

## HALKO BASKET

**DESIGN:** Lankava, Molla Mills.

**SIZE:** W. 18 cm, h. 12 cm, d. 13 cm.

**YARN:** Moi Braided Yarn (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % PES, 500 g = 300 m), 250 g natural white (52), 40 g black (70).

**HOOK:** 4,0 mm (or size to obtain gauge).

**GAUGE:** 16 sc x 14 rows = 10 x 10 cm.

### INFO:

The basket is worked back and forth in single crochet stitches, carrying the black yarn inside the stitches throughout the work. To create a black yarn loop, leave the black yarn out of the stitches and grab it back to work according to the pattern. The black loops form a birch bark pattern at the right side of the work.

Leave the black yarn one stitch from the end at the backside of the work on each row to make sure the yarn loops won't show on the right side of the work. Work three separate pieces to make the basket; two sides and a middle piece. Join the pieces together with a single crochet stitch seam.

### ABBREVIATIONS:

*ch* = chain stitch

*s* = stitch

*sc* = single crochet stitch (Am.)

*sl st* = slip stitch

### SIDE PIECE:

**Row 1.** Work 19 ch in natural white yarn to begin, grab the black yarn in the work. Work 1 sc in the second st from the hook, work 17 sc. Leave the black yarn one st from the end at the backside of the work.

**Row 2.** Work 1 ch, turn, grab the black yarn in the work. Note! The starting ch counts as the first sc of each row. Work 1 sc, leave the black yarn hanging at the right side of the work, work 4 sc, grab the black yarn back to work, work 4 sc. Leave the black yarn out of the next 5 sc sts, grab the black yarn back to work, work 3 sc.

**Row 3.** Work 1 ch, turn, work 8 sc. Leave the black yarn out of the next 4 sc sts, grab the black yarn back to work, work 5 sc.

**Row 4.** Work 1 ch, turn, work 1 sc in each st.

**Rows 5.-14.** Continue working according to the side piece- pattern chart. Cut black yarn and weave in ends. Next, work a round of sc and sl sts around the work in natural white yarn. Start at the top right corner. Work 1 sl st in each st on the top (18 sl st). Work 1 sc in each row on the side (13 sc), work 3 sc in the corner st, 1 sc in each st on the bottom side (18 sc), 3 sc in the corner st, 1 sc in each row on the side (13 sc). You have altogether 50 sc sts. Cut yarn and weave in ends. Work another similar side piece.

### MIDDLE PIECE:

**Row 1.** Work 29 ch in natural white yarn, grab the black yarn in the work. Note! Leave the black yarn tail on top of the work as the first row is the backside of the work. Work 1 sc in the second st from the hook, work 27 sc. Leave the black yarn one st from the end at the backside of the work (in this case, on top of the work).

**Row 2.** Work 1 ch, turn. Note! The starting ch counts as the first sc of each row. Work 1 sc, leave the black yarn hanging at the right side of the work, work 4 sc, grab the black yarn back to work, work 4 sc. Leave the black yarn out of the next 5 sc sts, grab the black yarn back to work, work 6 sc. Leave the black yarn out of the next 4 sc sts, grab the black yarn back to work, work 3 sc.

**Row 3.** Work 1 ch, turn, work 1 sc in each st.

**Row 4.** Work 1 ch, turn. Work 3 sc, leave the black yarn hanging at the right side of the work, work 5 sc, grab the black yarn back to work, work 9 sc. Leave the black yarn out of the next 5 sc sts, grab the black yarn back to work, work 5 sc.



**Rows 5.-14.** Continue working according to the middle piece- pattern chart.

**Rows 15.-35.** Work 21 rows for the bottom of the middle piece in natural white yarn without the black yarn loops, carry the black yarn inside the sts.

**Rows 36.-49.** Continue working according to the middle piece- pattern chart. Cut black yarn and weave in ends. Next, work a round of sc and sl sts around the piece in natural white yarn. Start at the top right corner. Work 1 sl st in each st on the top edge (28 sl st). Work 1 sc in each row on the side and 1 sc in the starting ch (50 sc), 1 sl st in each st on the top edge (28 sl st), 1 sc in each row on the side and 1 sc in the starting ch (50 sc). Cut yarn and weave in ends.

**FINISHING:**

Place the middle piece on top of a side piece right sides outwards. Join the seam with single crochet stitches in natural white yarn. The stitching is visible on the right side of the work. Leave a 30 cm long yarn tail at both ends of the seam. The length of the seam is 50 sc sts. Stitch the other side piece into the middle part. With the yarn tails, sew a few reinforcing stitches by hand at the beginning and end of the seam to prevent the work from stretching.

