



AN ITALIAN STORY





USAMI BASKETS

CROCHET



WHAT YOU NEED

RED HEART® Ora™: 15 balls 5341 Pietra A, and 9 balls 5360 Caramello B

Note: 15 balls are sufficient to make 1 large basket. 9 balls are sufficient to make 1 small basket.

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 10mm [US J-6]

Yarn needle.

GAUGE: 7 sts = about 4" [10 cm]; 9 rows = about 4¼" [11 cm] in single crochet (sc). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size** hook to obtain the gauge.

BUY YARN



RED HEART* Ora™: Art R183 available in 3.5 oz (100 g) 52 yds (48 m) balls

Designed by Italian Story Design Team

Large basket measures about 10" [25.5 cm] wide, 15%" [39.5 cm] long, and 12" [30.5 cm] tall.

Small basket measures about 7" [18 cm] wide, $11\frac{1}{2}$ " [29 cm] long, and 9" [23 cm] tall.

Notes

- Each basket is made from five pieces: Base, two long sides, and two short sides.
- 2. The pieces are crocheted together to form basket.

LARGE BASKET

BASE

With **A**, ch 28.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—27 sc.

Rows 2-21: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Fasten off.

LONG SIDE (make 2)

With A. ch 28.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—27 sc

Rows 2-21: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.





Make Opening for Handle

Row 22: Ch 1, turn, sc in first 9 sc, ch 9, skip next 9 sc, sc in last 9 sc—18 sc and 1 ch-9.

Row 23: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc and ch across-27 sc.

Rows 24 and 25: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Fasten off. Repeat for second long side.

SHORT SIDE (make 2)

With **A**, ch 19.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—18 $_{50}$

Rows 2-25: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Fasten off.

SMALL BASKET

BASE

With **B**, ch 21.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch

across-20 sc.

Rows 2-15: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Fasten off.

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LONG SIDE (make 2)

With A. ch 21.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—20 sc.

Rows 2-15: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Make Opening for Handle

Row 16: Ch 1, turn, sc in first 7 sc, ch 6, skip next 6 sc, sc in last 7 sc—14 sc and 1 ch-6.

Row 17: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc and ch across—20 sc.

Rows 18 and 19: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Fasten off. Repeat for second long side.

SHORT SIDE (make 2)

With **A**. ch 14.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—13

Rows 2-19: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Attach long sides to base: Hold base and one long side together, with stitches along edge matching. Working from right side (outside of basket) and through both thicknesses, join yarn with a slip st in beginning corner, slip st in each st across to opposite corner. Fasten off. Repeat to attach second long side to remaining long side of base.

Attach short sides to base: Hold base and one short side together, with stitch along edge matching. Working from right side and through both thicknesses, join yarn with a slip st in beginning corner, slip st evenly spaced across to opposite corner. Fasten off. Repeat to attach second short side to remaining short side of base.



Join basket corners: Working from right side and through both thicknesses, join yarn with a slip st at beginning of any basket corner edge, working through both thicknesses, slip st evenly spaced along edge. Fasten off. Repeat to join remaining three basket corners.

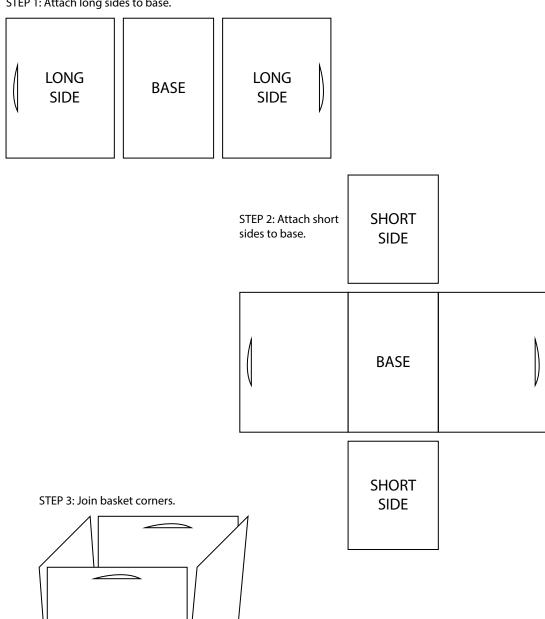
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

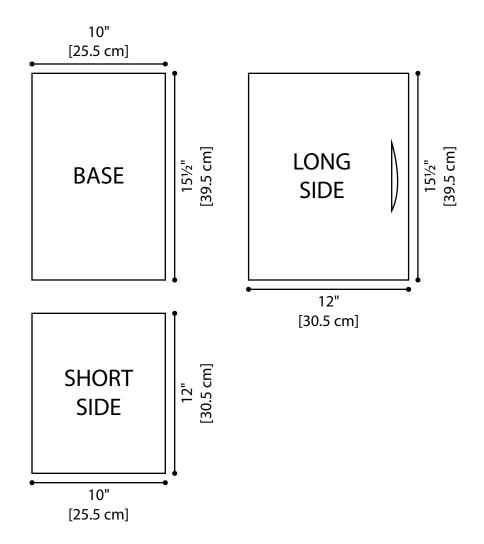
ch = chain; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es).

see schematics on the following pages...

STEP 1: Attach long sides to base.



Large Basket



Small Basket

