Farmhouse egg basket

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 7 in (18 cm) across and 3 in (7.5 cm) tall

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

Yarn
Bulky (5), 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: wheat, main color — **about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: barn red, contrast color — **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
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	5½ in (14 cm) across, 2¾ in (7 cm) tall	about 80 yd (73 m)
Medium (this file)	**7 in (18 cm) across, 3 in (7.5 cm) tall**	**about 115 yd (105 m)**

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
rnd round
RS right side

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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 10 the base should measure about 7 in (18 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, 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.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- 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.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 16: A. Rounds 17 to 18: B. Round 19: A.

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.

Basket

Yarns in order of use: A, wheat; B, barn red.

☐ **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**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 10.** After round 10 the base should measure about 7 in (18 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(60 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 12 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 16: tick them off as you go.

12 13 14 15 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	With B, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	With A, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Handle

Yarn A, wheat.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 54**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 54: tick them off as you go.

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 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 12 in (30 cm).	

Putting it together

The handle is about 18 in (45.5 cm) long. Lay the last 1¼ in (3 cm) of one end flat on the outside of the basket, below the rim, and sew it down round all four edges, the fourth along the rim. Sew the other end down in the same way straight across from it: from the middle of one end to the middle of the other are 30 stitches.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 1,086 stitches (870 in the basket, 216 in the handle); 8 ends to weave in.

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