knit 1 round

Knit 1 round, increasing by knitting into the front and back of each stitch -- 18 stitches

And here's what it looks like at this point:



Knit 3 rounds

Knit 1 round, increasing by knitting into the front and back of each stitch -- 36 stitches

Knit 6 rounds

Knit 1 round, increasing by knitting into the front and back of each stitch -- 72 stitches

Knit 12 rounds

Knit 1 round, increasing by knitting into the front and back of each stitch -- 144 stitches



You can switch to your circular needle at this point.

Knit 30 rounds (or enough to get the prefelted diameter you want)

Next round: (Knit 10, knit 2 together) 12 times

Knit 9 rounds straight.

Next round: (Knit 9, knit 2 together) 12 times

Knit five additional rounds holding one strand of eyelash yarn together with the bulky wool, and cast off on the 5th round

Here it is after knitting -- it's about 28" in diameter, not including the sides.



And the side view:



Weave in all yarn ends. Felt the bed by placing it in a zippered pillowcase cover and washing it in the washing machine on a hot wash/cold rinse cycle with a bath towel in the washer for added friction, until it reaches the finished size you want. I ran mine through two cycles. Then I stretched it over a Tupperware pie carrier with a bath towel folded up and taped around it.



And put it on top of a box and left it to dry.



The finished size is approximately 17" in diameter.

**Note:** I was a bit over-zealous in my blocking the first time around. But that's the

beauty of felting -- after going through another cycle in the washer, it's at the size I want now -- about 15" in diameter.

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