Rope bowl basket

Large · US terms



Finished size
About 8 in (20.5 cm) across the top and 3 in (7.5 cm) tall, the handles not counted

Skill
Easy
It is one stitch throughout, worked round and round over a rope, with increases.

Yarn
Light (3)

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
12 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In rope stitch.

What you need

Yarn: any one color (terracotta in the picture), light (3) **about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 45 g, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: clear tape, a stitch marker, a tape measure, a yarn needle, scissors and about 11 yd (10.1 m) of soft twisted or braided cotton rope, ¼ in (6 mm) thick.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	6¼ in (16 cm) across, 2½ in (6.5 cm) tall	about 75 yd (69 m)
Large (this file)	**8 in (20.5 cm) across, 3 in (7.5 cm) tall**	**about 115 yd (105 m)**

Gauge

12 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in rope stitch.

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 6½ in (16.5 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.

A rope stitch is the single crochet (UK double crochet) and the chain 1 after it, together one stitch. They are counted over the rope.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **st** stitch.

Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**

[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 rst): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. Not 18? **Pull it back**.

Also: yo yarn over.

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

Special stitches

rst (Rope stitch): With the rope lying on top of the round before, insert hook in the place named, yo and pull up a loop in front of the rope, as tall as the rope is thick; bring the hook up over the rope, yo, pull through both loops on hook; ch 1.

ost (Open stitch): A rope stitch without the rope: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop as tall as in a rope stitch, yo, pull through both loops on hook; ch 1. The rope is left hanging on the outside.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *The beginning. Wrap the end of the rope in tape and cut it off at a slant. Make a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Lay the tip of the rope along the yarn of the ring and work the 6 rope stitches of round 1 round the rope and the yarn of the ring together, bending the rope round as you go, so that it makes a small tight coil. Pull the yarn tail to draw the coil closed. The rope then goes on over the beginning of round 1, and round 2 is worked over it.*	
☐ **Round 1**	6 rst in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 rst)
☐ **Round 2**	2 rst in each st around	(12 rst)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**2 rst in next st, rst in next st**] 6 times**	(18 rst)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Rst in next 2 sts, 2 rst in next st**] 6 times**	(24 rst)
☐ **Round 5**	Rst in next st, 2 rst in next st, **[**rst in next 3 sts, 2 rst in next st**] 5 times**, rst in next 2 sts	(30 rst)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**Rst in next 4 sts, 2 rst in next st**] 6 times**	(36 rst)
☐ **Round 7**	Rst in next 2 sts, 2 rst in next st, **[**rst in next 5 sts, 2 rst in next st**] 5 times**, rst in next 3 sts	(42 rst)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**Rst in next 6 sts, 2 rst in next st**] 6 times**	(48 rst)
☐ **Round 9**	Rst in next 3 sts, 2 rst in next st, **[**rst in next 7 sts, 2 rst in next st**] 5 times**, rst in next 4 sts	(54 rst)
☐ **Round 10**	**[**Rst in next 8 sts, 2 rst in next st**] 6 times**	(60 rst)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 10.** The base should measure about 6½ in (16.5 cm) across. Anything from 6¼ in (16 cm) to 6¾ in (17 cm) is near enough. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

Wall

☐ **Round 11**	Rst in next 7 sts, 2 rst in next st, **[**rst in next 14 sts, 2 rst in next st**] 3 times**, rst in next 7 sts	(64 rst)
☐ **Round 12**	**[**Rst in next 15 sts, 2 rst in next st**] 4 times**	(68 rst)
☐ **Round 13**	Rst in next 8 sts, 2 rst in next st, **[**rst in next 16 sts, 2 rst in next st**] 3 times**, rst in next 8 sts	(72 rst)
☐ **Round 14**	**[**Rst in next 35 sts, 2 rst in next st**] 2 times**	(74 rst)
☐ **Round 15**	Rst in next 18 sts, 2 rst in next st, rst in next 36 sts, 2 rst in next st, rst in next 18 sts	(76 rst)

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☐ **Rounds 16 to 19** 16 17 18 19	Rst in each st around	(76 rst)

Handle round

☐ **Round 20**	Rst in next 14 sts, ost in next 10 sts, rst in next 28 sts, ost in next 10 sts, rst in next 14 sts	(56 rst, 20 ost)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch, under its chain 1, to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. The handles are the two places in round 20 where the 10 open stitches were worked. The rope leaves the stitches on the outside of the rim before the first open stitch and goes back into them after the last one, with 5¾ in (14.5 cm) of it between in a loop that stands up above the rim. Set the loops to the same height; the rope can be drawn a little way through the stitches next to them.

2. Fix the feet of the loops. Thread a needle with 16 in (41 cm) of the yarn for each of the four feet. Where the rope goes into the first or the last rope stitch beside the loop, sew 5 times over the rope and down through the chain spaces of the round below it, drawing the yarn tight. Fasten both ends of each length off on the inside.

3. Bind the top of each loop. Cut a length of yarn about 42 in (106.5 cm) long. Lay its first 3 in (7.5 cm) along the rope at the top of the loop and wind the rest round the rope and over that end, each turn close beside the one before, for 2¼ in (5.5 cm): about 25 turns, half of them on each side of the top. Draw the end back under the turns with the needle and trim both ends close.

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside, along the stitches.

In all: 20 rounds.

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

- From round 2 on, every stitch, a rope stitch or an open stitch, is worked into the chain-1 space of a stitch of the round before: the hook goes under that chain 1, from front to back, and not into the single crochet beside it. The slip stitch at the very end goes into such a space too. The rope of the new round lies on top of that chain, so the loop comes up in front of the rope and is closed on top of it. Each stitch makes one such space, and each space is one st.
- The rope goes on in one length from round to round. Lay it along the top of the round before, a little at a time, and work over it. It should lie there easily, neither stretched nor slack: after every few stitches smooth it along, and ease a little of it back if the edge ripples.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- The side that faces you as you work is the right side: it is the underside of the base and the outside of the wall. From the first wall round on, lay the rope of each round a little behind the rope of the round before, on the side away from you, so that the wall bends back, away from you.
- In the handle round, work the open stitches with the rope lying free on the outside. After the last open stitch of a handle measure the rope from the last rope stitch, bend the length that step 1 of Assembly gives up into a loop, lay the rope on the edge again and go on over it in rope stitch.
- The end. When 6 stitches of the last round are left, cut the rope at a slant so that its tip just reaches the first stitch of that round, and work the last stitches over it.
- The whole bowl takes about 10 yd (9.1 m) of the rope, handles included; the 11 yd (10.1 m) in the list is that and a little over.

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