

Small Spa Basket



Filled with spa cloths, lotions and body gels, this small basket makes a lovely gift.

Materials:

100% cotton yarn, worsted weight, approx. 300 yards
Crochet hook size N
Yarn needle
Plastic canvas
One-inch wide ribbon, approx. 36 inches (optional)
Lightweight craft wire, approx. 36 inches (optional)

Gauge:

6 dcs = 2 inches

3 rows = 2 inches

Finished size: 10 inches long, 6 inches wide and 5 inches high.

Abbreviations:

Ch = chain

Sl st = slip stitch

St = stitch

Sc = single crochet

Dc = double crochet

Sp = space

NOTE: This basket is worked with two strands of yarn. The base consists of two pieces crocheted together with plastic canvas in between. For stability, you may prefer to crochet over the wire while working the top edging round. The basket may also be stiffened with a white glue/water solution or other commercial solution.

Side Panel: (make 2)

With 2 strands of yarn and N hook, ch 27.

Row 1: Dc in fourth ch from hook and in each ch across. Ch 3, turn. (25 sts)

Row 2: Dc in each dc across. Ch 4, turn.

Row 3: Skip first dc, dc in next dc, * ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc; repeat from * across. Ch 3, turn.

Row 4: Dc in each dc and ch-1 sp across. Ch 3, turn.

Rows 5 - 7: Dc in each dc across. Ch 3, turn. At end of Row 7, fasten yarn.

End Panel: (make 2)

With 2 strands of yarn and N hook, ch 19.

Row 1: Dc in fourth ch from hook and in each ch across. Ch 3, turn. (17 sts)

Row 2: Dc in each dc across. Ch 4, turn.

Row 3: Skip first dc, dc in next dc, * ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc; repeat from * across. Ch 3, turn.

Row 4: Dc in each dc and ch-1 sp across. Ch 3, turn.

Row 5: Dc in each dc across. Ch 3, turn.

Row 6: Dc in first 4 dcs, ch 7, skip next 7 dcs, dc in remaining 5 dcs. Ch 3, turn.

Row 7: Dc in each of first 4 dcs, dc in each of next 2 chs, 2 dc in each of next 3 chs, dc in each of next 2 chs, dc in remaining 5 dcs. (20 sts) Fasten yarn.

Assemble side and end panels: Holding one end panel and one side panel wrong sides together, join two strands of yarn through both pieces with a sl st. Sc in same sp and sc along edge, making sure to crochet through both pieces. Fasten yarn. Repeat process for all four corner joinings.

Top Edge Trim: Attach 2 strands of yarn with sl st to any dc along top edge of basket. Sc evenly around top of basket, join with sl st to first sc. (If using craft wire for stability, you will hold wire along the tops of dcs and crochet over the wire.) Fasten yarn.

Base Panel: (make 2)

With 2 strands of yarn and N hook, ch 18.

Row 1: Dc in fourth ch from hook and in each ch across. Ch 3, turn. (16 sts)

Rows 2 - 13: Dc in each dc across. Ch 3, turn.

At end of Row 13, fasten yarn.

Cut a piece of plastic canvas that is approximately one-half inch shorter and one-half inch narrower than Base Panels. Place canvas between Base Panels. Working through both Panel pieces, join yarn with sl st; sc in same sp. Sc evenly around Panels, working 2 sc in each corner. Join with sl st in first sc. Do not fasten yarn.

Attach Base to Basket Body: Align the assembled End and Side Panels on top of the Base Panel. Working through sc round of Base and the lower edges of End and Side Panels, sc evenly around, working 2 sc in each corner. Fasten yarn. Weave in ends.

Weave ribbon through ch-1 sps in basket and tie in a bow at one end.

