Doll Moses basket

Large · US terms



Finished size

About 19½ in (49.5 cm) long and 9½ in (24 cm) wide at the top, 4¾ in (12 cm) tall at the sides and 7¼ in (18.5 cm) at the head, for a doll up to 16 in (40.5 cm) tall

Skill

Easy

It is single crochet throughout: an oval base, sloped walls, and a few short rows for the raised head end.

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge

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

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: wheat, the basket and the hood edge **about 575 yd (526 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: dove gray, the rim, the handle, the pad side and more **about 525 yd (480 m), an estimate**

Yarn C: cream, the coverlet **about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 600 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

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

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and a piece of batting about ½ in (1.5 cm) thick, 17½ in (44.5 cm) by 7¼ in (18.5 cm).

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
Small	15 in (38 cm) long, 7½ in (19 cm) wide	about 815 yd (745 m)
Large (this file)	**19½ in (49.5 cm) long, 9½ in (24 cm) wide**	**about 1,195 yd (1,093 m)**

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Gauge

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

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 11 the base should measure about 17½ in (44.5 cm) long, laid flat and not stretched. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Notes

- 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.
- The rounds of the basket, the rim and the pad are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- The handles, the hood edge and the coverlet are worked in rows. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Hold two strands of the same color together throughout, for every part. Only the tufts have a single strand.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge. It makes a ridge round the foot of the wall.
- In the hood edge each row has two stitches fewer, one at each end: it rises at the head end and slopes down at both sides.
- 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).
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Measure the doll from head to foot: the base of the basket is a little longer than the doll it is for. The handles are for carrying the basket with a doll in it.
- Colors. A: the basket, the hood edge and the tufts. B: the rim, the handles and the pad. The coverlet, row by row. Rows 1 to 13: C. Rows 14 to 15: B. Rows 16 to 22: C.

Instructions

Large. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 27 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all.
(60 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Basket

Yarn A, wheat.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 30.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 27 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 27 chs, 2 sc in last ch	(60 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(78 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(90 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(96 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(102 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(108 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(114 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	(120 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 11.** The base should measure about 17½ in (44.5 cm) long and 7¼ in (18.5 cm) wide.

Walls

☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(120 sc)
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Sc in each st around	(120 sc)

13 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(126 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 16 to 18** 16 17 18	Sc in each st around	(126 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(132 sc)
☐ **Rnds 20 to 21** 20 21	Sc in each st around	(132 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 27 sts, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(138 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in each st around	(138 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Hood edge

Yarn A, wheat.

☐ **Foundation**	The top edge of the basket, RS facing, over the head end, where step 1 of Assembly tells how to find and mark it: 46 stitches, of which the marked fold stitch of the head end is number 24.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 45 sts	(46 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 42 sts, sc2tog	(44 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 40 sts, sc2tog	(42 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 38 sts, sc2tog	(40 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 36 sts, sc2tog	(38 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 34 sts, sc2tog	(36 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 32 sts, sc2tog	(34 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 30 sts, sc2tog	(32 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Rim

Yarn B, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	The whole top edge, RS facing, 140 stitches in all: the 92 free ones of the last wall round, from the one next to the end of row 1 of the hood edge round the foot end to the hood edge again, then 8 up the row ends of its one side, 32 across its last row, and 8 down the row ends of its other side.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 139 sts	(140 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(140 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Handle: make 2

Yarn B, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 42**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(4 sc)

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

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (60 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of B, also 24 in (60 cm).	

Pad side: make 2

Yarn B, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 30.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 27 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 27 chs, 2 sc in last ch	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(66 sc)
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☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Pad edge

Yarn B, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	The last rounds of both pad sides together, 114 stitches, each worked through one stitch of each side.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 113 sts	(114 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the first stitch of the round. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Coverlet

Yarns in order of use: C, cream; B, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 24.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(23 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	(23 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(23 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(23 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(23 sc)
☐ **Rows 17 to 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across 17 18 19 20 21 22	(23 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Find the head end, before the hood edge is worked. Lay the basket flat on its side with the base folded along its middle, so that the base makes two sharp points, one at each end, and mark the stitch of the last round that lies at the fold at one of them: this is the fold stitch of the head end. Choose the end that is farther from the place where the last round ended. Mark the fold stitch of the foot end too. Work the hood edge with the outside facing you, in the direction the rounds were worked, over 46 stitches: 23 before the fold stitch of the head end, the fold stitch, and 22 after it.

2. Then work the rim in B all the way round the top edge, as it is written. The round begins in the first free stitch of the last wall round, next to the hood edge, and goes the way the rounds of the basket go: round the foot end to the other side of the hood edge, one stitch in each stitch, then up its row ends, one stitch in the end of each row, then one stitch in each stitch across its last row, and down the other row ends. Where the slip stitch that ended the basket lies on a stitch of the last wall round, work into that stitch, once.

3. Handles. Each is about 14 in (35.5 cm) long and 1½ in (4 cm) wide. They stand at the middle of the two long sides: lay the basket with its ends to the left and right; of the last wall round, 34 stitches lie between each fold stitch and the middle of a long side. Set the two ends of a handle upright on the outside, over 4 stitches each, with 14 stitches of the

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last wall round between them, 7 on each side of the middle. The last 2 in (5 cm) of each end lies on the two rounds of the rim and on the top 4 rounds of the wall; the rest arches above the rim.

4. Sew each end down with its own 24 in (60 cm) of B, both strands together, round all four edges of the part that lies on the basket, the fourth along the top of the rim. Sew the second handle on the other long side in the same way, straight across from the first.

5. The pad. Weave in the tails of the two pad sides. Lay them with their wrong sides together, stitch to stitch, and work the pad edge through both; it may begin at any stitch of a long side. When about 28 stitches are left, slip in the filling: cotton or polyester batting about ½ in (1.5 cm) thick, cut 17 in (43 cm) long and 6¾ in (17 cm) wide with round ends. Then work the rest.

6. Tuft the pad in seven places: one in the middle, two on the middle line, 14 stitches to the left and to the right of it, and four between these and the edge, two above and two below the middle line, 7 stitches to the left and to the right of the middle and 5 rounds in from the edge. Mark the seven places on the upper side. Work each tuft from the underside, with a 12 in (30 cm) length of A, one strand only: bring the needle up through both sides at the mark, leaving half the length below, take it one stitch to the side and down again through both sides. Both ends are now on the underside: pull them firmly, knot them together twice there, and draw them inside the pad.

7. Lay the pad in the basket, the knots below. The coverlet lies over the doll, the end nearer to the gray stripe at its chest.

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 6 pieces; 5,814 stitches (2,526 in the basket, 312 in the hood edge, 280 in the rim, 168 in each handle, 870 in each pad side, 114 in the pad edge, 506 in the coverlet).

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