

# Beginners Basket Crochet Pattern



## Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:** 110 yards of bulky yarn (e.g., Bernat Blanket #6)
- **Hook:** K (6.5mm) crochet hook
- **Needle:** Wide-eye needle for weaving in ends
- **Other:** Scissors
- **Finished Basket Size:**
  - Diameter: 6-8 inches
  - Height: 6-8 inches

## Abbreviations (US Terms):

- **ch** = chain
- **sc** = single crochet
- **sl st** = slip stitch
- **st(s)** = stitch(es)
- **inc** = increase (2 sc in the same stitch)
- **dec** = decrease (single crochet two stitches together)

# Stitching Instructions for Making Beginners Basket Crochet Pattern Pattern:

## Step 1: Create the Base of the Basket



- **Start with a slip knot and ch 4.**
- Join with a **sl st** to form a ring (this will be the foundation for the base).
- **Round 1:** Ch 1 (this does not count as a stitch), make 6 **sc** into the center of the ring.
  - (Note: Pull the tail of the starting yarn to close the ring tightly).
  - Join the round with a **sl st** to the first **sc**. You should have 6 stitches total.
- **Round 2:** Ch 1, make **inc** (2 sc) in each stitch around.
  - This will increase the number of stitches from 6 to 12.
  - Join with a **sl st** to the first **sc**.
- **Round 3:** Ch 1, make **sc** in the first stitch, then make **inc** in the next stitch.
  - Repeat this pattern around: 1 **sc**, 1 **inc**.
  - This will increase the total stitches from 12 to 18.
  - Join with a **sl st** to the first **sc**.
- **Round 4:** Ch 1, make **sc** in the first two stitches, then make **inc** in the next stitch.
  - Repeat around: 2 **sc**, 1 **inc**.
  - This will increase the stitches from 18 to 24.

- Join with a **sl st** to the first **sc**.
- **Round 5:** Ch 1, make **sc** in the first three stitches, then make **inc** in the next stitch.
  - Repeat around: 3 **sc**, 1 **inc**.
  - This will increase the stitches from 24 to 30.
  - Join with a **sl st** to the first **sc**.

## Step 2: Build the Sides of the Basket



- **Round 6-10:** Ch 1, make **sc** in each stitch around.
  - Continue making 30 **sc** stitches around for 5 rounds. This helps create the sides of the basket.
  - Join with a **sl st** to the first **sc** at the end of each round.
- **Round 11:** Ch 1, make **sc** in the first three stitches, then **dec** over the next two stitches.
  - Repeat around: 3 **sc**, 1 **dec**.
  - This will reduce the total stitches from 30 to 24.
  - Join with a **sl st** to the first **sc**.
- **Round 12:** Ch 1, make **sc** in each stitch around.
  - Make 24 **sc** stitches for one round. This helps to shape the top of the basket.
  - Join with a **sl st** to the first **sc**.
- **Round 13:** Ch 1, make **sc** in the first two stitches, then **dec** over the next two stitches.
  - Repeat around: 2 **sc**, 1 **dec**.

- This will reduce the total stitches from 24 to 18.
- Join with a **sl st** to the first **sc**.
- **Round 14:** Ch 1, make **sc** in each stitch around.
  - Make 18 **sc** stitches for one round.
  - Join with a **sl st** to the first **sc**.

### Step 3: Finish the Basket



- **Round 15:** Ch 1, make **sc** in each stitch around.
  - Continue making 18 **sc** stitches for one round.
  - Join with a **sl st** to the first **sc**.
  - Fasten off the yarn and leave a long tail for sewing.
- **Finishing:**
  - Using a **wide-eye needle**, weave in the yarn ends, making sure to stitch through the remaining loops to secure them tightly.
  - If you prefer, you can gently shape the sides of the basket by pressing or folding them as needed.

### Additional Tips:

- For a larger or smaller basket, you can adjust the number of increase rounds at the base. To make it bigger, simply add more rounds to the base before starting the body section.
- If you want the basket to have a more defined edge, you can add an additional round of **sc** around the top edge after completing the body.