Striped oval basket

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 9 in (23 cm) long, 5¼ in (13.5 cm) wide and 4 in (10 cm) tall

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

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

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

You will need

Yarn A: blush, main color — **about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: burgundy, contrast color — **about 25 yd (23 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	7 in (18 cm) long, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide	about 85 yd (78 m)
Medium (this file)	**9 in (23 cm) long, 5¼ in (13.5 cm) wide**	**about 150 yd (137 m)**
Large	11¼ in (28.5 cm) long, 7 in (18 cm) wide	about 230 yd (210 m)

Abbreviations

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

ch chain stitch
sc single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
BLO back loop only
st stitch
rnd round
RS right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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 9 in (23 cm) long, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- Round 1 is worked along both sides of the foundation chain: along one side, 3 stitches in the last chain, then back along the other side. From round 2 on, the increases stand at the two ends only; along the two straight sides work one stitch in each stitch.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Work firmly.
- 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.
- About 9 in (23 cm) long, 5¼ in (13.5 cm) wide and 4 in (10 cm) tall.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 13: A. Round 14: B. Rounds 15 to 17: A. Round 18: B. Rounds 19 to 21: A. Round 22: B. Rounds 23 to 25: A.

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.

Yarns in order of use: A, blush; B, burgundy.

Round 11 is worked in the back loop only: put the hook under the back loop of each stitch alone. It turns the base up into the sides.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 15.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 12 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 12 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 12 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 12 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 12 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 12 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 12 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(60 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc in next 12 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 12 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 12 sts, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, sc in next 12 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 12 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 12 sts, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(84 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 10.** After round 10 the base should measure about 9 in (23 cm) long and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) wide.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 13: tick them off as you go.

12 13

☐ **Rnd 14**	With B, sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With A, sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 17**	Sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 17: tick them off as you go.

16 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	With B, sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	With A, sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 20 to 21**	Sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 21: tick them off as you go.

20 21

☐ **Rnd 22**	With B, sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	With A, sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 24 to 25**	Sc in each st around	**(84 sc)**

A box for each round, 24 to 25: tick them off as you go.

24 25

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

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 25 rounds; 1,830 stitches; 14 ends to weave in.

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