

## PENGUIN BASKET

**Design:** Lankava, Marja Rautiainen.

**Size:** 22 x 18.5 cm (diameter x height).

**Yarn:** Lankava Lilli Tube Yarn (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, 1 kg = 220 m) 540 g black (20) and 130 g white (1). For the beak: Moi Braided Yarn (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, 500 g = 300 m) 5 g brown (54), or similar bulky cotton or wool yarn.

**Crochet hook:** 4.5 mm and metal hook 8 mm, or size to obtain gauge.

**Other supplies:** 2 black buttons, darning needle, sewing thread in the beak color and all-purpose glue.

**Gauge:** 6.5 sts and 8 rnds = 10 cm over wc sts.

**Abbreviations:** ch = chain stitch, dc = double crochet, half double crochet = hdc, rnd(s) = round(s), 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 thicker yarn, make a magic ring around your finger.

**Rnd 1:** 1 ch and 8 sc into the ring. 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. 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.

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

**Rnd 3:** \*1 ch, 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. Steam block the completed bottom. Start working the edge using wc sts.

**Rnd 7:** Join white yarn, 48 wc using black yarn and at the same time crochet the white yarn into the sts. Work a wc st as follows: Insert the hook into the center of the sc from the previous rnd so that the hook goes under the horizontal bar visible from the wrong side and work the st the same way as a sc. The front and back loops of the sc of the previous rnd will be completely enclosed by the wc st. Next, start working crochet colorwork using wc sts following the written instructions and the chart. Change colors by always working the final step of the st using the new color.

**Rnd 8:** 20 sc and at the same time crochet the white yarn inside the sts. At the final step of the 20th st, switch to white yarn and then 8 sc with white yarn and at the same time crochet black yarn inside the sts. At the final step of the 8th st, switch to black yarn and then 20 sc with black yarn. Tighten the yarn running inside the sts appropriately. This will keep the shape of the basket neat and there will be no loose loops forming on the wrong side. The white yarn is visible between the sts on the wrong side.



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



**Rnd 9:** 19 sc with black yarn, 10 sc with white yarn, 19 sc with black yarn. Always remember to switch yarns at the end of the last st.

**Rnds 10 – 15:** 18 sc with black yarn, 12 sc with white yarn, 18 sc with black yarn.

**Rnds 16 – 18:** Continue following the chart.

**Rnd 19:** 48 sc with black yarn and at the same time crochet the white yarn inside the sts. Cut yarn and weave in imitating the stitches. In the end, secure yarn on the wrong side inside the sts.

**Rnd 20:** 1 ss into back edge of each st and finally 2 ss across the point where one rnd begins and another begins = 50 sts. Cut yarn and weave in imitating the stitches, and in the end using the smaller hook, secure yarn on the wrong side inside the sts.

**Wings:** Work 2 matching pieces. Using black yarn, crochet 10 ch for a starting chain. Leave a tail of approx. 10 cm at the beginning of the piece for attaching the wing.

**Row 1:** 1 ss into 2nd ch, 1 ss, 2 sc, 3 hdc, 2 dc. Leave a tail of approx. 10 cm at the end as well.

**Beak:** Using Moi yarn, make a magic ring around your finger and leave a tail of approx. 10 cm at the beginning for filling the beak.

**Rnd 1:** Using smaller hook, 1 ch, 5 sc into the ring and 1 ss into 1st ch. Tighten the ring closed.

**Rnd 2:** 1 ch + 1 sc, \*2 sc into same st, 1 sc\*, repeat \*-\* once more = 9 sts.

**Rnd 3:** 1 ch + 2 sc into same st, \*2 sc, 2 sc into same st\*, repeat \*-\* once more, 2 sc, 1 ss into 1st ch = 12 sts. Leave a tail of approx. 15 cm at the end for filling the beak.

**Finishing:** Sew buttons as eyes. Thread the yarn end left at the end of the beak inside the basket so that the beginning of the round will be covered by the beak. Then, take the yarn back to the outside and insert it as well as the yarn end left at the beginning of the beak inside the beak for filling. Sew the beak by hand in place using sewing thread. Attach the wings on the sides of the basket as follows: Draw the yarn ends left at the beginning and end inside the basket and weave them in inside the stitches to opposite directions. 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.

