Bunny Easter basket

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 5¾ in (14.5 cm) across and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base, and has small parts to sew on.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 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: soft white, the basket and the ears	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rose pink, the ear linings, the handle and the nose	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: brown, the eyes and the mouth	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: 4 stitch markers, a yarn needle and scissors.

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

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	5 in (12.5 cm) across, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall	about 145 yd (133 m)
Medium (this file)	**5¾ in (14.5 cm) across, 4¼ in (11 cm) tall**	**about 175 yd (161 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
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
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.

If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

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 9 the base should measure about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched.

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 are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- Weave the starting tail of every small part in on its wrong side before the part is sewn shut or sewn on.

Instructions

Chosen: Medium. 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 sc is double crochet and sc2tog is dc2tog.

Basket

Yarn A, soft white.

☐ **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)**
☐ **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)**

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Stop and measure now, after round 9. After round 9 the base should measure about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 23**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23

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

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, soft white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 13: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13

☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 15 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 18 to 19**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 19: tick them off as you go.

☐ 18 ☐ 19

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 22 in (56 cm) for sewing. Weave the starting tail in on the inside. Press the ear flat with its increases at its two edges, and with the tail sew the open last round shut, 4 stitches to 4 stitches. Do not cut the tail: it sews the ear on.	

Ear lining: make 2

Yarn B, rose pink.

A long oval, worked round both sides of a chain: along one side, 3 stitches in the last chain, then back along the other side.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 9.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 6 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 6 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(18 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (60 cm) for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn C, brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

Handle

Yarn B, rose pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 52**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 52: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 20 in (51 cm).

Assembly

1. Lay the basket flat with the end of the last round at the middle of the back. Put a marker in the rim at the middle of the front, 27 stitches from the end of the round, and one at each side, halfway between the two.

2. Sew an ear lining to one side of each ear, right side out, in the middle of its width, its upper end two rounds below the tip of the ear.

3. Set the ears on the outside of the rim, linings to the front, one at each side of the marker at the middle of the front, the middle of each ear 4 stitches from the marker and their sewn ends 2 rounds below the rim. With the rest of its tail sew each ear to the basket along its sewn end, up both of its sides to the rim, and along the rim behind it.

4. The handle is about 16 in (40.5 cm) long. Lay the last 1 in (2.5 cm) of one end flat against the inside of the basket, one of the side markers at the middle of the handle's width. Sew the handle down along its end edge, up both of its sides to the rim, and along the rim. Sew the other end at the other side marker in the same way, the handle not twisted.

5. The face is on the sides, where round 1 is the round worked in BLO. Sew an eye at each side of the middle of the front, its middle on round 9 of the sides and the middles of the two eyes 8 stitches apart.

6. With B, sew the nose at the middle of the front on round 6 of the sides: 5 stitches lying side by side, the top one ¾ in (2 cm) long and each one below it a little shorter. With C, sew one straight stitch 3/8 in (1 cm) long down from the nose, and from its lower end a stitch ½ in (1.3 cm) long out and a little up to each side.

Finishing

- Weave all the tails that are left in on the inside.
- Weave the starting tail of the magic ring in round the middle of the base.

In all: 8 pieces; 1,762 stitches (1,026 in the basket, 190 in each ear, 42 in each ear lining, 6 in each eye, 260 in the handle); 16 ends to weave in.

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