Lidded keepsake basket

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 6 in (15 cm) across and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall

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

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: oyster, contrast color	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: forest green, main color	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: brass yellow, contrast color	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). 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	4¾ in (12 cm) across, 3½ in (9 cm) tall	about 120 yd (110 m)
Medium (this file)	**6 in (15 cm) across, 4¼ in (11 cm) tall**	**about 165 yd (151 m)**
Large	7 in (18 cm) across, 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall	about 225 yd (206 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

13 stitches and 14 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 10 the base should measure about 6 in (15 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop, 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 of the basket, round by round. Rounds 1 to 11: A. Rounds 12 to 19: B. Rounds 20 to 25: A.
- Colors of the lid, round by round. Rounds 1 to 14: B. Round 15: 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 and sc2tog is dc2tog.

Basket

Yarns in order of use: A, oyster; B, forest green.

☐ **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)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 10.** After round 10 the base should measure about 6 in (15 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 19**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 19: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19

☐ **Rnd 20**	With A, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 21 to 25**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 21 to 25: tick them off as you go.

☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25

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

Lid

Yarns in order of use: B, forest green; A, oyster.

☐ **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)**

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☐ **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)**
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☐ **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)**

Edge

☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 14: tick them off as you go.

13 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	With A, sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Knob

Yarn C, brass yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

3 **4**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 4.** After round 4, push the starting tail and a scrap of yarn into the knob to stuff it. It is closed over them in round 5.

☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Putting it together

Set the knob on the middle of the top of the lid with its last round down. With its long tail, sew that round to the lid all the way round.

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 3 pieces; 1,938 stitches (1,230 in the basket, 660 in the lid, 48 in the knob); 12 ends to weave in.

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