

Hanging Nest Basket

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What you will need:

- 1 ball of 100% cotton yarn approx. 120yds
- Crochet hook size H8 5.0mm
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

Stitch Abbreviations:

st- stitch

ch- chain

ss- slip stitch

sc, sc dec- single crochet, single crochet decrease

hdc, hdc inc- half double crochet, half double crochet increase

dc- double crochet

fpdc- front post double crochet (see notes)

bpdc- back post double crochet (see notes)

Notes:

-The post of a double crochet is the body of the stitch beneath where you would normally insert into the stitch. To make a fpdc, yarn over, insert the hook behind the post of the previous round's dc, working in the front of the fabric, then make a dc around the post. To make a bpdc, yarn over, insert the hook in front of the previous round's dc, working from behind the fabric, then make a dc around the post. See images.

-The type of cotton yarn you use will affect the size and stability of the basket. For instance, Hobby Lobby's I Love This Yarn Cotton has a little more stretch to it and will be slightly smaller. Lily Sugar and Cream will give you a larger and more rigid basket. Choose the yarn that will be the best for your intended use and how much weight the basket may be holding.



FPDC



BPDC

Pattern:**Base (work in continuous rounds)**

R1 Beginning with a magic circle, hdc 8 into the circle. Pull tail tight to close, do not join. (8)

R2 hdc inc in each st (16)

R3 (hdc, hdc inc) 8x (24)

R4 (hdc in next 2 sts, hdc inc) 8x (32)

R5 (hdc in next 3 sts, hdc inc) 8x (40)

R6 (hdc in next 4 sts, hdc inc) 8x (48)

R7 (hdc in next 5 sts, hdc inc) 8x, ss to join round (56)

Body

From here all rounds will be joined and first st will be made in the same stitch you ss in.

Ch 2, dc in all sts (56)

R1 ch1, (fpdc, bpdc) around (56)

R2 ch1, (bpdc, fpdc) around (56)

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until body section measures 3.5"

Opening

R1 ch1, (sc in next 5 sts, sc dec) 8x (48)

R2 ch1, sc in all sts (48)

R3 ch 1, (sc in next 4 sts, sc dec) 8x (40)

To make a one-handed hanging basket:

R4 Ss into first st. ch 10, skip 2 sts, ss in the next st. Ss around entire edge, up into the 10 ch handle sts and ss into where ch sts were attached, behind the original ss.

Cut yarn and fasten off.

Weave in all ends.

To make a two-handle table-top basket: (see modifications)

R4 Sc into first st. ch 15, skip 2 sts, sc in the next st. Sc into the next 17 sts, ch 15, skip 2 sts, sc into the remaining sts in the round. Ss into first stitch of this round.

R5 Ss into the bottom of the of the first ch 15, ss in each ch st up the handle, ss in next st and each one around until you reach the next handle, ss in each ch st up the handle, ss the remaining sts in the round.

Cut yarn and fasten off.

Weave in all ends.

Modifications:

If you would like to use the two-handled basket to place a round potted plant in, do not make the decreases in the opening. Evenly sc 3 rounds and then complete the handles as directed in R4-R5, except you will now sc into the next 24 sts instead of 17 between the handles.



Finished piece will have a diameter of approx. 4-5" and a height of 4-5" when sitting flat.

If you have any questions during the making of this pattern, please email me directly at:

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