

CROCHET YARN HOLDER

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Size: 26 x 24 cm (diameter at the widest point x height).

Yarn: Lilli Tube Yarn (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, 1 kg / cone = ca. 220 m; 550 g green (10).

Other supplies: Plywood basket base 20 cm (44 holes), plywood basket lid 22 cm (49 holes), metal rings 20 cm and 25 cm, Stafil handbag handle (leather-like plait) 52 cm, grey (7). 18-ply or 15-ply cotton twine or like to attach the handle.

Crochet hook: 4 and 7 mm or size to obtain gauge.

Gauge: 8 sc and 7.5 rnds = 10 cm.

Abbreviations: ch = chain stitch, rnd = round, sc = single crochet, sc2tog = single crochet 2 stitches together, sl st = slip stitch, st(s) = stitch(es)

Basket: First, edge the plywood base. Hold the base facing towards you and use the smaller hook to work 1 sc into each hole as follows: Insert the hook through the hole, yarn over and pull through the hole, yarn over again and pull through the st on the hook. Continue by working 1 sc into each hole and weaving in the yarn end inside the sts as you go. Close all rounds by working 1 sl st into the first sc. Change to a larger hook and start working the body of the basket. Crochet tightly to give the basket a sturdy shape.

Rnd 1: 1 ch + 1 sc into same st, 1 sc into each st, 1 sl st into 1st ch = 44 sts.

Rnd 2: 1 ch+1 sc, *6 sc, 2 sc into same st*, repeat *-* once more, 7 sc, 2 sc into same st, *6 sc, 2 sc into same st*, repeat *-* 2 times more, 1 sl st = 50 sts.

Rnd 3: 1 ch+1 sc, 49 sc, 1 sl st.

Rnd 4: 1 ch+1 sc, 3 sc, *2 sc into same st, 7 sc, 2 sc into same st, 8 sc*, repeat *-* once more, 2 sc into same st, 7 sc, 2 sc into same st, 3 sc, 1 sl st = 56 sts.

Rnd 5: 1 ch+1 sc, 55 sc, 1 sl st.

Rnd 6: 1 ch+1 sc, *8 sc, 2 sc into same st*, repeat *-* once more, 9 sc, 2 sc into same st, repeat *-* 3 times more, 1 sl st. = 62 sts.

Rnds 7 – 9: 1 ch+1 sc, 61 sc, 1 sl st.

Rnd 10: 1 ch, place the larger metal ring behind the chain st and below the yarn, then 1 sc into same st, 61 sc and at the same time, work the metal ring inside the sts. Finish by flatten the sts.

Rnd 11: As Rnd 7. Then, begin working decreases.

Rnd 12: 1 ch+1 sc, *8 sc, sc2tog*, repeat *-* once more, 9 sc, sc2tog, repeat *-* 3 times more, 1 sl st= 56 sts.

Rnd 13: 1 ch+1 sc, 3 sc, *sc2tog, 7 sc, sc2tog, 8 sc*, repeat *-* once more, sc2tog, 7 sc, sc2tog, 3 sc, 1 sl st = 50 sts.

Rnd 14: 1 ch+1 sc, *6 sc, sc2tog*, repeat *-* once more, 7 sc, sc2tog, repeat *-* 3 times more, 1 sl st= 44 sts.

Rnd 15: 1 ch+1 ch, 1 sc into each st and at the same time, work the smaller metal ring inside the sts the same way as on Rnd 10.

Rnds 16 – 18: 1 ch+1sc, 43 sc. Continue by working 1 sl st into each st. Finish by imitating a stitch and use the smaller hook to fasten off the yarn end inside the sts.

Lid: Edge the plywood lid using the smaller hook and work the same way as for the base = 49 sts.

Rnds 1 – 3: 1 ch+1 sc into same st, 48 sc, 1 sl st. Fasten off the same way as for the basket.

Handle: Soften the handles by bending them. Then shorten them by cutting one end of the fastener off between the top pairs of holes (pic 1). Sew the fasteners tightly on both sides of the basket so that the stitch entering the hole in the middle of the bottom edge goes twice from the bottom and top of the larger metal ring. Then make a tight knot on the inside of the basket. Also work the rest of the stitches twice (pic 2).

