



# What does my cat need?

Anticipating your new arrival? How exciting!

A change of environment can be stressful for a cat and it might take a few weeks for them to get used to their new home.

## You'll need

- **One food bowl and one water bowl**  
Remember to place them away from each other!
- **Food and water**  
You can find out more about what to feed your cat at [www.cats.org.uk/feeding](http://www.cats.org.uk/feeding)
- **A comfortable bed**  
Cats need a safe place to sleep and whatever you buy should be soft and warm
- **An uncovered litter tray**  
Keep it far away from your cat's food and water area too
- **Access to a high spot**  
A place where they can view their surroundings. A simple cardboard box in a high place will do the trick
- **A scratching post**  
Scratching is a natural part of a cat's behaviour and helps to keep claws trim
- **A brush**  
Grooming is important, especially for long-haired cats
- **Toys**  
Cat toys are great for playtime and are essential in keeping indoor cats occupied. For boredom busters you can make at home, visit [www.cats.org.uk/home](http://www.cats.org.uk/home)
- **Cat carrier**  
While you might not need it often, a carrier is the safest way to transport your cat, making it essential for trips to the vet. Choose something well ventilated and sturdy



When providing beds, litter trays, scratching posts and food and water bowls, provide one extra. When more than one cat is sharing the home, provide one of these items per cat plus one extra. For example, two cats should have access to at least three litter trays.

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