Gray cat basket

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall

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

Yarn
Bulky (5), 3 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: smoke gray, the basket and the ears	**about 170 yd (155 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: charcoal, the eyes, the mouth and the whiskers	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rose, the nose	**about 5 yd (5 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	6¼ in (16 cm) across, 4¼ in (11 cm) tall	about 135 yd (124 m)
Medium (this file)	**7¾ in (19.5 cm) across, 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall**	**about 185 yd (169 m)**

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	

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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 11 the base should measure about 7¾ in (19.5 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.
- Weave the starting tail of every small part in on its wrong side before the part is sewn shut or sewn on.

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

Yarn A, smoke 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.** After round 11 the base should measure about 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(66 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 13 to 27**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 27: tick them off as you go.

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

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

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, smoke gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing. Flatten the ear, with the two points where stitches were added at its sides: its open edge is two layers of 9 stitches.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn B, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. The middle of the front is 33 stitches, half the way round, from the last stitch of round 27. Mark it.

2. Leave 3 stitches of the last round free at the middle of the front and lay an ear on each side of them on the outside of the basket, point up, its open edge one round below the rim and as wide as 9 stitches of it. Sew each ear down along its open edge, both layers together, and along the rim.

3. Sew on the eyes, the middle of each on round 20, 6 stitches to the side of the middle of the front. Round 27 is the rim.

4. With C, sew the nose at the middle of the front on round 17: two stitches that run from side to side, one close below the other, each ½ in (1.5 cm) wide. With B, sew the mouth: one stitch straight down from the nose, ½ in (1.5 cm) long, and

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from its lower end one to each side, ½ in (1.5 cm) long, out and a little down. With B, sew three whiskers on each side, below the eyes: each is one stitch 1¼ in (3 cm) long that begins 4 stitches to the side of the middle of the front and runs outward. The upper one is level with the nose and runs straight out; the two others begin ¼ in (0.5 cm) apart below it, the middle one slanting a little down and the lower one a little more.

Finishing

- Weave all the tails that are left in on the inside.
- Weave the starting tail of the magic ring in round the middle of the base.

In all: 5 pieces; 1,736 stitches (1,452 in the basket, 124 in each ear, 18 in each eye); 10 ends to weave in.

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