Chunky half double storage basket

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 7 in (18 cm) across and 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base.

Yarn
Bulky (5), 3 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2)

Gauge
10 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: midnight, one band	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: powder blue, one band	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, one band	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2). Also: 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, 3 in (7.5 cm) tall	about 70 yd (64 m)
Medium (this file)	**7 in (18 cm) across, 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall**	**about 130 yd (120 m)**
Large	9 in (23 cm) across, 6 in (15 cm) tall	about 220 yd (200 m)
Extra large	11 in (28 cm) across, 7½ in (19 cm) tall	about 315 yd (288 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

10 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double 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 3 the base should measure about 3 in (7.5 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 and draw up a loop. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. Work the first stitch of a round into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- Work firmly.
- To change color where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- About 7 in (18 cm) across and 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 8: A. Rounds 9 to 12: B. Rounds 13 to 16: C.

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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 sl st is slip stitch and hdc is half treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, midnight; B, powder blue; C, white.

Round 8 is worked in the back loop only: put the hook under the back loop of each stitch alone. It turns the base up into the sides.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 3.** After round 3 the base should measure about 3 in (7.5 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, hdc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 12**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	With C, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 14 to 16**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.
- Weave the tail of the ring in round the middle of the base.

In all: 16 rounds; 728 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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