

Easter Bunny Basket



Materials

1. Worsted weight yarn in 3 colors. You need only a small amount of yarn for the ears and the flower
2. Hook- H (5mm) or the hook needed to attain gauge
3. Yarn needle (Blunt sewing needle with big eye) and matching thread.

Size

Fit for a kid. This basket is compact and I think that is what is helping it hold its shape even if worked using a single strand of yarn.

Dimensions of the finished bag: 5 inches in diameter at the bottom, 3 inches in diameter at the top and 4 inches in height.

Gauge

Using Hook H and working in hdc, 8 rounds measured 5 inches in diameter as shown in the picture.



Stitch Abbreviations

Pattern is in standard American terms.

sc- single crochet

sl st- slip stitch

hdc- half double crochet

dc -double crochet

tr- triple crochet

ch- chain

Stitch Explanation

- 1. Triple crochet (tr):** Yarn over twice, insert hook into the next stitch and pull up a loop, (Yarn over and pull through 2 loops at a time) 3 times to complete the triple crochet stitch.
- 2. Hdc2tog (decrease) :** [Yarn over, insert hook into next stitch and pull up a loop] twice to get 5 loops on the hook, yarn over and pull through all 5 loops on the hook.
- 3. Sc2tog :** Insert hook into the 1st stitch and pull up a loop, insert hook into next st and pull up a loop to get 3 loops on the hook, yarn over and pull through all the 3 loops on the hook.
- 4. Sc3tog :** To sc in all the 3 stitches, insert the hook into same st as ch 1 and pull up a loop, insert hook into the 2nd st and pull up a loop, insert hook into the 3rd st and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through all the loops on the hook

Base of the Basket

Note: The entire basket is worked in the round without turning.

Ch 4, sl st to 1st ch to form a ring.

Round 1: 6 sc in ring and sl st to 1st sc -----6 st

Round 2: Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st to 1st hdc skipping the beginning ch 2-----12 st

Round 3: Ch 2, *(2hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next) , Repeat from * till the end of the round, sl st to 1st hdc skipping the beginning ch 2-----18 st

Round 4: : Ch 2, *(2hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next **2 st**) , Repeat from * till the end of the round, sl st to 1st hdc skipping the beginning ch 2-----24 st

Round 5: Ch 2, *(2hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next **3 st**) , Repeat from * till the end of the round, sl st to 1st hdc skipping the beginning ch 2-----30 st

Round 6: Ch 2, *(2hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next 4 st), Repeat from * till the end of the round, sl st to 1st hdc skipping the beginning ch 2-----36 st

Round 7: Ch 2, *(2hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next 5 st), Repeat from * till the end of the round, sl st to 1st hdc skipping the beginning ch 2-----42 st

Round 8 (Last Round of Base): Ch 2, *(2hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next 6 st), Repeat from * till the end of the round, sl st to 1st hdc skipping the beginning ch 2, do not fasten off-----48 st

Side of the Basket



1. Round one worked in backloops only leaving a round of free loops outside the basket

2. 6 even rows



3. The basket completed

Side Pattern

The side is also worked without turning till the end.

Round 1: With the right side of the base facing up, work in back loops only, ch2, 1 hdc in each st around, sl st to 1st hdc-----48 st

Round 2 to 6 (Total 5 Rows) : Work even just like round 1 above but in both loops

Round 7 (Increase Round) : Ch2, *(2hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next 5 stitches) , repeat from * 8 times till end of round, sl st to top of beginning ch 2-----57 St

Round 8 : Ch2, 1 hdc in each st around, sl st to 1st hdc-----57 st

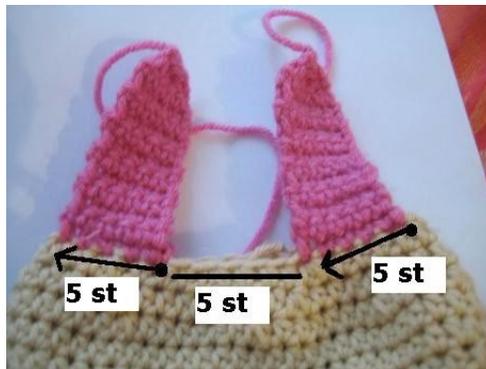
Round 9 (Decrease Row) : Ch 2, *(1 hdc in next 6 st , hdc2tog), repeat from * 7 times , 1 hdc in last st of the round, sl st to 1st hdc----- 50 st

Round 10 : Ch 2, *(1 hdc in next 3 st , hdc2tog), repeat from * 10 times till end of round, sl st to 1st hdc ----- 40 st

Round 11: Ch 2, *(1 hdc in next 3 st , hdc2tog), repeat from * 8 times till end of round, sl st to 1st hdc, **fasten off** ----- 32 st

You can add a slip stitch round if you want before fastening off.

Bunny Ears



1. Work the bunny ears as indicated by the arrow.



2. Floppy Ears



3. Pick the base of the ear and sew it to make the ears stand up

Bunny Ears Pattern

Note: The bunny ears are worked directly onto the basket.

Turn the basket front toward you, leaving the fasten off line at the back.

Left Ear

Row 1: Count 5 stitches in the middle and sl st to the next st (as shown by the arrow in the picture), Ch1 , 1 sc in the same st, 1 sc in next 4 stitches; Turn.-----5 sc not counting ch 1

Row 2 to 12 : ch 1, 1 sc in same st as ch 1, 1 sc in next 4 st; Turn.-----5 sc

Row 13 : Ch 1, sc2tog, 1 sc in middle st, sc 2tog; Turn. -----3 st

Row 14 : Ch 1, sc3tog (see stitch explanation) and fasten off.

Right ear

Work just like the left ear starting from point as shown in pic. You will have 5 free stitches between the 2 bunny ears.

Finishing the Ear

Weave in the tails. Your bunny ears will now be floppy. Pinch the base of the bunny ears and sew as shown in the picture to make them stand up.

Facial Features



1. Sew the outline of a triangle and fill it up for nose



2. Eyes made with ch 3



3. Pull the tails into the basket and knot it inside



4. Sew it down in place

Facial Features

Using pink yarn and a yarn needle sew the outline of a triangle and fill it in for the nose . Add two curved line with a back stitch for the mouth. For the eyes use 2 tiny black buttons. I didn't have buttons, so I chained 3 and sl stitched to the 1st chain, pulled the 2 tails into the basket, knotted the 2 tails inside the basket and clipped it, then stitched the eyes down using black thread.

Handle



1. Handle made flat



2. Sl stitch the sides together to form a rod



3. Completed handle with flat ends for sewing down



4. Sew the bunny ears onto the handle

Handle Pattern

Leaving a long tail, chain as long as you want the handle and add another 8 chains to sew in later. Try not to make it too long.

Row 1: Ch 2, 1 hdc in same st as ch 2, 1 hdc in each ch across. Turn.

Row 2 and 3 : Ch 2, 1 hdc in same st, 1 hdc in each st across. Turn.

Row 4 : Sl st in 6 stitches, now start sl stitching both the sides together to turn it into a rod as shown in the picture, fasten off leaving a long tail when 6 stitches left.

Using the tails on both the ends of the handle sew it into the inside of the basket right behind the bunny ears. Sew the bunny ears with matching thread onto the handle only at one point , taking care the thread doesn't show on the back of the handle. This will help the ears stay up.

Flower



1. Ch 4 and sl stitch into 1st chain to form a ring



2. Flower Center



3. One petal worked across 2 stitches



4. After completing 5 petals sl stitch to the base of the 1st petal



5. Long tails left on the flower used to tie behind the handle and bunny ears in a bow

Flower Pattern

Leaving a long tail Ch 4 using pink yarn and sl st to 1st chain to form a ring.

Round 1 : Work 5 sc into the chain ring and sl st to the 1st sc----- 5 sc

Round 2: Ch 2, 2 hdc in each stitch around, sl st to 1st hdc , fasten off leaving a long tail.----- 10 hdc

Use white yarn now and sl st into the stitch you just fasten off, leave a long tail.

Round 3 : * (Sl st to next st , ch 2, 1 dc and 1 tr in next st, 1 tr ,1 dc, ch 2 and sl st in next st,) – a petal made. Repeat 5 times from *----- 5 petals

Sl stitch to base of 1st petal. Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Note: Each petal is worked across 2 stitches. You work a sl st, ch 2, 1 dc, 1 tr all into 1 stitch to form the half of a petal and then work a tr, 1dc, ch 2 and sl st all into the next st to work the other half of a petal .

Finishing the Flower

1. Now you have 4 long tails , 2 of each color. Use it to tie the flower onto the left bunny ear and the handle. You can tie in a bow behind the handle using the tails.
2. You can also opt to weave in the tails and sew the flower on.

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