Mini Easter baskets, set of four

Small · US terms



Finished size
About 3 in (7.5 cm) across and 2¼ in (5.5 cm) tall, 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall with the handle, each basket

Skill
Easy
They are small rounds of single crochet; one has puffs, and one is worked with two colors in a round.

Yarn
Light (3), 7 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: white, the rim and handle of the plain basket, the gingham, the carrot basket	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: butter yellow, the plain basket	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: lilac, the puff basket	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: light pink, the gingham	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rose pink, the gingham, its rim and handle	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: carrot orange, the carrot	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: leaf green, the rim and handle of the carrot basket, the carrot top	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 100 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a pinch of toy stuffing, 3 stitch markers, pins, a 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
Small (this file)	**3 in (7.5 cm) across, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) tall**	**about 245 yd (224 m)**
Large	3¾ in (9.5 cm) across, 3 in (7.5 cm) tall	about 380 yd (347 m)

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The puff rounds are counted at the same height as single crochet rounds.

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 3 in (7.5 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.

Notes

- 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 of the baskets and the carrot are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Every basket and the carrot are worked with the right side, the outside, facing you.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- A puff counts as one stitch. In the round after it work one single crochet in its top. Push each puff out to the right side.
- Tapestry crochet: where two or more colors share a round, lay the color or colors of that round not in use along the top of the round before and work over them, all the way round, so that they are carried inside the stitches.
- To change color, at the start of a round or inside it, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Where two or more colors share a round, cut nothing at a change: the color you leave is carried. Once a color is no longer in the rounds: where only one or two rounds are worked before it is used again, carry it loosely up the inside; where more are worked, or it is not used again, cut it, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The handles are worked in rows. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- To sew a piece down flat: bring the needle up through the piece under the top of a stitch at its edge and down through the fabric beneath just outside the edge, one stitch for each stitch or row of the edge.
- The carrot could be pulled off by a child under three.
- Colors. Plain basket. Rounds 1 to 19: B. Rounds 20 to 21: A. Puff basket: C. Gingham basket. Rounds 1 to 9: D. Rounds 10 to 11: A and D. Rounds 12 to 13: D and E. Rounds 14 to 15: A and D. Rounds 16 to 17: D and E. Rounds 18 to 19: A and D. Rounds 20 to 21: E. Carrot basket. Rounds 1 to 19: A. Rounds 20 to 21: G. The carrot is F.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

puff: [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop] 3 times, yo, pull through all 7 loops on hook.

Plain basket

Yarns in order of use: B, butter yellow; A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** The base should measure about 3 in (7.5 cm) across. A quarter of an inch (0.5 cm) more or less is near enough.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 19**	Sc in each st around 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	With A, sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Puff basket

Yarn C, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)
☐ **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)

Sides

☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**Puff in next st, sc in next st**] 24 times**	(24 puffs, 24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**Sc in next st, puff in next st**] 24 times**	(24 sc, 24 puffs)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**Puff in next st, sc in next st**] 24 times**	(24 puffs, 24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in next st, puff in next st**] 24 times**	(24 sc, 24 puffs)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**Puff in next st, sc in next st**] 24 times**	(24 puffs, 24 sc)
☐ **Rnds 20 to 21** 20 21	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Gingham basket

Yarns in order of use: D, light pink; A, white; E, rose pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)

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Sides

☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11** 10 11	**[**With A, sc in next 2 sts, with D, sc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnds 12 to 13** 12 13	**[**With D, sc in next 2 sts, with E, sc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnds 14 to 15** 14 15	**[**With A, sc in next 2 sts, with D, sc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnds 16 to 17** 16 17	**[**With D, sc in next 2 sts, with E, sc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnds 18 to 19** 18 19	**[**With A, sc in next 2 sts, with D, sc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	With E, sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Carrot basket

Yarns in order of use: A, white; G, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)

Sides

☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 19** 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	With G, sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	(48 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Handle of the plain basket

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 43.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(42 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(42 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 12 in (30 cm).	

Handle of the puff basket

Yarn C, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 43.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(42 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(42 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 12 in (30 cm).	

Handle of the gingham basket

Yarn E, rose pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 43.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(42 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(42 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 12 in (30 cm).	

Handle of the carrot basket

Yarn G, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 43.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(42 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(42 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 12 in (30 cm).	

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Carrot

Yarn F, carrot orange.

Begin at the point. Stuff the carrot before the last round.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc2tog**] 5 times**	(5 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm). With the needle run the tail through the front loops of the 5 stitches of round 8, pull it tight so that the hole closes, and take one stitch over the place. Keep the rest of the tail for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the baskets on the inside, and the starting tail of each handle on its wrong side. The starting tail of the carrot stays inside it.

2. The handles. On each basket the last stitch of the last round is at the middle of the back. Count from the first stitch of that round, the one the leveling slip stitch went into, and put a marker in stitch 12 and one in stitch 36, the two sides. Each handle is about 8½ in (21.5 cm) long. Lay the last ½ in (1.5 cm) of the end with the long tail flat against the inside of the basket, the right side of the handle against the wall so that it is the outside of the arch, over the 3 stitches 11 to 13 of the rim, the marker in their middle. With the long tail sew it down flat along its end and up both of its sides to the rim, and whip stitch the rim to the handle. Sew the other end over the stitches 35 to 37 in the same way with the new length; see that the handle is not twisted. Fasten off on the inside. Take the markers out.

3. The carrot top. Join G with a slip stitch in any stitch of the last round of the carrot, beside the place where it was drawn closed. [Chain 9, slip stitch in the same place] 3 times. Fasten off, and draw both ends inside the carrot.

4. The carrot goes on the outside of the front of the carrot basket, which is at stitch 24 of its rim, straight below it. It lies slanting, its point to the lower left and its top to the upper right as you look at it, its middle on round 6 of the sides, counted from 1, the round in BLO. Pin it. With its tail, which is at the top, sew the underside of the carrot down: bring the needle up through the basket and take one stitch through the edge of the carrot where it touches the wall, along one side to the point and back along the other side, 14 stitches. The green loops stay free. Fasten off on the inside.

5. Weave in all the tails that are left on the inside.

Finishing

- Press each base flat with your fingers, so that the basket stands level.

In all: 9 pieces.

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