

# Mini Nesting Baskets



## Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn**
  - Bernat Maker Home Dec (#5 bulky weight cotton/nylon blend)
  - **Colors:** “Cream” and “Clay”
- **Hooks**
  - H (5.0mm)
  - G (4.25mm)
- **Gauge:** The first 5 rounds should measure **2.5” across**.
- **Additional Tools**
  - Yarn needle
  - Stitch marker
  - Plastic canvas

## Measurements:

- **Yardage:** 30 yards
- **Finished Size:** 3” wide x 1.5” tall

## Abbreviations:

- **Ch** = Chain
- **sc** = Single crochet

- **sc2tog** = Single crochet two together (a decrease stitch)
- **st** = Stitch
- **sp** = Space
- **st(s)** = Stitch(es)
- **mc** = Magic circle (ring)
- **rep** = Repeat
- **yo** = Yarn over
- **pm** = Place marker (used to mark the beginning of the round)
- **F/O** = Fasten off (cut and tie off the yarn)

## Stitching Instructions for Making the Mini Nesting Baskets Pattern:

### Basket Base:

- **With H hook and Color “Cream”, create a magic ring.** (This creates a tight, adjustable loop to start the base).
- **Round 1:** Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), make **6 sc** into the magic ring. Pull the yarn tail tight to close the ring, and place a **stitch marker** in the first sc to keep track of the rounds. (6 sc)
- **Round 2:** Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), **2 sc in each sc around.** This will increase the stitch count, so you will have 12 sc at the end of the round. (12 sc)
- **Round 3:** Ch 1, **(sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) around.** Repeat this pattern around the round. After completing the round, you should have 18 sc. (18 sc)
- **Round 4:** Ch 1, **(sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) around.** This round increases the stitch count to 24 sc. (24 sc)
- **Round 5:** Ch 1, **(sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) around.** This increases the stitch count to 30 sc. (30 sc)

### Basket Sides:

- **Round 6:** Ch 1, **sc in each sc around.** No increases this round just continue making 1 sc in each stitch from the previous round. (30 sc) 8.
- **Round 7:** Switch to **Color “Clay”** (do not fasten off Color “Cream”; just drop it and pick up Color “Clay”). Ch 1, **sc in each sc around.** Continue with 1 sc per stitch. (30 sc) 9.
- Repeat **Round 7** for additional rounds in Color “Clay” until the basket measures **1.5” tall**, ending with a round of 30 sc.

### Basket Top:

- **Round 8:** Ch 1, **(sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog) around.** This decreases the stitch count slightly. After completing this round, you should have 24 sc. (24 sc) 11.
- **Round 9:** Ch 1, **(sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog) around.** Continue the decrease pattern. After completing this round, you should have 18 sc. (18 sc) 12.

- **Round 10:** Ch 1, (**sc in next sc, sc2tog**) **around**. This will decrease the stitch count further. After this round, you should have 12 sc. (12 sc) 13.
- **Round 11:** Ch 1, **sc2tog around**. This round reduces the stitch count to 6 sc. (6 sc) 14.
- **Fasten off** the yarn, leaving a long tail to close the top of the basket. Pull the tail through the remaining 6 stitches and tighten to secure.

### **Finishing:**

- Use a **yarn needle** to **weave in any loose ends** along the sides of the basket and the top, so the yarn is neatly tucked away.
- If you'd like to add structure to the basket, cut a piece of **plastic canvas** to fit the base of the basket and insert it inside. This will help the basket hold its shape.