Double-strand storage basket

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.

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: oatmeal, main color — **about 195 yd (178 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: charcoal, 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
Small	4¾ in (12 cm) across, 3 in (7.5 cm) tall	about 110 yd (100 m)
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 385 yd (352 m)
Extra large	10¾ in (27.5 cm) across, 7¼ in (18.5 cm) tall	about 590 yd (540 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
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.
- 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). Where only one or two rounds are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the inside.
- About 6¾ in (17 cm) across and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 18: A. Rounds 19 to 20: B. Rounds 21 to 23: A.

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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.

Yarns in order of use: A, oatmeal; B, charcoal.

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 18**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **Rnd 19**	With B, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	With A, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 22 to 23**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 22 ☐ 23

☐ **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; 1,110 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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