Moss stitch storage basket

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall

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

Yarn
Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2)

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

You will need

Yarn A: oat, main color	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: moss green, contrast color	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2). Also: 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	6 in (15 cm) across, 4¾ in (12 cm) tall	about 80 yd (73 m)
Medium (this file)	**7¾ in (19.5 cm) across, 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall**	**about 120 yd (110 m)**
Large	9¼ in (23.5 cm) across, 7 in (18 cm) tall	about 160 yd (147 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

10 stitches and 11 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 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- 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.
- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first single crochet. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. The first stitch of a round goes into the stitch the round before was joined in, unless the round begins with a slip stitch: then it goes where the round says, into the space you have just slip stitched into.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- Moss stitch: after its first round, each single crochet goes into a chain-1 space of the round before, and each chain 1 passes over a single crochet.
- 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 20: A. Rounds 21 to 26: B.

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and sk is miss.

Yarns in order of use: A, oat; B, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 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)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 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)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 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)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 10. After round 10 the base should measure about 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 1, sk next st, **[**sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 29 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc, 30 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 20**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 29 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc, 30 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each round, 13 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

☐ **Rnd 21**	With B, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 29 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc, 30 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 22 to 24**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 29 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc, 30 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each round, 22 to 24: tick them off as you go.

☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24

☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 30 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.
- Weave the starting tail of the magic ring in round the middle of the base.

In all: 26 rounds; 900 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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