Large rectangular toy basket

Sixteen inch · US terms



Finished size
About 16½ in (42 cm) wide, 11½ in (29 cm) deep and 11 in (28 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
A flat base is worked in rows and the walls in rounds from its edge; the rest is plain sewing.

Yarn
Super bulky (6), 3 colors

Hook
10 mm (US N/P-15)

Gauge
8 stitches and 8 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: oat, the base, the lower block and the grips	**about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: clay, the middle block and the crosses	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: ink, the upper block and the rim	**about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**

Fiber: jersey T-shirt

Hook: 10 mm (US N/P-15), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 3 stitch markers, pins, a large 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
Sixteen inch (this file)	**16½ in (42 cm) wide, 11½ in (29 cm) deep**	**about 540 yd (494 m)**
Twenty inch	20½ in (52 cm) wide, 13½ in (34.5 cm) deep	about 750 yd (686 m)

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Gauge

8 stitches and 8 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

T-shirt yarn differs from ball to ball; go by the gauge.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 22.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 8 stitches and 8 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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Swatch foundation	Ch 13.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(12 sc)
Swatch rows 2 to 12	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)

Notes

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. This goes for the base and the grips; in the walls only round 1 begins with a chain, which is not a stitch either.
- Round 1 of the walls goes all round the base: along the last row, down the row ends, along the foundation chain, and back up the other row ends. It lies flat and makes the base a little larger; the walls turn up in round 2. The walls are worked in a spiral; move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. The right side, the outside, faces you all the time.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays free on the outside as a ridge. Where it says FLO, put the hook under the front loop only; the back loop stays free on the inside.
- 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: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Colors of the walls, round by round. Rounds 1 to 8: A. Rounds 9 to 15: B. Rounds 16 to 25: C. The base is A and the grips are A.

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Instructions

Sixteen inch. US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
BLO: only the loop away from you. **FLO**: only the loop nearest you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.
(32 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Base

Yarn A, oat.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 33.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(32 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(32 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 **22**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 22.** The base should measure about 16 in (40.5 cm) wide and 11 in (28 cm) long.

☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Walls

Yarns in order of use: A, oat; B, clay; C, ink.

☐ **Foundation**	The base just worked, 32 stitches and 22 rows; turn it so that the other side of the last row faces you.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in next 32 sts, sc in end of each of next 22 rows, sc in next 32 chs, sc in end of each of next 22 rows	(108 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(108 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 8**	Sc in each st around	(108 sc)

3 4 5 6 7 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, sc in each st around	(108 sc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 15**	Sc in each st around	(108 sc)

10 11 12 13 14 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	With C, sc in each st around	(108 sc)
☐ **Rnds 17 to 21**	Sc in each st around	(108 sc)

17 18 19 20 21

Rolled rim

☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in FLO of each st around	(108 sc)
☐ **Rnds 23 to 25**	Sc in each st around	(108 sc)

23 24 25

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20.5 cm).	

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Grip: make 2

Yarn A, oat.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the inside, all but the 8 in (20.5 cm) tail of the rim. Both tails of each grip go in on its wrong side.

2. The rolled rim. Round 22 was worked in FLO, so the back loops of round 21 are free on the inside, 108 of them. Before you roll the rim, mark the first pair: find the last single crochet of round 25 (the slip stitch after it is not counted) and follow its column straight down through the last stitches of rounds 24, 23 and 22 to the last stitch of round 21. Put one marker in the top of the last stitch of round 25 and another in the free back loop of the last stitch of round 21. Roll the last 4 rounds over to the inside and down, right side out, until these two markers meet. Cut three lengths of C, each about 57 in (145 cm) long, and sew from the inside of the basket. Begin with the marked pair: put the needle through the top of the last stitch of round 25 and through the free back loop of the last stitch of round 21, draw the yarn snug and take the markers out. The second pair is the first stitch of round 25 and the free back loop of the first stitch of round 21; the third is the second stitch of each, and so on in the order in which the stitches were worked, 108 pairs, all the way round. Where one length ends, begin the next in the same pair. Draw all these ends and the 8 in (20.5 cm) tail into the roll.

3. The grips. Each is 5 stitches wide and about 9 in (23 cm) long. Its first 4 rows and its last 4 rows stay flat. Between them fold the strip lengthwise, right side out, so that the ends of its rows meet, and sew them together with a new length of A, about 23 in (58.5 cm): whip stitch through one row end from each edge, 10 stitches. The middle is now a tube. Draw both ends of the length into it.

4. Where they go. The short walls are the ones that rise from the two row-end edges of the base. Put a marker in round 18 of the walls (round 1 is the one that lies flat round the base) above the middle of each short wall, 11 stitches from each corner of the base; the two markers are 54 stitches apart. Measure from the corners of the base and not from the beginning of the rounds, which lean a little.

5. Lay a grip level on the outside of a short wall, its seam toward the wall, its middle over the marker: its two flat ends lie right side out on the wall, each over 4 stitches of the wall and 5 of its rounds, with 8 stitches of the wall between them, so that the tube stands away from the wall. Pin the ends and take the marker out.

6. Sew each flat end down first with a new length of A, about 34 in (86.5 cm): bring the needle up through the grip half a stitch in from its edge and down through the wall beside it, one stitch for each stitch or row, round its three free edges, 4 + 5 + 4 stitches. Fasten off inside. Then, with a length of B, about 24 in (61 cm) long, make one large cross in the middle of the end, right through the grip and the wall, 3 stitches tall and 3 rows long: a cross is two straight stitches. Straight stitch: bring the needle up at one corner and down at the corner across from it; then up at the third corner and down at the fourth. Work over each line twice, so that the cross is bold. Fasten off inside. Sew the other three ends in the same way.

Finishing

- Pat the walls straight and press the corners of the base out with your thumbs.

In all: 3 pieces; 3,584 stitches (704 in the base, 2,700 in the walls, 90 in each grip).

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