

Whether you're spoiling your sweetheart with chocolates, candy or even a ring, this Valentine's Day this heart shaped basket is the perfect vessel. Each ball of Esther will make multiple boxes. The basket is made using a heart shaped coaster as a base, the pattern is worked in the round using a single starting chain.

MEASUREMENTS

| Size |  |  |
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| Width across (approx) | cm | 7 |
| Yarn Required: 200 g balls 1 |  |  |

Please use only the yarn specified. Another yarn is likely to yield different results. Quantities are approximate as knitting styles may vary between knitters. Check the ball bands to ensure all yarn is from the same dye lot.

## DIFFICULTY

## CROCHET HOOKS \& EQUIPMENT:

A 4.00 mm crochet hook.
Wool needle for sewing in ends.

## TENSION:

Tension is not important for this project.
CROCHET ABBREVIATIONS:
ch: chain
$\mathrm{dc}: \quad$ double crochet
dc2tog: double crochet two stitches together
htr:
yo: yarn over
sl st: slip stitch
blo: back loop only

## CROCHET BASKET

Base:
Ch16
Round 1: Working the following in the back loop only, 2dc in the 2nd ch from the hook, 6dc, 3dc in the next st, 6dc, 2dc in the last ch, rotate work so the other side of the chain can now be worked into, 5 dc , dc 2 tog going through the next ch and the 3rd ch along, skipping a single ch. 6dc, sl st into the first dc to join ... 32dc
Round 2: Ch1, 2dc twice, 7dc, 3dc into the next st, 7dc, 2dc three times, $4 \mathrm{dc}, \mathrm{dc} 2$ tog going through the next st and the 3rd st along, skipping the dc 2 tog from the previous round, $4 \mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$ into the next st, sl st into the first st to join ... 38dc
Round 3: Ch1, 2dc in the next st, dc, 2dc in the next st, 9dc, 3dc in the next $\mathrm{st}, 9 \mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$ into the next st, dc, 2dc into the next st, dc, 2dc into the next $s t, 3 d c$ into the next $s t, 2 d c$ into the next $s t, d c, s l$ st into the first $d c$ to join ... 44dc
Round 4: Ch1, 2dc, 2dc into the next st, 2dc, 2dc into the next st, 9dc, 3dc into the next $s t, 9 \mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$ into the next $\mathrm{st}, 2 \mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$ into the next $\mathrm{st}, 2 \mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$ into the next st, 4dc, dc2tog going through the next and 3rd st along, 4dc, 2dc into the next st, sl st into the first st to join ... 50dc
Round 5: Ch1, dc, 2dc into the next st, 3dc, 2dc into the next st, 12dc, 2 dc into the next $s t, 3 \mathrm{dc}$, 2 dc into the next st , 3 dc , 2 dc into the next st , 2 dc , dc 2 tog into the next and 3rd st along, 2dc, 2dc into the next st, 2dc, sl st into the first dc to join, turn work ... 56dc

## Sides of Basket:

Round 6: Working along the wrong side, ch1, dc in the back loops of each st, sl st into the first st to join.
Round 7: Ch1, 6dc, 2dc into the next st, dc to end of round and sl st to the first dc to join.
Round 8 and onwards: Ch1, dc in each st around, sl st to close round.
Repeat round 8 until piece measures desired height.

