Striped laundry basket

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 13 in (33 cm) across and 8½ in (21.5 cm) tall

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

Yarn
Super bulky (6), 2 colors

Hook
9 mm (US M/N-13)

Gauge
7 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: flax, main color — **about 190 yd (174 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: slate blue, contrast color — **about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 9 mm (US M/N-13). 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
Medium (this file)	**13 in (33 cm) across, 8½ in (21.5 cm) tall**	**about 290 yd (265 m)**
Large	15¼ in (38.5 cm) across, 10½ in (26.5 cm) tall	about 410 yd (375 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
MR magic ring
st stitch
rnd round
RS right side

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Gauge

7 stitches and 8 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 12 the base should measure about 12½ in (32 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, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, 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 16: A. Rounds 17 to 18: B. Rounds 19 to 20: A. Rounds 21 to 22: B. Rounds 23 to 24: A. Rounds 25 to 26: B. Rounds 27 to 29: 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.

Basket

Yarns in order of use: A, flax; B, slate blue.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 5 sts	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 12. After round 12 the base should measure about 12½ in (32 cm) across.

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Sides

☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 14 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 16: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	With B, sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	With A, sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	With B, sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	With A, sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	With B, sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	With A, sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 28 to 29**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 28 to 29: tick them off as you go.

28 29

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

Handle: make 2

Yarn B, slate blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 28: 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

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (45 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 18 in (45 cm).

Assembly

1. Each handle is about 14 in (35.5 cm) long and 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide. Stand its two ends upright on the outside of the basket, over 3 stitches each, with 11 stitches of the last round between them. The last 1½ in (4 cm) of each end lies flat on the wall, below the rim; the rest of the handle arches above the rim.

2. Sew each end down round all four edges of the 1½ in (4 cm) that lies on the wall, the fourth along the rim.

3. Sew the other handle on in the same way, straight across from the first, with 19 stitches of the last round between the

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two handles on each side.

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: 3 pieces; 1,860 stitches (1,692 in the basket, 84 in each handle); 18 ends to weave in.

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