Hanging fruit basket

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 9¼ in (23.5 cm) across and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall

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

Yarn
Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2)

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

You will need

Yarn A: natural jute color, main color — **about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, contrast color — **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Fiber: jute or cotton
Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2). Also: 4 stitch markers, a yarn needle, scissors and a ring about 1¼ in (3 cm) across, of wood or metal, to hang it by.

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	7¾ in (19.5 cm) across, 3¼ in (8.5 cm) tall	about 105 yd (96 m)
Medium (this file)	**9¼ in (23.5 cm) across, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall**	**about 140 yd (128 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
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

10 stitches and 11 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 12 the base should measure about 9 in (23 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 17: A. Rounds 18 to 20: B. Rounds 21 to 22: 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, natural jute color; B, white.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** After round 12 the base should measure about 9 in (23 cm) across. Anything from 8¾ in (22 cm) to 9¼ in (23.5 cm) is near enough.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 14 to 17**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 17: tick them off as you go.

☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	With B, sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 19 to 20**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 19 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 19 ☐ 20

☐ **Rnd 21**	With A, sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	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).	

Assembly

1. Make three cords: with A, ch 48, about 15¼ in (38.5 cm) long. Fasten off. Leave a tail of 8 in (20 cm) at each end of every cord.

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2. Mark three stitches of the last round, 24 stitches apart. At each mark, with the hook, draw 2 in (5 cm) of a cord from the outside to the inside, between the second and the third round from the top. Tie that end in a firm knot on the inside, too big to slip back, and sew the knot to the wall with the tail of the cord. About 2 in (5 cm) of the cord is now inside.

3. Hold the three free ends together, the cords all the same length. Push them up through the hanging ring and fold the last 2 in (5 cm) of each cord, 6 chains, down over it, so that the ends hang beside the cords. There are now six strands below the ring.

4. Cut a new length of A, 2 yd (1.8 m) long, to bind them. Lay its first 4 in (10 cm) along the strands, pointing down. Then wind the rest tightly round all six strands and over that end, beginning close under the ring and laying each turn close below the one before it, until the folded ends of the cords are covered, about 2 in (5 cm) down. Only the tails of the cords and the first end of the binding yarn hang out below the turns.

5. Thread the last end of the binding yarn on the needle, take it up under the turns and bring it out at the top, beside the ring. Take the tail of each cord up under the turns in the same way. Pull every end tight, the first end of the binding yarn downward, and trim them all close.

6. With cords of this length the bottom of the ring hangs about 9½ in (24 cm) above the rim. For more room, begin each cord with more chains, the same number for all three: 6 more chains make it about 2 in (5 cm) longer. The yarn is worked out for the length given.

7. Hang the basket up empty to see that it hangs level before anything goes into it.

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: 22 rounds; 1,188 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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