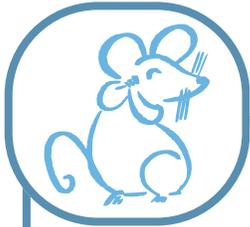
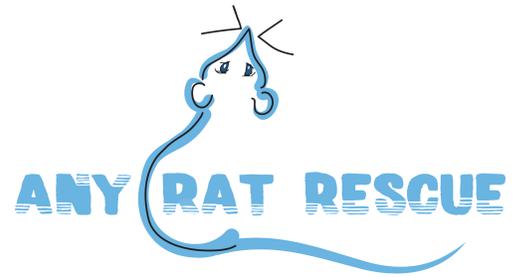


# Your Rat's Home

## A guide to the ideal rat cage



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### Necessary Accessories

-  **Water bottle** (glass or plastic)
-  **Two food bowls** (one for dry food, one for fresh foods)
-  **Hideout** (plastic igloo, bin, cardboard box) for privacy
-  **Hammock** (or something similar) to hang inside cage
-  **Washable fabric** to line the floors
-  **Litter box** (can be a plastic bin) and **Litter**  
Crushed walnut shells (any brand) - or -  
any recycled paper product with a small grain

### Absolute 'No's!

-  **Aquariums**  
(habitats need to have adequate ventilation)
-  **Guinea pig or rabbit cages**  
(design does not allow for a second level)
-  **Plastic "exercise" balls**
-  **Cat litter**



### Cage Specifications

-  **Two levels** (healthy rats like to climb)
-  **Bar Spacing**  
1/2" or less (preferred)  
1" if only housing adults
-  **Avoid** using cage size calculators (they underestimate space needed)



### Food Reminders

-  Dry food should **ALWAYS** be available (great recipe on ARR website)
-  Commercial foods (seed mixes) **NOT** recommended
-  Include a variety of fresh foods...  
leafy greens, cilantro, avocado, green peas (fresh, frozen, canned, freeze dried), fruit (no sugar added), yogurt (plain, vanilla, Greek, nondairy), any and all fresh foods...
-  Nut butters are enjoyed, but **ONLY** spread thin or diluted with liquid to avoid choking risk
-  **Clean water** should **ALWAYS** be available (don't add anything ... filtered is ideal)

### Remember...

... this enclosure is where your rats will spend much of their time! Rats love to climb, chew, hide, and redecorate. Make their home comfortable and as enriching as possible by adding places to explore - with fabric, hammocks, boxes, bins, and even accessories from the bird, fish, and reptile sections!



Any Rat Rescue recommends:

## Best cages



Exotic Nutrition  
Single Level



MidWest Homes  
Critter Nation  
(single or double)



Additional Options  
Frisco 2-Story Small Animal Cage

## Acceptable cages



Ware Chew  
Proof 3 Level



Petco You & Me  
Rat Manor



Additional Options  
Yaheetech 1-Story Small Pet Cage  
PawHut Metal Small Animal Cage, 4 Tiers

## Make your own!?



Altering bird cages

Need to be at least 2ft x 3ft  
Add shelves or a second floor



The Dapper Rat Tutorial

<https://www.dapper.com.au/grotto.htm>

Note: if using wood or particle board  
cabinets, cleaning and sanitizing  
maybe difficult



## Need supplies and accessories?

ARR has everything you and your rat  
may need, including litter, water bottles,  
hammocks, places to hide, and more.  
**Contact us** for options!



Hideout

Hammock



Food Dishes  
(dry and fresh foods)

Storage Basket

Water Bottle

Hammock

Litter Box

Hideout