

Crocheted Basket Formula

Size P Hook

All stitches are a single crochet (SC) except for the Handles, then you will need a Half Crochet (HC)

To crochet a circle and keep it flat (the bottom of a basket), you need to increase 6 stitches on each round. The pattern below can be continued indefinitely to make round rugs from shirts as well.

Chain 2

In the second chain from hook SC 6 Times This is your first round.

Round Two: 2 SC in each stitch (12 Stitches)

Round Three: SC in First Stitch, 2 SC in next, repeat around (18 stitches)

Round Four: SC in First 2 Stitches, 2 SC in next, repeat around (24 stitches)

Round Five: SC in First 3 Stitches, 2 SC in next, repeat around (30 stitches)

Round Six: SC in First 4 Stitches, 2 SC in next, repeat around (36 stitches)

Round Seven: SC in First 5 Stitches, 2 SC in next, repeat around (42 stitches)

Round Eight: SC in First 6 Stitches, 2 SC in next, repeat around (48 stitches)

Round Nine: SC in First 7 Stitches, 2 SC in next, repeat around (54 stitches)

When you have reached your desired number of bottom rounds, SC in the **front of each stitch** going round and round until the basket is the height you desire.

Make the Handles, this is done over the course of two rounds. Count the stitches you have in your round (if you did everything right it should be the same amount of stitches as above.

Take the number of stitches and subtract 16 then divide by two. write this number down, this is the number of stitches between the end of one handle and the beginning on another

Crochet 2 stitches, chain 7, count eight stitches on your basket and SC into that 8th stitch. Crochet your special number, chain 7 and SC into the 8th stitch, SC your special number returning you to the first handle. HC into all the stitches of the handle, SC that number again (!) HC the stitches of your handle and 3 stitches beyond, break yarn and pull through, wind in the end.

Switching colors: In order to switch colors smoothly, dive and pull through the first half of you SC with the original color and finish and pull through the two stitches on your hook with the new color.

Refresher for making the yarn:

<http://www.zomboracz.blogspot.com/2012/02/t-shirt-butchering.html>

