Pastel Easter basket

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 6¼ in (16 cm) across and 4 in (10 cm) tall

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

Yarn
Bulky (5), 5 colors

Hook
6 mm (US J-10)

Gauge
11 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: lavender, main color	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: butter, contrast color	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mint, contrast color	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: blush, contrast color	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: white, contrast color	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 6 mm (US J-10). 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, 3¼ in (8.5 cm) tall	about 85 yd (77 m)
Medium (this file)	**6¼ in (16 cm) across, 4 in (10 cm) tall**	**about 130 yd (120 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
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

11 stitches and 12 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 9 the base should measure about 6¼ in (16 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, round by round. Rounds 1 to 10: A. Rounds 11 to 12: D. Rounds 13 to 14: B. Rounds 15 to 16: C. Rounds 17 to 18: A. Rounds 19 to 20: E. Round 21: 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.

Basket

Yarns in order of use: A, lavender; D, blush; B, butter; C, mint; E, white.

☐ **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)**

Stop and measure now, after round 9. After round 9 the base should measure about 6¼ in (16 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With D, sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With B, sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With C, sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	With A, sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	With E, sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	With A, sc in each st around	**(54 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

Yarn A, lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 46**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 46: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30
☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40 ☐ 41 ☐ 42 ☐ 43 ☐ 44 ☐ 45 ☐ 46

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 22 in (56 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 22 in (56 cm).

Putting it together

The handle is about 15¼ in (38.5 cm) long. Sew one end to the inside of the basket over the end of the last round, its edge 1¼ in (3 cm) below the rim, along all the sides that touch. Sew the other end to the inside straight across from it, 27 stitches away.

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: 2 pieces; 1,102 stitches (918 in the basket, 184 in the handle); 16 ends to weave in.

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