Chunky oval basket with handles

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 9¾ in (25 cm) long, 5¾ in (14.5 cm) wide and 4 in (10 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base and chains over skipped stitches.

Yarn
Bulky (5), 3 colors

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

Gauge
10 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: sage, main color	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: clay, contrast color	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, contrast color	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2). Also: a stitch marker, 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
Medium (this file)	**9¾ in (25 cm) long, 5¾ in (14.5 cm) wide**	**about 120 yd (110 m)**
Large	11¾ in (30 cm) long, 7¼ in (18.5 cm) wide	about 180 yd (165 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)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

10 stitches and 11 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 8 the base should measure about 9¾ in (25 cm) long, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- Round 1 is worked along both sides of the foundation chain: along one side, 3 stitches in the last chain, then back along the other side. From round 2 on, the increases stand at the two ends only; along the two straight sides work one stitch in each stitch.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Work firmly.
- The handle round makes two openings: each chain passes over as many skipped stitches as it has chains, and the next round works that many stitches into each chain space.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- About 9¾ in (25 cm) long, 5¾ in (14.5 cm) wide and 4 in (10 cm) tall. Each handle opening is about 4 in (10 cm) wide.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 10: A. Rounds 11 to 12: C. Rounds 13 to 19: B.

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 sk is miss.

Yarns in order of use: A, sage; C, cream; B, clay.

Round 9 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**	Ch 12.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 9 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 9 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(30 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 9 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 9 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 9 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 9 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 9 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc in next 9 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 9 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 9 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(66 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 8. After round 8 the base should measure about 9¾ in (25 cm) long and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) wide.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With C, sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With B, sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 14 to 15**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 15: tick them off as you go.

14 15

Top

☐ **Rnds 16 to 17**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 17: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

16 **17**

Stop and measure now, after round 17. Before round 18, check where the round starts. Unjoined rounds lean a little, so the marker moves away from the place where the base began. Lay the basket flat with the base folded along its middle, so that each end of the base is at a side fold. The openings are in the middle of the two ends when the marker stands 5 stitches past a side fold, in the direction you work. If it does not, work one single crochet in each stitch on to that place and move the marker there; round 18 starts from it.

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☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in next 23 sts, ch 10, sk next 10 sts, sc in next 23 sts, ch 10, sk next 10 sts	**(46 sc, 2 ch-10 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 23 sts, 10 sc in next ch-10 sp, sc in next 23 sts, 10 sc in next ch-10 sp	**(66 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 19 rounds; 1,066 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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