



Baby's 1st Easter Basket

Crochet Pattern

Materials Used:

Worsted weight yarn in your choice of 2 colors
Size H/8 (5.00mm) crochet hook

Size/Gauge:

One size basket and bow. Gauge is not important to this project.

Stitches Used/Abbreviations:

Ch-chain

Rnd-round

Sc-single crochet

Hdc-half double crochet

Dc-double crochet

Fphdc-front post half double crochet (yarn over, insert hook around front of post of next stitch, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops on hook)

Bphdc-back post half double crochet (yarn over, insert hook around back of post of next stitch, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops on hook)

BLO-work in back loops of stitches only

Sc2tog-single crochet two stitches together

Instructions:

Basket:

Rnd 1: With Color A, ch 2. Work 8 sc in 1st ch. Join with slip stitch to 1st sc. (8 sts)

Rnd 2: ch 1. Work 2 sc in each st around. Join. (16 sts)

Rnd 3: ch 1. *Work 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in next st*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (24 sts)

Rnd 4: ch 1. *Work 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in each of the next 2 sts*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (32 sts)

Rnd 5: ch 1. *Work 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in each of the next 3 sts*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (40 sts)

Rnd 6: ch 1. *Work 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in each of the next 4 sts*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (48 sts)

Rnd 7: ch 1. *Work 2 sc in next st, 1 sc in each of the next 5 sts*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (56 sts)

Rnd 8: ch 1. Working in BLO, hdc in each st around. Join. (56 sts)
 Rnd 9: ch 1. *Work 1 fphdc in each of the next 4 sts, work 1 bphdc in each of the next 4 sts*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (56 sts)
 Rnd 10: ch 1. Work 1 hdc in each st around. Join. (56 sts)
 Rnd 11: ch 1. *Work 1 bphdc in each of the next 4 sts, work 1 fphdc in each of the next 4 sts*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (56 sts)
 Rnd 12: ch 1. Work 1 hdc in each st around. Join. (56 sts)
 Rnd 13: ch 1. *Work 1 fphdc in each of the next 4 sts, work 1 bphdc in each of the next 4 sts*. Repeat (*) around. Join. Fasten off Color A, join Color B.
 Rnds 14-16: ch 1. Work 1 hdc in each st around. Join. Fasten off Color B, re-join Color A. (56 sts)
 Rnd 17: ch 1. Work 1 hdc in each st around. Join. (56 sts)
 Rnd 18: ch 1. *Work 1 bphdc in each of the next 4 sts, work 1 fphdc in each of the next 4 sts*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (56 sts)
 Rnd 19: ch 1. Work 1 hdc in each st around. Join. (56 sts)
 Rnd 20: ch 1. *Work 1 fphdc in each of the next 4 sts, work 1 bphdc in each of the next 4 sts*. Repeat (*) around. Join. (56 sts)
 Rnd 21: ch 1. *Sc2tog, sc in each of the next 6 sts*. Repeat (*) around. Join. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Handle:

Row 1: ch 41. Sc in 2nd ch from hook, and in each ch across.
 Row 2: ch 1, TURN. Hdc in each st across.
 Row 3: ch 1, TURN. Sc in each st across. Fasten off.
 Using a yarn needle, sew each end of handle to an opposite side of basket at top row. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Bow:

Rnd 1: With Color B, ch 30. Being careful not to twist ch, join with slip st in 1st ch to form a ring. Ch 1. Sc in each ch around. Join.
 Rnd 2: ch 1. Hdc in each st around. Join.
 Rnd 3: ch 1. Sc in each st around. Join. Fasten off. Flatten loop in half, with joinings at center back. Tie a length of yarn around both layers at center, leaving tails long enough to tie tassels to back of bow.

Tassels:

Row 1: With Color B, ch 20. Dc in 3rd ch from hook. Hdc in next ch. Sc in each of the next 6 chs. Work 4 sc in next ch. Sc in each of the next 6 chs. Hdc in next ch. Dc in each of the last 2 chs.
 Working across end, and opposite side of ch: ch 1. Sc in end of tassel. Work 3 sc in corner. Sc in each ch, skipping "center hole" st. Work 3 sc in next corner. Sc in end. Join to 1st st. Fasten off. Weave in ends.
 Using tails from bow, tie tassel to back of bow, through center hole. Then, tie entire bow to center row of Color B band on basket.

If you would like to "stiffen" the handle, you can add pipe cleaners or wire to the edges of it.