Tall laundry hamper with lid

Large · US terms



Finished size
About 15¼ in (38.5 cm) across and 24 in (61 cm) tall, with a lid about 16 in (40.5 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
It is worked in rounds with one raised stitch, and it is large.

Yarn
Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10½)

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

What you need

Yarn A: cream, the upper wall and the lid **about 825 yd (754 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: charcoal, the base, the grips, the knob and the tassel **about 500 yd (457 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 1,000 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 130 yd (119 m).
Fiber: braided cotton cord
Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½). Also: a handful of toy stuffing, a piece of card 4½ in (11.5 cm) wide, for the tassel, 3 stitch markers, pins, a large yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Medium	13¾ in (35 cm) across, 20 in (51 cm) tall	about 1,050 yd (960 m)
Large (this file)	**15¼ in (38.5 cm) across, 24 in (61 cm) tall**	**about 1,325 yd (1,212 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 20 the base should measure about 15 in (38 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.

A round with FPhdc is counted at the same height as a round of single crochet.

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Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **FPhdc** hdc round the stitch below, hook in and out at the front, **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **st** stitch.

2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 3 sts: one in each.

Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**

[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**

Also: RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Hamper

Begin with yarn B, charcoal.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *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.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(60 sc)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 12**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 6 sts	(78 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	**[**Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(84 sc)
☐ **Round 15**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 7 sts	(90 sc)
☐ **Round 16**	**[**Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(96 sc)

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☐ **Round 17**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 8 sts	(102 sc)
☐ **Round 18**	**[**Sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(108 sc)
☐ **Round 19**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 9 sts	(114 sc)
☐ **Round 20**	**[**Sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(120 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 20.** The base should measure about 15 in (38 cm) across. Anything from 14½ in (37 cm) to 15¼ in (38.5 cm) is near enough; a slight ripple at the edge goes when the sides turn up. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

Sides

☐ **Round 21**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(120 sc)
☐ **Rounds 22 to 41**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, FPhdc around next st**] 30 times**	(90 sc, 30 FPhdc)

22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41

☐ **Round 42**	With A, **[**sc in next 3 sts, FPhdc around next st**] 30 times**	(90 sc, 30 FPhdc)
☐ **Rounds 43 to 84**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, FPhdc around next st**] 30 times**	(90 sc, 30 FPhdc)

43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70
71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84

Rim

☐ **Rounds 85 to 86**	Sc in each st around	(120 sc)

85 86

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

Lid

Begin with yarn A, cream.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 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)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)

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☐ **Round 21**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 10 sts	(126 sc)

Side of the lid

☐ **Round 22**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(126 sc)
☐ **Rounds 23 to 24**	Sc in each st around	(126 sc)
23 24		
☐ **Round 25**	With B, sc in each st around	(126 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Knob

Yarn B, charcoal.

Begin at the top. Stuff the knob firmly after the last round.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rounds 4 to 6**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
4 5 6		

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☐ **Round 7**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

Grip: make 2

Yarn B, charcoal.

☐ **Start**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 20**	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 19 20	
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the inside, the tail of each magic ring round the middle of the base and of the lid, all but the long tail of the knob. The starting tail of the knob stays inside it. Both tails of each grip go in on its wrong side.

2. The knob. Set its open edge on the middle of the lid, on the outside, over round 2 of the lid. With its long tail whip stitch its 12 stitches to the tops of the 12 stitches of round 2, one to one. Whip stitch: put the needle through a stitch of the lid and through a stitch of the knob, and draw the yarn snug. Fasten off on the underside of the lid.

3. The tassel. Wind B 20 times round the card, slip a length of B, about 30 in (76 cm), under the loops at one edge of the card and knot it tight at its middle. Take the loops off the card and cut them at the other edge. Cut another length of B, about 30 in (76 cm). Leaving 4 in (10 cm) of it free, wind it six times tightly round the strands, ¾ in (2 cm) below the knot, knot its two ends together and hide them among the strands. Trim the strands level. Then tie the tassel on: take the two ends of its tie round the knob, one each way, close to the lid, cross them and bring them back round to where they began, with 1 in (2.5 cm) of the tie left free between the knob and the top of the tassel. Knot them firmly together there and draw the ends into the knob with the needle.

4. The grips. Each is 5 stitches wide and about 7¼ in (18.5 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 B, about 22 in (56 cm): whip stitch through one row end from each edge, 12 stitches. The middle is now a tube. Draw both ends of the length into it.

5. Where they go. The rounds of the sides are counted from 1, the round in BLO, to 66, the last of the rim. Put a marker in round 53 straight below the last stitch of the rim, and another in the same round 60 stitches further on: these are the middles of the two grips.

6. Lay a grip level on the outside of the wall, its seam toward the wall, its middle over a 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. Sew each end with a new length of B, about 48 in (122 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, and once more back over the same way. Fasten off inside. Sew on the other grip in the same way.

Finishing

- Stand the hamper on its base and pat the wall round. The lid goes over the rim like a cap.

In all: 5 pieces; 11,372 stitches (9,180 in the hamper, 1,890 in the lid, 102 in the knob, 100 in each grip).

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.

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Notes

- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. Work firmly: a loose fabric will not stand so high.
- The right side, the outside, faces you all the time in the rounds. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. This is only for the grips, which are worked in rows.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays free on the outside as a ridge.
- FPhdc: yarn over, put the hook from front to back and to the front again round the post, the upright part, of the next stitch, yarn over, draw up a loop, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops on the hook. In the first round with FPhdc it goes round a single crochet, after that round the FPhdc below. Leave the top of that stitch at the back, unworked.
- The columns lean a little as they rise, as all rounds do that are never turned. 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 at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 41: B. Rounds 42 to 86: A. The lid is A with its last round in B; the knob, the grips and the tassel are B.

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