Double-strand basket with handles

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 6¾ in (17 cm) across and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall

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

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
6 mm (US J-10)

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

You will need

Yarn A: dove gray, main color — **about 195 yd (178 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: mustard, contrast color — **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Two strands of yarn are held together throughout; the amounts above are for all of them.
Hook: 6 mm (US J-10). 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)	**6¾ in (17 cm) across, 4¼ in (11 cm) tall**	**about 220 yd (201 m)**
Large	8¾ in (22 cm) across, 6 in (15 cm) tall	about 380 yd (347 m)
Extra large	10¾ in (27.5 cm) across, 7¼ in (18.5 cm) tall	about 585 yd (535 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
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

11 stitches and 12 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 5 the base should measure about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- Hold two strands of the yarn together throughout. The amount given is for both strands.
- 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.
- 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 6¾ in (17 cm) across and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall. Each handle opening is about 4 in (10 cm) wide.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 21: A. Rounds 22 to 23: B.

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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 sc is double crochet and sk is miss.

Yarns in order of use: A, dove gray; B, mustard.

Round 11 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)**	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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 5. After round 5 the base should measure about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 19**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 19: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19

Top

☐ **Rnds 20 to 21**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 21: tick them off as you go.

☐ 20 ☐ 21

☐ **Rnd 22**	With B, sc in next 9 sts, ch 11, sk next 11 sts, sc in next 19 sts, ch 11, sk next 11 sts, sc in next 10 sts	**(38 sc, 2 ch-11 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in next 9 sts, 11 sc in next ch-11 sp, sc in next 19 sts, 11 sc in next ch-11 sp, sc in next 10 sts	**(60 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.
- Weave the tail of the ring in round the middle of the base.

In all: 23 rounds; 1,088 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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