

Finger Crochet Easter Basket

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This pattern uses American crochet terminology, for conversions to British terminology try visiting www.craftyarnCouncil.com/standards/crochet-abbreviations

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For Finger Crochet we use our index finger in place of a crochet hook. You will need chunky yarn, several strands of standard yarn held together, t-shirt yarn or yarn made from an old sheet to complete this project.

I will use the abbreviation of SC for a Single Crochet Stitch and INC to indicate an increase, which is two SC stitches made in one stitch of the previous round.

At the end of each Round, in brackets, I will indicate how many stitches you should be able to count in that round.

Only round 5 requires you to use the front loop of the stitches, all other rounds should be stitched as is normal, using the two top loops that look like a v.

We start by creating a Magic Ring

(see <https://www.planetjune.com/blog/tutorials/magic-ring-right-handed/> for instructions)

Alternatively you may like to create a slip knot and two chains

(see <https://www.craftyarncouncil.com/standards/how-to-read-crochet-pattern> to learn how to create a slip knot and chain)

Into the centre of the Magic Ring or First Chain start round 1

Round 1. 7 SC. (7 stitches)

Tighten your Magic Ring or Chain by pulling the yarn tail. You may wish to place a marker such as a paper clip into the last stitch in this round to help you identify it. You will move your marker at the end of each round.

Round 2. INC into each stitch of the previous round. (14 stitches)

Round 3. [SC, INC] seven times. (21 stitches)

Round 4. [SC, SC, INC] seven times. (28 stitches)

You've now finished increasing and will start working the walls of the basket. Be patient as the next two rounds may not feel like they're going upwards as fast you might imagine.

Round 5. SC into the front loop of each stitch around (28 stitches)

Rounds 6 – 11 SC around. (28 stitches)

You can continue for as many rounds as you like so as to make the basket sides as high as you want them. You can even fold the top edge over, much like you would with the brim of a hat.

To make a more solid edge I stitched a final round of slip stitch at the top. Slip stitch does not add any height to your basket.

Tidy away the tail and end of the yarn with a big darning needle.

And if you've used wool yarn and find you'd like a sturdier basket you can try felting it!

Happy Crocheting!