Jute basket with button handles

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 10½ in (26.5 cm) long, 5¾ in (14.5 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall, the handles not counted

Skill
Easy
It is single crochet in rounds from an oval base, with two flat handles sewn on.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
8 mm (US L-11)

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

What you need

Yarn A: black, stripes **about 190 yd (174 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: natural jute, part of the basket and the handle **about 190 yd (174 m), an estimate**
Fiber: jute

Two strands of yarn are held together throughout; the amounts above are for all of them.

Hook: 8 mm (US L-11). Also: 4 wooden buttons, about 1 in (25 mm) across, strong black sewing thread and a needle for the buttons, 3 stitch markers, a large yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Medium (this file)	**10½ in (26.5 cm) long, 5¾ in (14.5 cm) wide**	**about 380 yd (347 m)**
Large	12½ in (32 cm) long, 6½ in (16.5 cm) wide	about 525 yd (480 m)

Gauge

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

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 8 the base should measure about 10½ in (26.5 cm) long, laid flat and not stretched. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

The gauge is counted with two strands held together. Work firmly: jute does not stretch, and a close fabric stands better.

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Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 11 sts: one in each.
Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**
[ ] 3 times: 3 times in all. (40 sc): the round now has 40; a check, not a step. Not 40? **Pull it back**.
Also: RS right side.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Basket

Begin with yarn A, black.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot. Ch 14.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 11 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 11 chs, 2 sc in last ch	(28 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	(34 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 11 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(40 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 11 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(46 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 11 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 11 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(52 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 11 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(58 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc in next 11 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 11 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(64 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 11 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(70 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** The base should measure about 10½ in (26.5 cm) long and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) wide. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

Sides

☐ **Round 9**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(70 sc)
☐ **Rounds 10 to 13**	Sc in each st around	(70 sc)

10 11 12 13

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☐ **Round 14**	With B, sc in each st around	(70 sc)
☐ **Rounds 15 to 20**	Sc in each st around	(70 sc)
15 16 17 18 19 20		
☐ **Round 21**	With A, sc in each st around	(70 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	Sc in each st around	(70 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	With B, sc in each st around	(70 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	Sc in each st around	(70 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Handle: make 2

Yarn B, natural jute.

☐ **Start**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(3 sc)
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		
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of B, the two strands together, also 24 in (61 cm) long.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the basket on the inside. Find the middles of the two ends: lay the basket on its side and fold the base along its middle line, so that the base makes a point at each end. Straight above each point, put a marker in the stitch of the last round that lies at the fold. From one marked stitch to the other it is 35 stitches, half of the last round.

2. Each handle is about 9¾ in (25 cm) long and 1¼ in (3 cm) wide. Stand its two ends upright on the outside of the basket, one on each side of a marker, with the right side of the handle facing out: each end covers 3 stitches, and 9 stitches of the last round lie between the two ends: the marked stitch and 4 on each side of it. The 4 rows at each end of the handle lie flat on the top 4 rounds of the basket, the short edge downward; the rest of the handle arches above the rim and is not twisted.

3. Weave the short starting tail of each handle in on its wrong side. Sew each end down with its 24 in (61 cm) of B: with the tail at the end where it hangs, with the new length at the other end. Begin at a lower corner, at the end of the short edge: the tail hangs from one, and the new length is drawn in at one, from the inside, its last 4 in (10 cm) left there to be woven in. Whip stitch up the side of the 4 rows to the rim. Along the rim the handle goes on upward, so it has no edge there: make 3 small stitches through both layers instead, one for each stitch of the handle, down between its fourth and its fifth row from the short edge and through the wall under the top of the last round, and up again one stitch farther on. Then whip stitch down the other side and along the short edge to the corner where you began. Fasten off on the inside. Sew the second handle at the other marker in the same way, and take the markers out.

4. Sew a button in the middle of each sewn end, with the thread doubled: 6 times through the button, the handle and the wall of the basket. Fasten the thread on the inside.

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Finishing

- Weave every tail that is left in on the inside. If the basket does not stand straight, damp it, stuff it with paper and let it dry in shape.

In all: 3 pieces; 1,674 stitches (1,512 in the basket, 81 in each handle).

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.

Notes

- Round 1 is worked along both sides of the foundation chain: along one side, 3 stitches in the last chain, then back along the other side. From round 2 on, the increases stand at the two ends only.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Hold two strands of the same color together throughout.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays free on the outside and makes a ridge round the foot of the wall.
- The handles are worked in rows. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Whip stitch, for the handles: put the needle down through the edge of the handle and the wall of the basket under it and up again a little farther on, one stitch for each stitch or row of the handle, and draw the yarn snug.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 13: A. Rounds 14 to 20: B. Rounds 21 to 22: A. Rounds 23 to 24: B. The handles: B.

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