Bee honey pot basket

Seven inch · US terms



Finished size

About 7 in (18 cm) across at its widest and 6¾ in (17 cm) tall without the lid, with an opening about 5 in (12.5 cm) across

Skill

Intermediate

It is single crochet in unjoined rounds, with one round of taller stitches for the honey and small parts to sew on.

Yarn

Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

12 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: honey gold, the pot and the lid	**about 300 yd (274 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: amber, the honey and the honeycomb	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the label and the wings	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: charcoal, the stripes and eyes of the bees	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: butter yellow, the bees	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: walnut, the dipper	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton or acrylic

Two strands of yarn are held together throughout; the amounts above are for all of them.

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a handful of toy stuffing, 2 stitch markers, pins, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Seven inch (this file)	**7 in (18 cm) across, 6¾ in (17 cm) tall**	**about 495 yd (453 m)**
Nine inch	9 in (23 cm) across, 8 in (20.5 cm) tall	about 665 yd (608 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

12 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The rounds in BLO are counted at the same height as the others.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 8 the base should measure about 5 in (12.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. A range that is near enough is printed after that round. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The rounds of the pot, the lid, the dipper, the label and the bees are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. The drips and the wings are joined with a slip stitch in their first single crochet. The chain of 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; after it the first stitch goes into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- Every part is worked with its right side, the outside, facing you all the time. Two strands are held together throughout, for the sewing too, where nothing else is said.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays free on the outside as a ridge.
- The label is an oval, worked round both sides of a chain: along one side, 3 stitches in the last chain, then back along the other side.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Colors. Pot. Rounds 1 to 26: A. Rounds 27 to 31: B. The drips are B, the lid A, the dipper F, the label and the wings C. Bee. Rounds 1 to 3: E. Round 4: D. Round 5: E. Round 6: D. Round 7: E. Round 8: D. Round 9: E.

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Instructions

Chosen: Seven inch. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, tr is double treble and sc2tog is dc2tog.

Pot

Yarns in order of use: A, honey gold; B, amber.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** The base should measure about 5 in (12.5 cm) across. A quarter of an inch more or less is near enough.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**Sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(60 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**

Rim

☐ **Rnd 27**	With B, sc in BLO of each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 28 to 31**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 28 to 31: tick them off as you go.

28 29 30 31

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Honey drips

Yarn B, amber.

These are worked on the pot and hang down from the rim. Hold the pot upside down, its outside toward you. Along the lower edge of the rim the front loops of round 26, the last round of A, are free, 48 of them. Work round 1 into these loops, one stitch for each "st". Begin at the loop nearest the last stitch of the rim, at the back, and work from right to left, as always.

☐ **Foundation**	The free front loops of round 26 of the pot, RS facing; 48 stitches.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, dc in next st, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, tr in next st, dc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, tr in next st, dc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(16 sc, 16 dc, 16 tr, 8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Lid

Yarn A, honey gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts	**(54 sc)**

Side of the lid

☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Dipper

Yarn F, walnut.

Begin at the top of the head. Stuff the head firmly before round 8. Push a little stuffing into the stem after the last round.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(6 sc)**

Stem

☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Label

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 7.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 4 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(20 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 34 in (86.5 cm) for sewing.	

Bee: make 2

Yarns in order of use: E, butter yellow; D, charcoal.

Begin at the head. After round 8 knot the two ends at each color change together inside, cut them short and stuff the bee firmly; add a little more after round 9. The ends of the last color change stay inside.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With D, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With E, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With D, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With E, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With D, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With E, **[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 26 in (66 cm) for sewing. Draw the tail through the front loops of the 6 stitches, pull it tight and make one small stitch to hold it.	

Wing: make 4

Yarn C, cream.

The wing is one round along both sides of its chain: the joined end is the narrow one, the 5 hdc make the round tip.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, 5 hdc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(2 sc, 7 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails of the pot, the drips and the lid on the inside, the tail of each magic ring round the middle of the base or the lid. Weave in the starting tails of the label and the wings on their backs. The starting tails of the bees and the dipper stay inside them.

2. The front. The last stitch of the rim is at the middle of the back. From there count 24 stitches round the rim and put a marker in the rim: this is the middle of the front. Lay the pot down with the front up. Put the second marker in round 17 of the pot, straight below the first one.

3. The honeycomb. With one strand of B, about 1 yd (91.5 cm) long, sew three six-sided cells on the label, side by side

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along its foundation chain, right side of the label toward you. Straight stitch: bring the needle up at one end of the line and down at the other. Each cell is six straight stitches, each about ½ in (1.5 cm) long, end to end in a ring, with one point of the ring at the top and one at the bottom. The middle cell has its middle at the middle of the label; the cell at each side shares the upright side stitch of the middle one. That is 16 stitches in all. Fasten off at the back.

4. The label. Lay it on the front, right side out, its long way level, with its middle over the second marker. Take the marker out and pin the label. With its long tail sew it down all round: bring the needle up through the label under the top of a stitch of its last round and down through the pot just outside the edge, one stitch for each of its 26 stitches. Fasten off inside the pot.

5. The eyes of each bee. Use one strand of D about 18 in (45.5 cm) long. Each eye is two straight stitches on top of each other, each about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long and lying the long way of the bee, over round 2. The two eyes are 4 stitches apart, middle to middle. Bring the needle in and out through the bee under the first stripe, and draw both ends inside.

6. The wings. Take two for each bee. Turn the bee so that the space between its eyes is toward you: this is its back. Lay the narrow ends of the wings next to each other on the back, over round 4, the first stripe, in line with the space between the eyes, right sides up, their round tips pointing back and outward in a V. With its own tail sew each narrow end to the bee with 4 small stitches and draw the end inside. Fold the round tips up: the wings stand.

7. The bee on the pot. It lies on its side, at the upper left of the label, on the lower edge of the honey. Its middle is 7 stitches to the left of the middle of the front, on round 22 of the pot; its head points to the right, toward the middle of the front, and level; its wings point up toward the rim, so that one eye looks at you and the other is next to the pot. It covers the lower edge of the honey there: leave the honey hanging flat under the bee, and sew through the honey and the pot together wherever there is honey. With its long tail, which hangs at the tail end, sew down the side that lies on the pot: take the needle by turns through a stitch of the bee and through what is beneath, 5 stitches to the head along the lower edge of that side and 5 back along its upper edge, about ½ in (1.5 cm) apart. Fasten off inside the pot.

8. The bee on the lid. It sits upright on the outside of the lid, its wings up, its middle on round 6 of the lid. Its long way lies along the rounds: hold the lid with the place for the bee nearest to you, and its head points to your left. With its long tail sew its underside down in the same way, 5 stitches to the head and 5 back. Fasten off on the underside of the lid. When the lid is on, turn it so that this bee is at the front and to the right.

9. The grooves of the dipper. Rounds 3, 5 and 7 of the dipper were worked in BLO, and above each of them runs a ridge of free loops. Cut two lengths of F, both strands together, each about 14 in (35.5 cm) long. Wind one twice round the head on round 4, between the first ridge and the second, and the other twice on round 6, between the second ridge and the third. Pull them tight so that they sink in, knot the ends of each and draw them inside.

10. The knob. Set the open end of the stem on the middle of the lid, on the outside, over rounds 1 and 2. With its long tail whip stitch the 12 stitches of the last round to the lid in a circle about 1¼ in (3 cm) across. Fasten off on the underside of the lid. The lid goes over the rim like a cap.

Finishing

- Press the belly of the pot out from inside with your hand. Put the lid on over the rim.

In all: 10 pieces; 2,420 stitches (1,536 in the pot, 128 in the honey drips, 378 in the lid, 90 in the dipper, 60 in the label, 96 in each bee, 9 in each wing).

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