



Crochet Rigid Basket Pattern

A simple rectangular crochet basket

Materials

Chunky yarn (or two strands of natural wool held together)

Stitch markers, to see the corners

6.5 mm Hook

Notes

American Notation

Ridges of the body are made by crocheting into the back 2 loops of the previous hdc, so the front loop forms the pattern (hdc stitches have three loops rather than the usual two).

Final base size approx 9x16 ", height 9 ".

This pattern calls for turning after each round of the base, making the rectangle "squarer" as the stitches don't lean in one direction.

Pattern is one hdc in each stitch with 3hdc in each corner stitch.



Abbreviations

Ch - chain

Hdc - half double crochet

Sl-st m- slip stitch

BLO - back loop(s) only

R# - Round #

Instructions Basket R1

1

Hdc in 2nd ch from hook. (You may wish to mark the first ch-2 with a st marker). Hdc in each of the next 19 chains.

2

6 hdc into final chain to form corners. (Corner stitches will be 2nd and 5th hdc of this group - can add a stitch marker to these chains to make this easier to see).

3

Hdc back along the back of the initial chain working 1 hdc into each chain. When you reach the final (20th) chain, work 4 hdc into this stitch (already contains a ch-2 and a hdc from the beginning of the round). Mark 2nd hdc of 4-hdc group with a stitch marker to mark the corner if desired.

Sl-st to join

Basket R2

1

ch2, turn, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 stitches, 3hdc into corner st, hdc in next 20 stitches until corner stitch, 3hdc in corner (21st) stitch, hdc in next 2 stitches, 3 hdc in next corner (24th) stitch, hdc in each stitch including final corner stitch (Hdc in same corner stitch) and join with sl-st to starting chain.

For the remaining rounds work one hdc into each st and 3 hdc into each corner st, turning each round. Work an even multiple of rounds until the base is your desired dimension. This will give you a multiple of 4 stitches on all sides, plus the corner stitches.

Instructions Sides

When your base is the correct size, work first round of sides in back loop only to make a ridge around the base.

1

Ch1, sc into blo of each stitch around, join with sl-st.

Work R1 in the clockwise direction with the side you want to be the base placed downward.

2 -

Ch2, hdc into back two loops of each hdc around (so front stitch forms a ridge). Join with sl-st.

20

Change colour at the corner after sl-st as desired to make stripes.

21

Ch2, hdc into each st of short side of basket, hdc into 1st 12 stitches of long side of basket. Ch 19, skip next 19 stitches. Hdc into 20th st, hdc in each stitch until 13th stitch of 2nd long side of basket, ch 19, skip next 19 stitches, hdc into each stitch around, join.

(Alternatively, depending on size of basket, decide where you want the handles to start and end and skip the number of stitches needed to make the handle, chaining the same number of stitches as the skipped stitches).

22

Ch2, hdc in each hdc and chain around. Repeat for Row 23. To finish basket: sl-st in each hdc around to finish top of basket.