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CROCHET SKILL LEVEL EASY

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What you will need:
RED HEART ${ }^{\text {® }}$ Classic $^{\text {TM }}$ : Small: 3 skeins each of 334 Tan A and 111 Eggshell B Large: 6 skeins 412 Silver A and 3 skeins 111 Eggshell B

Susan Bates ${ }^{\circledR}$ Crochet Hook: 6.5 mm [US K-1012]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 8 sts $=4^{\prime \prime}[10 \mathrm{~cm}] ; 91 / 2$ rounds $=4^{\prime \prime}[10 \mathrm{~cm}]$ in single crochet with 3 strands of yarn held together. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

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Classic $^{\text {TM }}$, Art. E267 available in solid color 3.5 oz ( 100 g ), 190 yd (174 m), prints \& multicolor 3 oz ( 85 g ), 146 yd ( 134 m ) skeins


## Color-Block Baskets

An organized home is a more relaxed home, and these baskets can help make it happen. They are easy to crochet and will hold all your favorite possessions right where you need them (like your yarn).

Directions are for size Small basket. Changes for Large baskets are in parentheses.

Small basket measures about 8" [20.5 cm ] tall and 30" [76 cm] circumference.

Large basket measures about 12" [30.5 cm] and 42" [106.5 cm] circumference.

## Notes

1. Each basket is worked in joined rounds, beginning at the center of the base.
2. Three strands are held together throughout.
3. To change yarn color, working joining slip st as follows: Insert hook in first sc, yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook. Proceed with new color. Cut old color, leaving a long tail to weave in later.

## BASKET <br> Base

With 3 strands of $\mathbf{A}$ held together, ch 3 slip st in first ch to form a ring.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc-6 sc.
Round 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around join with slip st in first sc-12 sc. Round 3: Ch 1, [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc-18 sc.
Round 4: Ch 1, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc-24 sc.
Round 5: Ch 1, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc-30 sc.
Round 6: Ch 1, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc-36 sc.
Round 7: Ch 1, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc-42 sc.

Round 8: Ch 1, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc-48 sc.
Round 9: Ch 1, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc-54 sc.
Round 10: Ch 1, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc-60 sc.

## Large Basket Only:

Round 11: Ch 1, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc-66 sc.
Round 12: Ch 1, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc-72 sc.
Round 13: Ch 1, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc-78 sc.
Round 14: Ch 1, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts] 6 times; join with slip st in first sc-84 sc.

## Sides

## All Baskets:

Next Round (right side): Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc-60 (84) sc. Next 5 (19) Rounds: Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc. Change yarn color to $\mathbf{B}$ in joining slip st of last round
Next Round (right side): With B, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc. Next 10 (6) Rounds: Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc.
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## Handles

Next Round: Ch 1, sc in first 10 (14) sts, ch 10 (14), skip next 10 (14) sts, sc in next 20 (28) sts, ch 10 (14) sts, skip next 10 (14) sts, sc in last 10 (14) sts; join with slip st in first sc-40 (56) sc and 2 ch-10 (14) spaces.

Next Round: Ch 1, [sc in each st to next ch-space, 10 (14) sc in ch-space] twice, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc.
Last Round: Ch 1, sc in each st around; oin with slip st in first sc.
Fasten off $\mathbf{B}$.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends

## ABBREVIATIONS

$\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}=$ Color A and Color B ; $\mathbf{c h}$ = chain; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.


