

DOG BASKET

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Size: 19 x 16 cm (diameter x height).

Yarn: Lankava Lilli Tube Yarn (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, 1 kg = 220 m) 640 g light brown (4).

For eyes and embroidery, a small amount of Mini Tube Yarn (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, 1 kg = 355 m) in beige (3) and black (20).

Crochet hook: 6 mm ja metal hook 7 mm, or size to obtain gauge.

Other supplies: Black and beige sewing thread, pins, darning needle, tapestry needle or a 4 mm crochet hook and all-purpose glue.

Gauge: 7 sts and 8 rnds = 10 cm over waistcoat sts.

Abbreviations: ch = chain stitch, dc = double crochet, rnd = round, sc = single crochet, ss = slip stitch, st(s) = stitch(es), wc = waistcoat stitch.

Basket: Start by working a circular bottom piece using the larger hook. Using beige yarn, make a magic ring around your finger.

Rnd 1: 1 ch and 8 sc into the ring. Tighten the ring closed by tugging from the loose end of the yarn, and on the next rnd, hide the end by crocheting it inside the sts. Continue working in a spiral ie. without closing the rnds. Mark the beginning of the round and move the marker at the end of each rnd.

Rnd 2: 2 sc into each st = 16 sts.

Rnd 3: *1 sc, 2 sc into same st*, repeat 7 times more = 24 sts.

Rnd 4: *2 sc, 2 sc into same st*, repeat *-* 7 times more = 32 sts.

Rnd 5: 1 sc, *2 sc into same st, 3 sc*, repeat *-* 6 times more, 2 sc into same st, 2 sc = 40 sts.

Rnd 6: *4 sc, 2 sc into same st*, repeat *-* 7 times more = 48 sts.

Rnd 7: 48 sc. Steam block the completed bottom. Start working the edge using wc sts.

Rnds 8 – 19: Crochet 48 wc sts as follows: Insert the hook into the center of the st from the previous rnd and work a sc. Make sure that the hook goes under the horizontal bar visible from the wrong side. The front and back loops of the sc of the previous rnd will be completely enclosed by the wc st. Finally, cut yarn and weave in the end inside the basket using a tapestry needle or a small crochet hook.

Ears: Work 2 matching pieces. Leave a tail of approx. 15 cm at the beginning and end of the piece for sewing the ears in place. Using larger hook, crochet 12 ch for a starting chain.

Row 1: 1 sc into 2nd ch, 10 sc, turn.

Row 2: 1 ch, 10 sc, 2 sc into next two sts, 10 sc into bottom loop of the chain, turn.

Row 3: 1 ch, 10 sc, 2 sc into next four sts, 10 sc. Weave in end.

Eyes: Using smaller hook and black yarn, make two round pieces. Make a magic ring around your finger. Work 3 ch, 11 dc into the ring and 1 ss into 3rd ch. Weave in end.



Please check out the Fox and Penguin Basket patterns as well.



Muzzle: Using smaller hook and beige yarn, make a round piece. Make a magic ring around your finger and work Rows 1 – 3 of the basket. Weave in end.

Finishing: Start by sewing the ears in place at the top edge of the basket using the tails left in the beginning and end of the pieces. Pin the ear next to the point where the round changes, and 2 rounds down from the top edge inside the basket. Make a horizontal stitch that covers 1 st at the bottom corner of the ear. Make another similar stitch one row above the previous one and weave in end. Work similar pairs of stitches using the yarn end from the other edge of the ear, and finally between these stitches. Embroider the mouth on the muzzle piece with black Mini Tube Yarn using chain stitches. First, embroider the lips in between the last two rounds, then work 2 stitches from the mouth towards the center of the piece. Continue embroidering the nose like this: Work 6 long radial stitches from the center of the muzzle to the edge of the last round. Then bring the yarn to the top and weave it alternatively over and under the long stitches. Weave the next row in the opposite direction, below the previous one. Continue weaving towards the center of the muzzle. Note: You can also use bulky wool or cotton yarn instead of Mini Tube Yarn. Pin and sew the muzzle and eyes onto the basket using sewing threads. You can also use large buttons for the eyes. Finally, brush the ends of the woven in tube yarn ends with a water-glue mixture (1 part of water, 1 part of glue) to prevent them from unraveling.

