Rectangular shelf basket

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 8½ in (21.5 cm) wide, 10¾ in (27.5 cm) long and 5½ in (14 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
A flat base is worked in rows and the walls in rounds from its edge.

Yarn
Bulky (5), 3 colors

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

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

You will need

Yarn A: putty, main color	**about 185 yd (169 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: teal green, contrast color	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, contrast color	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2). 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) wide, 8½ in (21.5 cm) long	about 155 yd (141 m)
Medium (this file)	**8½ in (21.5 cm) wide, 10¾ in (27.5 cm) long**	**about 235 yd (215 m)**
Large	11 in (28 cm) wide, 13¾ in (35 cm) long	about 360 yd (328 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
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

10 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

There should be 10 stitches and 11 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 28.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Work a swatch before you begin: ch 16; row 1, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (15 sc); rows 2 to 16, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (15 sc). Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 16. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(15 sc)** |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 16** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(15 sc)** |

Before you start

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Round 1 of the walls goes all round the base: along the last row, down the row ends, along the foundation chain, and back up the other row ends. It lies flat and makes the base a little larger; the walls turn up in round 2. The walls are worked in a spiral; 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 of the walls, round by round. Rounds 1 to 11: A. Round 12: C. Rounds 13 to 14: B. Round 15: C. Round 16: A.

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Instructions

Chosen: Medium. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Base

Yarn A, putty.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 21.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(20 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 28: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

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**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 28.** After row 28 the base should measure about 8 in (20.5 cm) wide and 10¼ in (26 cm) long.

☐ **End** Do not fasten off.

Walls

Yarns in order of use: A, putty; C, cream; B, teal green.

☐ **Foundation**	The base just worked, 20 stitches and 28 rows; turn it so that the other side of the last row faces you.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in next 20 sts, sc in end of each of next 28 rows, sc in next 20 chs, sc in end of each of next 28 rows	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(96 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 11: tick them off as you go.

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	With C, sc in each st around	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With B, sc in each st around	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With C, sc in each st around	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With A, sc in each st around	**(96 sc)**
☐ **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: 2 pieces; 2,096 stitches (560 in the base, 1,536 in the walls); 12 ends to weave in.

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