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Waistcoat Stitch Crochet

How to crochet the waistcoat (knit) stitch, plus a round basket in 2 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	PRACTICE	YARN
Advanced beginner	**Round basket, 2 sizes**	**Worsted (#4) cotton**
HOOK	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
4 mm (US G-6)	**sc, waistcoat st, sl st**	**About 3 / 5 hours**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) cotton: 105 yd (small) or 200 yd (large)
- 4 mm (US G-6) hook, stitch marker, tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

sc	single crochet	**waistcoat st**	sc worked through the centre of the V of the st below
BLO	back loop only	**sl st**	slip stitch

Gauge: 16 sts and 18 rounds = 4 in (10 cm), a firm worsted cotton value.

Basket, Small

Base, round 1	Make a magic ring, ch 1, 6 sc in the ring. Don't join: work in a spiral and move a stitch marker up each round.	**(6)**
Round 2	2 sc in each st.	**(12)**
Round 3	*2 sc in the next st, sc in the next st*; repeat 6 times.	**(18)**
Round 4	*Sc in the next 2 sts, 2 sc in the next st*; repeat 6 times.	**(24)**
Round 5	Sc in the next st, 2 sc in the next st, *sc in the next 3 sts, 2 sc in the next st*; repeat 4 more times, sc in the last 2 sts. (Starting off-centre staggers the increases.)	**(30)**
Round 6	*Sc in the next 4 sts, 2 sc in the next st*; repeat 6 times.	**(36)**
Round 7	Sc in the next 2 sts, 2 sc in the next st, *sc in the next 5 sts, 2 sc in the next st*; repeat 4 more times, sc in the last 3 sts. (Starting off-centre staggers the increases.)	**(42)**
Round 8	*Sc in the next 6 sts, 2 sc in the next st*; repeat 6 times.	**(48)**
Round 9	Sc in the next 3 sts, 2 sc in the next st, *sc in the next 7 sts, 2 sc in the next st*; repeat 4 more times, sc in the last 4 sts. (Starting off-centre staggers the increases.)	**(54)**
Round 10	*Sc in the next 8 sts, 2 sc in the next st*; repeat 6 times.	**(60)**
Round 11	Sc in the next 4 sts, 2 sc in the next st, *sc in the next 9 sts, 2 sc in the next st*; repeat 4 more times, sc in the last 5 sts. (Starting off-centre staggers the increases.)	**(66)**
Round 12 (turning round)	Sc in the back loop only of each st. This makes the corner between the base and the sides.	**(66)**

Rounds 13–30	Waistcoat st in each st: insert the hook through the centre of the V of the stitch below, between its 2 legs, and work an sc. No increases. The sides measure about 4.0 in (10 cm).	**(66)**
Last round	Sl st in each st round, loosely. Join to the first sl st, fasten off and weave in the ends.	**(66)**

Basket, Large

Base, round 1	Make a magic ring, ch 1, 6 sc in the ring. Don't join: work in a spiral and move a stitch marker up each round.	**(6)**
Round 2	2 sc in each st.	**(12)**
Round 3	*2 sc in the next st, sc in the next st*; repeat 6 times.	**(18)**
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Round 12	*Sc in the next 10 sts, 2 sc in the next st*; repeat 6 times.	**(72)**
Round 13	Sc in the next 5 sts, 2 sc in the next st, *sc in the next 11 sts, 2 sc in the next st*; repeat 4 more times, sc in the last 6 sts. (Starting off-centre staggers the increases.)	**(78)**
Round 14	*Sc in the next 12 sts, 2 sc in the next st*; repeat 6 times.	**(84)**
Round 15	Sc in the next 6 sts, 2 sc in the next st, *sc in the next 13 sts, 2 sc in the next st*; repeat 4 more times, sc in the last 7 sts. (Starting off-centre staggers the increases.)	**(90)**
Round 16	*Sc in the next 14 sts, 2 sc in the next st*; repeat 6 times.	**(96)**
Round 17 (turning round)	Sc in the back loop only of each st. This makes the corner between the base and the sides.	**(96)**
Rounds 18–42	Waistcoat st in each st: insert the hook through the centre of the V of the stitch below, between its 2 legs, and work an sc. No increases. The sides measure about 5.6 in (14 cm).	**(96)**
Last round	Sl st in each st round, loosely. Join to the first sl st, fasten off and weave in the ends.	**(96)**

What's exact, what's calculated

Exact	Every base round modelled: +6 per round, staggered increases, flat circle check.
Calculated	Rounds, size and yarn from the gauge.

Assumed	The gauge.

How to Crochet the Waistcoat Stitch

Also called the knit stitch: sc through the centre of the stitch below · looks like knitting

1 · Find the V



Each sc seen from the front looks like a V with 2 legs. Work in the round, always on the right side.

2 · The centre of the V



Find the gap between the 2 legs of the V, below the top loops.

3 · Through the stitch



Push the hook straight through that gap, front to back, under the top loops.

4 · Sc



Yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through both loops. The new V sits right above the old one.

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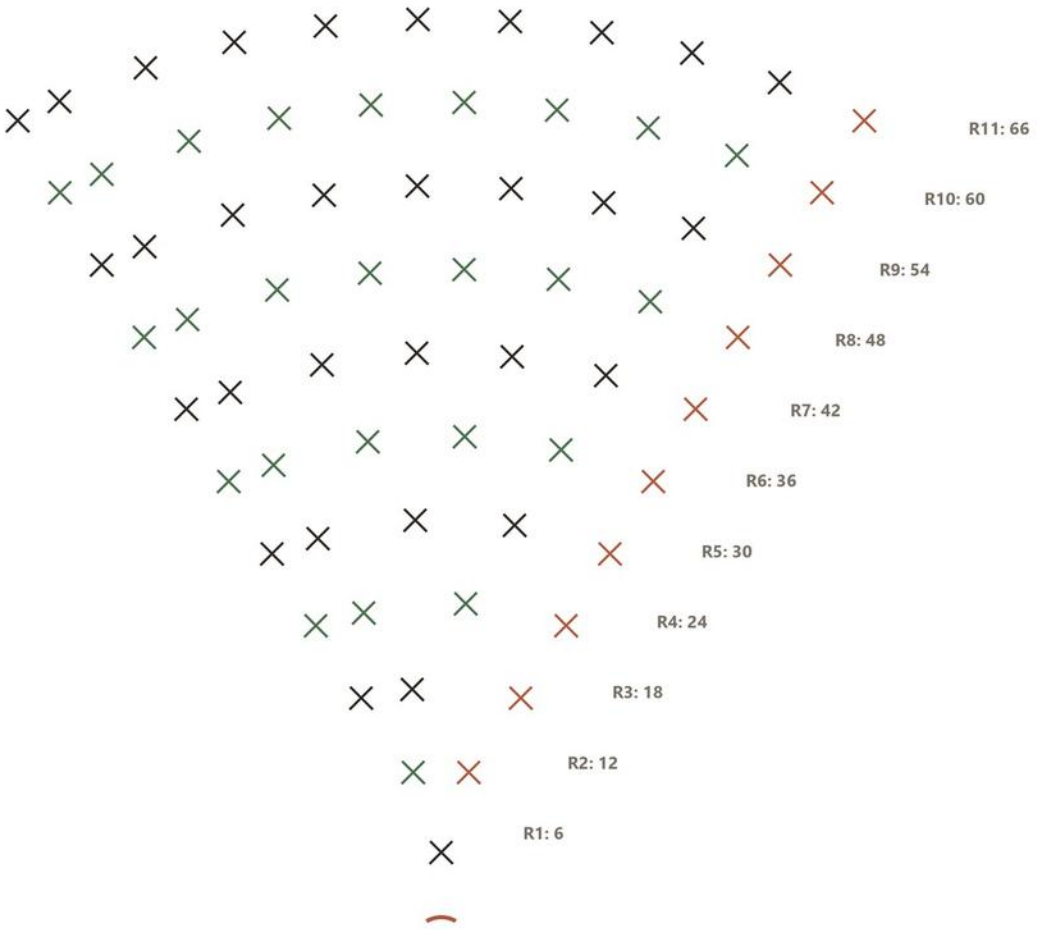
Basket Base · Wedge Chart (Small)

1/6 of the flat circle · 11 rounds of sc, +6 sts each round · orange = 2 sc in one st



Repeat the wedge 6 times round. Work in a spiral with a marker; stagger the increases on odd rounds.

Then 1 round of sc in the back loop (66 sts) and the sides in waistcoat stitch.

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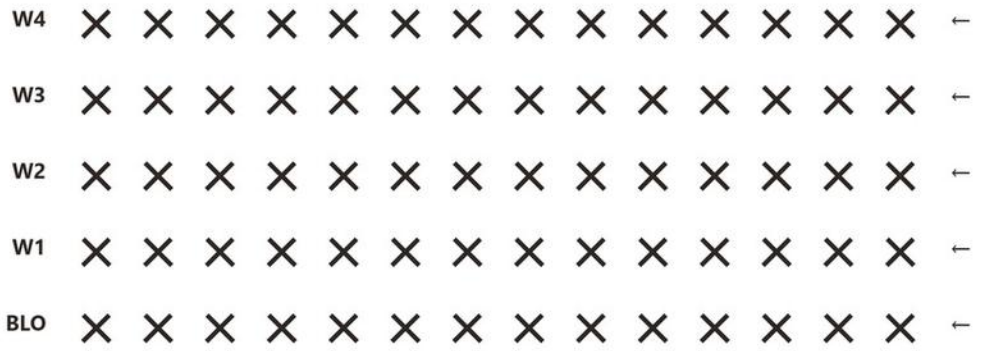
Basket Sides · Waistcoat Stitch

worked in the round, right side always facing · every stitch goes through the centre of the V below



BLO = the turning round: sc in the back loop only · W = waistcoat stitch rounds

Each X sits straight above the X below it: the columns of V's look like stockinette knitting.

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Waistcoat Stitch Basket · Sizes

Worsted (#4) cotton · 4 mm (US G-6) hook · gauge 16 sts × 18 rounds = 4 in in sc and waistcoat stitch

Size	Base	Sides	Base rounds	Waistcoat rounds	Worsted cotton
Small	5 in (13 cm) across	4 in (10 cm) tall	11 rounds → 66 sts	18 rounds	105 yd
Large	7 in (18 cm) across	5.5 in (14 cm) tall	16 rounds → 96 sts	25 rounds	200 yd

A tight gauge makes a basket that stands up on its own. Go down a hook size if yours is soft.

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