

Creating a Cosy Cat Den

What You'll Need

- A quiet, enclosed space (like under a bed, inside a wardrobe, or in a quiet corner)
- Blankets or towels (preferably ones that smell like you or your home)
- Your cat's bed, favorite toys, or a scratching post
- A chair, box, or blanket to create a roof or cover
- Water, food, and a litter tray nearby
- Optional: calming music, white noise, or pheromone spray

How to Set it Up

- Choose a quiet spot away from windows and busy areas - on a height if you can.
- Line it with soft blankets or towels to make it warm and comfortable.
- Add familiar scents — place your cat's bed or an item of your clothing inside.
- Create a roof or cover using a blanket draped over a chair or box to make it feel snug and hidden.
- Include familiar items like toys, a scratching post, or a treat puzzle for comfort.
- Block out noise and light by closing doors, curtains, and playing gentle background sounds.
- Keep essentials nearby — water, food, and a litter tray — so your cat doesn't need to leave once they settle (ensuring the litter tray is not too near the food).

Extra Tips

- Set it up a few days before fireworks start so your cat gets used to it.
- Don't force your cat into the den — let them find it and use it when they want to.
- Stay calm and reassuring. Cats sense your emotions, so keeping a relaxed atmosphere helps them feel safe.
- Avoid sudden movements or loud voices during fireworks.
- Check in quietly to make sure your cat is okay, but give them space if they want to be alone.

