FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Sturdy Crochet Storage Basket

Oval basket with handle slots · 11.6 × 4.7 × 5.7 in · worsted held double · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	SIZE	HOOK
Easy	**11.6 × 4.7 × 5.7 in**	**6.5 mm (US K-10.5)**
YARN	**GAUGE**	**TIME**
Worsted ×2, 145 yd	**11 sc × 12 rounds = 4 in**	**About 6 hours**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) cotton, about 145 yd in total (used 2 strands together)
- 6.5 mm (US K-10.5) hook, stitch markers, tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**crab st**	reverse sc
sc	single crochet	**sp**	space
BLO	back loop only		

Hold two strands of worsted together throughout and crochet tightly: the basket should stand up on its own. Work in a continuous spiral.

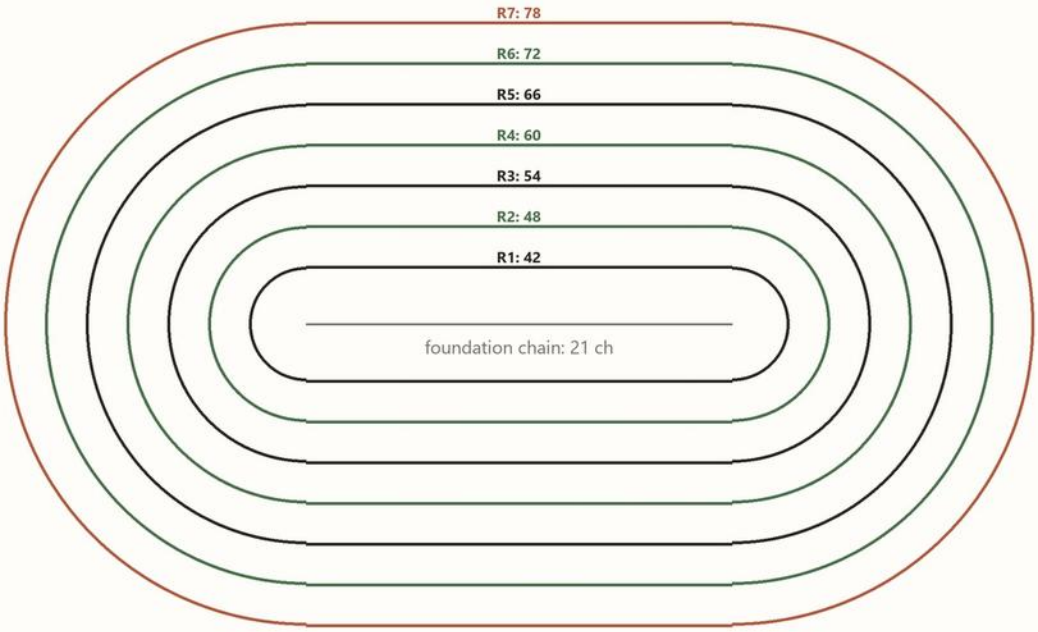
Basket

Foundation	Holding 2 strands together, ch 21.	
Round 1	Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in the next 18 ch, 3 sc in the last ch; working along the other side of the chain, sc in the next 18 ch, 2 sc in the last ch (the same ch as the first sc). Place a marker; work in a spiral.	**(42)**
Round 2	Sc in each st along the straight side, then work (2 sc in the next st) 3 times around the curved end; repeat once more for the other side and end.	**(48)**
Round 3	Sc in each st along the straight side, then work (sc in the next st, 2 sc in the next st) 3 times around the curved end; repeat once more for the other side and end.	**(54)**
Round 4	Sc in each st along the straight side, then work (sc in the next 2 sts, 2 sc in the next st) 3 times around the curved end; repeat once more for the other side and end.	**(60)**
Round 5	Sc in each st along the straight side, then work (sc in the next 3 sts, 2 sc in the next st) 3 times around the curved end; repeat once more for the other side and end.	**(66)**
Round 6	Sc in each st along the straight side, then work (sc in the next 4 sts, 2 sc in the next st) 3 times around the curved end; repeat once more for the other side and end.	**(72)**
Round 7	Sc in each st along the straight side, then work (sc in the next 5 sts, 2 sc in the next st) 3 times around the curved end; repeat once more for the other side and end.	**(78)**
Round 8	Sc in the back loop only of each st around. The edge turns up into a wall.	**(78)**
Rounds 9–19	Sc in each st around.	**(78)**

Round 20	Fold the basket so the curved ends are at the sides and mark the 8 centre sts of each end. Sc to the first marked group, ch 8, skip the 8 marked sts, sc to the next group, ch 8, skip 8, sc to the end.	**(78)**
Round 21	Sc in each st around, working 8 sc into each ch-8 space.	**(78)**
Rounds 22–23	Sc in each st around.	**(78)**
Rim	Sl st in the next st to smooth the spiral, then crab stitch (reverse sc) all the way around. Fasten off and weave in.	

Oval Basket · Base Plan

Straight sides of 19 sts; each round adds 3 sts around each curved end (+6 per round)



Finished basket about 11.6 × 4.7 in, 5.7 in tall · 78 sts around the wall · two 8-st handle slots on the ends

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