Gnome storage basket

Eight inch · US terms



Finished size

About 8½ in (21.5 cm) across and 6¼ in (16 cm) tall without the hat; the hat stands about 10¼ in (26 cm) tall when its tip is up

Skill

Intermediate

The basket and the hat are plain rounds; the beard is knotted in, and the nose and the arms are sewn on.

Yarn

Bulky (5), 5 colors

Hook

6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge

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

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: heather gray, the basket	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: moss green, the hat and the sleeves	**about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cranberry, the band of the hat and the mittens	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, the beard, the cuffs and the bobbles	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: peach, the nose	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Fiber: acrylic or wool blend

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a handful of toy stuffing, a piece of stiff card 5 in (12.5 cm) long, for cutting the beard, 3 stitch markers, pins, a yarn needle and scissors.

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
Eight inch (this file)	**8½ in (21.5 cm) across, 6¼ in (16 cm) tall**	**about 420 yd (384 m)**
Ten inch	10 in (25.5 cm) across, 7¼ in (18.5 cm) tall	about 540 yd (494 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)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

bo (Bobble): [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops] 4 times, yo, pull through all 5 loops on hook. Push it out to the right side. It leaves 1 bo for the next round.

Gauge

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

The round of bobbles is counted at the same height as single crochet rounds.

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 8¼ in (21 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. A range that is near enough is printed after that round. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

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.
- Every part is worked with its right side, the outside, facing you.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays free on the outside as a ridge.
- A bobble counts as one stitch: in the round after the bobbles work one single crochet (UK double crochet) in the top of each bobble and in each stitch between.
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- 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.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Colors. The basket is A, the nose E and the thumbs C. Hat. Rounds 1 to 29: B. Round 30: C. Round 31: D. Rounds 32 to 33: C. Arm. Rounds 1 to 6: C. Rounds 7 to 8: D. Rounds 9 to 18: B.

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Instructions

Chosen: Eight inch. 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, sc2tog is dc2tog and yo is yarn round hook.

Basket

Yarn A, heather gray.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 5 sts	**(66 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 11.** The base should measure about 8¼ in (21 cm) across. Anything from 8 in (20.5 cm) to 8½ in (21.5 cm) is near enough.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 28**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 28: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Hat

Yarns in order of use: B, moss green; C, cranberry; D, cream.

Begin at the tip.

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☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 5 sts	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 6 sts	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 8 sts	**(51 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**Sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 9 sts	**(57 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**Sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 10 sts	**(63 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**Sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 11 sts	**(69 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**Sc in next 22 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

Band

☐ **Rnd 30**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	With D, **[**bo in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 24 times**	**(24 bo, 48 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 32**	With C, sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Nose

Yarn E, peach.

Stuff it firmly after the last round.

☐ **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**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 5: tick them off as you go.

4 5

☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 26 in (66 cm) for sewing.	

Arm: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, cranberry; D, cream; B, moss green.

Begin at the tip of the mitten. Stuff the mitten after round 6, and the sleeve softly, all but its last 2 rounds, when it is done.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Mitten

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 6: tick them off as you go.

3 4 5 6

Cuff

☐ **Rnd 7**	With D, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(12 sc)**

Sleeve

☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 18**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 18: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 26 in (66 cm) for sewing.	

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Thumb: make 2

Yarn C, cranberry.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 3**	Sc in each st around	**(5 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

2 3

☐ **End** Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) for sewing.

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the basket and the hat on the inside. The starting tails of the nose, the arms and the thumbs stay inside them. The rounds of the sides are counted from 1, the round in BLO, to 17, the rim.

2. The front. The last stitch of the sides is at the middle of the back. From there count 33 stitches along the rim and put a marker in the rim: this is the middle of the front. Put one more at each side, 15 stitches from the middle of the front, for the arms.

3. The beard. Wind D round the card, the long way, and cut it along one end of the card, until you have 114 lengths of about 10 in (25.5 cm). A knot takes two lengths held together: fold them in half, push the hook upward behind the post of a stitch, in just below the stitch and out just above it, catch the fold, draw it down behind the post and out below, put the four ends through the fold and pull them tight. The ends hang down. Knot the lowest tier first: in round 7 of the sides, in each of the 15 stitches in the middle of the front, the middle one of them straight below the marker. Then make the middle tier on round 10, 19 knots, and the upper tier on round 13, 23 knots, in the same way, with their middles straight below the marker too. That is 57 knots.

4. Comb the beard with your fingers, all the strands downward. Trim it to a round point: in the middle it ends about ½ in (1.5 cm) above the table, and at its sides about 2 in (5 cm) above it.

5. The nose. Its open edge goes on the basket. Set it on the middle of the front, its middle on round 13 of the sides, over the knots of the upper tier. With its tail whip stitch its 12 stitches to the basket in a circle, between the strands, and fasten off inside.

6. The thumbs. Set the open edge of each on a mitten, over rounds 4 and 5, its tip slanting toward the tip of the mitten. With its own tail whip stitch its 5 stitches to the mitten and draw the end inside.

7. The arms. Lay the arm down with its thumb toward you, in the middle of what you see, and flatten the open end as it lies, so that the thumb is in line with the middle of one flat side. With its long tail whip stitch the end shut, 6 stitches to 6 stitches. Hold the arm upright against the basket at a side marker, the shut end at the top and the mitten hanging down, with the side that has the thumb toward the basket. With the same tail sew the shut end to the basket, level, its middle below the marker on round 14 of the sides, 6 stitches and 6 back. Fasten off inside. The arm hangs down; when its mitten is turned in toward the basket, the thumb is on the upper side of the mitten. Set the tip of the mitten on round 3 of the sides, straight below the shut end, so that the arm stands away from the basket in a bow, a handle. With a length of C about 24 in (61 cm) sew rounds 1 and 2 of the mitten to the basket: 6 stitches through the mitten and the wall, then 6 more over them. Fasten off inside. Sew the other arm at the other marker.

Finishing

- Put the hat on over the rim, the last round of its band down over the top of the nose, and bend its tip to one side.

In all: 7 pieces.

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