Greek key mosaic basket

Eight inch · US terms



Finished size
About 8¼ in (21 cm) across and 6½ in (16.5 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Every round has one color only; the key is made by stitches that reach down two rounds.

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: tan, the base and the tabs	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, the key and the stripes	**about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: ecru, the ground	**about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 220 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Fiber: cotton

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

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Eight inch (this file)	**8¼ in (21 cm) across, 6½ in (16.5 cm) tall**	**about 545 yd (498 m)**
Ten inch	10¼ in (26 cm) across, 7½ in (19 cm) tall	about 775 yd (709 m)

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 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 16 the base should measure about 8 in (20.5 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.

The rounds of the key are counted at the same height as the others.

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Instructions

Eight inch. US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sl st** slip stitch, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **st** stitch.

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

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 1 is not a stitch. The first sc goes **where the slip stitch went**.

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: yo yarn over, RS right side.

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

Special stitches

mdc (Mosaic double crochet): (a treble in UK terms) yo, put the hook up from below under the front loop that is free on the outside two rounds down, straight below the next stitch, yo, draw up a loop to the height of the round, [yo, pull through 2 loops] 2 times. The stitch of the round before behind it, the next stitch, is passed over and stays at the back: it counts as used.

Basket

Begin with yarn A, tan.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in the ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Ch 1, 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, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	Ch 1, 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, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	Ch 1, 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, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	Ch 1, 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, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	Ch 1, 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, sl st in first sc to join	(78 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)

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☐ **Round 15**	Ch 1, 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, sl st in first sc to join	(90 sc)
☐ **Round 16**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 16.** The base should measure about 8 in (20.5 cm) across. Anything from 8 in (20.5 cm) to 8¼ in (21 cm) is near enough. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

Sides

☐ **Round 17**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐ **Rounds 18 to 21** 18 19 20 21	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 25**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)

The key

☐ **Round 26**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 27**	With C, ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 28**	With B, ch 1, **[**mdc in next st, sc in BLO of next 11 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first mdc to join	(8 mdc, 88 sc)
☐ **Round 29**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in BLO of next st, mdc in next 2 sts, sc in BLO of next 7 sts, mdc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc, 32 mdc)
☐ **Round 30**	With B, ch 1, **[**mdc in next st, sc in BLO of next 2 sts, mdc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, mdc in next st, sc in BLO of next 2 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first mdc to join	(24 mdc, 72 sc)
☐ **Round 31**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in BLO of next st, mdc in next 2 sts, sc in BLO of next st, mdc in next 2 sts, sc in BLO of next st, mdc in next 2 sts, sc in BLO of next st, mdc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(32 sc, 64 mdc)
☐ **Round 32**	With B, ch 1, **[**mdc in next st, sc in BLO of next 2 sts, mdc in next st, sc in BLO of next 2 sts, mdc in next st, sc in BLO of next 2 sts, mdc in next st, sc in BLO of next 2 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first mdc to join	(32 mdc, 64 sc)
☐ **Round 33**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in BLO of next st, mdc in next 2 sts, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, mdc in next 2 sts, sc in BLO of next st, mdc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc, 48 mdc)

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☐ **Round 34**	With B, ch 1, **[**mdc in next st, sc in BLO of next 8 sts, mdc in next st, sc in BLO of next 2 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first mdc to join	(16 mdc, 80 sc)
☐ **Round 35**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in BLO of next 10 sts, mdc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(80 sc, 16 mdc)

Top

☐ **Round 36**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 37**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 38**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 39**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 40**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 41**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐ **Round 42**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Tab: make 2

Yarn A, tan.

☐ **Start**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	(5 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of A, also 24 in (61 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails of the basket on the inside, the starting tail of the magic ring round the middle of the base, and the starting tail of each tab on its wrong side.

2. Each tab is about 1¼ in (3 cm) wide and 3½ in (9 cm) long. The joins of the rounds are the back of the basket. Count from the join along the last round, its first single crochet as stitch 1, and put a marker in stitch 24: it is the middle of one side. The middle of the other side is stitch 72.

3. Fold a tab over the rim at the marker, its right side out and its middle stitch over the marked stitch: 7 of its rows lie on the outside, 7 on the inside, and the end with the long tail is inside. Take the marker out. Sew the outer half first, with the new length: from the rim down one side of the tab, 7 stitches, along its lower edge, 5 stitches, and up its other side to the rim, 7 stitches. For each stitch bring the needle up through the tab one stitch in from its edge and down into the wall just beside the edge, without going through to the inside. Draw both ends of the length in between the tab and the wall and fasten them there.

4. The cross, while the inner half is still loose: turn the inner half up out of the way, so that you can reach the inside of the wall behind the tab. Use a length of B, two strands held together, about 14 in (35.5 cm) long. The cross is two straight stitches in the middle of the outer half, each over 3 stitches and 3 rows, from corner to corner. Straight stitch: bring the needle from the inside of the basket up through the wall and the outer half at one end of the line, and down

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through both at the other end. Leave 4 in (10 cm) of the beginning hanging on the inside of the wall. Work over each line once. Knot the two ends of B together on the inside of the wall and cut them to 1 in (2.5 cm); the inner half will cover them.

5. The inner half. Turn it down again, flat against the inside of the wall and over the ends of the cross. With its long tail sew from the corner where the tail hangs along the lower edge, 5 stitches, then up the side to the rim, 7 stitches. There slip the needle in between the tab and the wall and run it along just below the rim, hidden under the tab, to the other side of the tab. Bring it out there and sew down that side, from the rim to the lower edge, 7 stitches. Each stitch is worked as on the outer half, but without going through to the outside of the wall. Draw the end in between the tab and the wall and fasten it there.

6. Fold the other tab over the rim at the middle of the other side, right side out, and sew it on with its own tail and lengths in the same order: the outer half, the cross, the inner half.

Finishing

- Dampen the basket, pat the wall upright and round with your hands, and let it dry standing on its base.

In all: 3 pieces.

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

- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch of the round into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- Two strands are held together throughout, for the sewing too. 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.
- How the key is made: a round of black is followed by a round of ecru. Where the black of the round below should show, a single crochet of the new round goes into its back loop and leaves it in view; where it should not show, a mosaic double crochet is dropped over it and covers it. The next round of black does the same to the ecru. Two mosaic double crochet never stand one on the other. The mosaic double crochet is worked loosely enough that it does not pull the rim down.
- The mosaic double crochet goes into the free loop of its own line of stitches: the loop of the stitch into whose back loop the passed stitch was worked.
- To change color where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round 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, round by round. Rounds 1 to 21: A. Rounds 22 to 23: B. Rounds 24 to 25: C. Round 26: B. Round 27: C. Round 28: B. Round 29: C. Round 30: B. Round 31: C. Round 32: B. Round 33: C. Round 34: B. Rounds 35 to 36: C. Rounds 37 to 38: B. Rounds 39 to 40: C. Rounds 41 to 42: B. The tabs are A.
- The key is rounds 26 to 35. From round 27 to round 35 every stitch goes in the back loop or is a mosaic double crochet, so a front loop is always free two rounds down.

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