

Teeny Tiny Basket

**A Crochet Pattern in US Crochet Terms.
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This is a crochet pattern for a tiny basket which you can use as a gift sack to hang on a Christmas tree, or make a set to give as party favours or just for fun.

This is a great little way to use up all those small balls of yarn and make a nice little present at the same time.

The pattern is very quick to make up and suitable for beginners.
There are pictures to help you as well.

The pattern uses the following stitches:
Chain, Single Crochet, Half Double Crochet, and Slip Stitches to join rounds.

Abbreviations are given below.

I made my little baskets in double knit yarn with a 4.5 mm hook.
They measure approximately 2.5 inches (6.5 cms) wide by 2.5 inches (6.5 cms) in length (not counting handle).



Supplies you will need to make this pattern:

Yarn in style and colour of your choice.
Crochet hook to match weight of yarn.
Darning needle to sew in ends.
Yarn scissors.

Abbreviations Used:

St (st) – Stitch
Sl St (sl st) – Slip Stitch
Ch (ch) – Chain(s)

Sc (sc) - Single Crochet (Insert hook into stitch [or ch], yarn over, pull yarn through stitch, yarn over, pull yarn through 2 loops on hook = sc made)

Hdc (hdc) – Half Double Crochet (Yarn over, insert hook into st [or ch], yarn over, pull yarn through stitch, yarn over, draw yarn through 3 loops on hook = hdc made.)

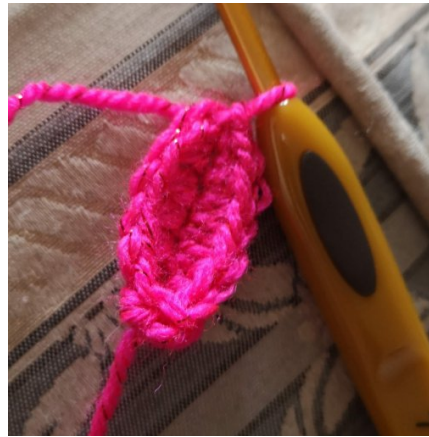
Closing number in brackets at end of each row is st count for the finished row.

Note: St placement from Rows 1 to Row 4 inclusive is designed to make a slight increase each round. From Row 5 onwards, no increases will be made, so no special st placement is required from and including row 5 onwards.

Pattern:

Chain 8

Row 1: Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in next 4 chs, 2hdc in last ch.
Turn work 180 degrees (still working on the RS) and work along the opposite side of the ch.
Hdc in next 5 chs, hdc in bottom of 2chs which make the first hdc.
Sl st to top of 2ch start to join.
(14 sts)



Row 1 completed and joined with a sl st

Row 2: Ch 2, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, hdc in st at bottom of 2ch start.
Sl st to top of ch 2 start to join.
(16 sts)



Row 2 completed and sl st joined

Row 3: Ch 2, hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, hdc in st at bottom of 2ch start.
Sl st to top of ch 2 start to join.
(18 sts)

Row 4: Ch 2, hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts, hdc in st at bottom of 2ch start.
Sl st to top of ch 2 start to join.
(20 sts)

Row 5: (increasing has now finished)
Ch 2, hdc in 19 sts, sl st to top of ch2 start to join.
(20 sts)

Rows 6 and 7: Repeat row 5.



Rows 5, 6 & 7 no increases

You will now have made a sl st join to end Row 7.

You begin Row 8 from this st.

(do NOT cut the yarn, continue with same yarn)



Row 8 begins with a ch from the sl st join

Row 8: Makes the handle.
Chain 20, sk 9 sts, sc into next (10th) st.



Row 8, joining ch handle with a sc. You will now continue to sc around. See next picture.

Row 8 continued: Sc into next 9 sts, sc into st at base of ch (see picture), sc around to where you began the sc round (this should be opposite where you began Row 8).

Sl st into starting sc (where you joined the ch to the bag)



Row 8 sc st around, including sc into st at the base of the ch handle.

Row 9: *Handle only left to do.*

24 sc around chain handle.

(You can use a few more or a few less scs to cover the handle if you prefer.

It will depend upon the yarn you are using. The main thing is to make the handle look neat and with no gaps between sts).



Row 9 – handle. Making scs around the chain.

Row 9 – to finish:

Sl st to sc at bottom of chain handle when you arrive there.

Cut yarn, leaving a long enough end to thread in neatly.

(If your handle doesn't look quite straight across, threading this end of your yarn forward and back, neatly through two to four scs at the top of the bag should sort this out and tighten it up).

Thread in ends neatly.

And that's it. Your tiny basket is completed!



Sl st into sc and cast off.

There are many uses for this little basket.

I use them to put tiny teddies in for gifts, but they would make a lovely little basket for an item of make-up or jewellery too.



I hope you enjoy this little pattern.

It's not the most ornate crochet pattern you will find :), but it's really quick and easy to do.

I would love to see pictures of your finished teeny, tiny baskets if you make some (but only if you want to share, of course).

The Teeny Tiny Basket Pattern has been designed by me, Silvi Veale.

You are very welcome to use it to make gifts, little baskets to keep things in, or to sell at craft fairs, etc.

However, please do not claim this pattern as your own, or use the pictures from it as your own.

If you post your work from this pattern online, I would be really pleased with a link to Elephant Sun Dog, <http://www.elephantsundog.co.uk/> but it isn't necessary.

Just enjoy! :)

Thank you

~ Silvi