



CROCHET | SKILL LEVEL: **EASY**

## ABBREVIATIONS

**Approx** = Approximately

**Beg** = Begin(ning)

**Ch** = Chain(s)

**Dc** = Double crochet

**Hdc** = Half double crochet

**Rep** = Repeat

**Rnd(s)** = Round(s)

**RS** = Right side

**Sc** = Single crochet

**Sc2tog** = Draw up a loop in each of next 2 stitches. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook

**Sl st** = Slip stitch

**St(s)** = Stitch(es)

**Tog** = Together

**Tr** = Treble crochet

**Yoh** = Yarn over hook

## MEASUREMENTS

Approx 6½" [16.5 cm] tall x 10" [25.5 cm] diameter (excluding tail).

## GAUGE

9 sc and 7 rows = 4" (10 cm) with 2 strands of yarn held together.

## INSTRUCTIONS

**Note:** Basket is worked with 2 strands of yarn held together throughout.

With 2 strands held tog, ch 2.

**1st rnd:** 10 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with sl st to first sc. 10 sc.

**2nd rnd:** Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. 20 sc.

**3rd rnd:** Ch 1. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in next sc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first sc. 30 sc.

**4th rnd:** Ch 1. \*1 sc in next sc. 2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in next sc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first sc. 40 sc.

**5th rnd:** Ch 1. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 3 sc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first sc. 50 sc.

**6th rnd:** Ch 1. *Working in back loops only*, 1 sc in each sc around.

## MATERIALS

**Bernat® Baby Blanket™** (3.5 oz/100 g; 72 yds/65 m)

Seafoam (03736)

**4 balls or 230 yds/210 m**

Size U.S. L/11 (8 mm) crochet hook **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Susan Bates® split-lock stitch count markers. Susan Bates® Steel yarn needles. Pair of safety eyes 14 mm diameter. Small amount of black worsted weight yarn for embroidery.

**Do not join.**

From this point on, Basket is worked in a spiral. **Do not** join at end of rnds. Place marker on first st of rnd and move marker up each subsequent rnd.

**7th rnd:** 1 sc in each sc around.

**8th rnd:** \*1 sc in each of next 2 sc. 2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 2 sc. 60 sc.

**9th rnd:** As 7th rnd.

**10th rnd:** \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 5 sc. 70 sc.

**11th to 14th rnds:** As 7th rnd.

**15th rnd:** \*Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 5 sc. Rep from \* around. 60 sts.

**16th rnd:** As 7th rnd.

**17th rnd:** \*1 sc in each of next 2 sc. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 2 sc. Rep from \* around. 50 sts.

**18th rnd:** 1 sc in each sc around. Sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

**Tail**

With 2 strands of yarn held tog, ch 8.

**1st row:** (RS). Ch 1. 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 7 sc.

**2nd row:** Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in each of next 5 sc. 2 sc in last sc. 9 sc. Turn.

**3rd row:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

**4th row:** Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in each of next 7 sc. 2 sc in last sc. 11 sc. Turn.

**5th row:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

**6th row:** Ch 4 (counts as tr). 1 tr in next sc. 1 dc in next sc. 1 hdc in next sc. 1 sc in next sc. Sl st in next sc. 1 sc in next sc. 1 hdc in next sc. 1 dc in next sc. 1 tr in each of last 2 sc. Fasten off.

**FINISHING**

Sew Tail to Basket as seen in picture. Insert safety eyes. With 2 strands of black worsted weight yarn, embroider mouth with straight stitch as seen in picture.

**Straight Stitch**

