

Ridge Basket

Designed by Team Love Fest

This versatile basket is created by seaming rows of garter stitch together and cinching the bottom. The pattern is easily adjusted by adding or decreasing stitches and rows to make a larger or smaller basket.

Materials + Notions:

- 1 x 50-yard ball of Tough Love
- US Size 50 straight needles
- Felting needle to weave in ends (optional)

Abbreviations:

CO: cast on
BO: bind off
sts: stitches

STEP I:

Using a half hitch CO, CO 9 stitches leaving a ~14" tail

STEP II:

- Knit for 40+ rows. Just good old garter stitch the whole way through, the tighter the better. Keep going until you are close to the end of your yarn but make sure you have enough to bind off, leaving a ~14" tail.

STEP III:

- BO and leave a ~14" tail
- Holding your cast on and cast off edges next to each other, use your fingers and one tail of yarn to sew a seam down the side. Mattress stitch works well; just make sure the sides and top rim match up evenly and maintain the verticle appearance of the garter stitch. Weave in end.

STEP IV:

- Cinch up the bottom of the basket using the remaining tail by weaving the tail in and out of every second stitch all the way around the bottom edge. Pull the tail tight and tie a knot; you can knot it together with the remaining end of the seam tail if desired and/or use what remains of each tail to perfect the star formation at the bottom of the basket. Ends can be most easily disguised and held into place using a felting needle. Turn basket inside out (depending on which side ends up looking the best and appears most seamless). Adjust into shape and you're done!

