

48-stitch crochet basket

A small practice basket with two integrated handles. US crochet terms.

Pattern status: the counts have been checked, but this design has not been physically sample-tested. Finished size and stiffness depend on your yarn and gauge. Make a practice sample first.

Before you start

Use a firm, smooth yarn and a hook that gives dense fabric without making stitches painful to work. Begin with the yarn label as a guide. You also need a marker, yarn needle and scissors. Wash and dry a small swatch according to the label.

ch = chain; sc = single crochet; inc = 2 sc in one stitch; BLO = back loop only; sl st = slip stitch. In UK terminology, US sc is UK double crochet.

Round rule: use joined rounds throughout. At the end of every round, sl st to the first sc. Start the next round with ch 1; it does not count as a stitch. Do not work into the joining slip stitch or the starting chain.

1 / Make a flat base

Round 1: 6 sc into a magic ring. Close the ring. [6 stitches]

Round 2: Inc in each stitch. [12 stitches]

Round 3: (1 sc, inc) six times. [18 stitches]

Round 4: (2 sc, inc) six times. [24 stitches]

Round 5: (3 sc, inc) six times. [30 stitches]

Round 6: (4 sc, inc) six times. [36 stitches]

Round 7: (5 sc, inc) six times. [42 stitches]

Round 8: (6 sc, inc) six times. [48 stitches]

Stop and check: the base should lie mostly flat when relaxed. A cupped or rippled base needs a gauge/increase adjustment before the sides. Do not force it flat by stretching.

Sides, handles & fit

Continue from the 48-stitch base. The starting chain never counts.

2 / Turn the corner

Round 9: sc in the BLO of all 48 stitches. Rounds 10-17: sc in both loops of all 48 stitches. Continue joining each round. Change to a rim colour at the start of round 18 if desired.

3 / Make the handle openings

Round 18: 9 sc, ch 6, skip 6 stitches, 18 sc, ch 6, skip 6 stitches, 9 sc. Join. This uses all 48 base stitches and produces 36 sc plus 12 chain positions. The two openings are opposite each other.

4 / Finish the rim

Round 19: 9 sc, 6 sc into the first chain space, 18 sc, 6 sc into the second chain space, 9 sc. [48 sc]

Round 20: sc in each stitch. [48 sc] Join, fasten off and weave in ends. For a basket without handles, simply work 48 sc in each of rounds 18-20.

5 / Check before making another

Measure the relaxed base diameter and side height. Test whether the empty basket stands, then add only light items. The handles are decorative storage handles, not a load-rated carrying system. Keep the basket outside a baby sleep space.

Troubleshooting

Sides fold over: try fewer side rounds or a firmer swatch. Stitches are too tight: test another hook/yarn combination. Rim flares: count the stitches and check that the chain spaces received exactly six sc each. Follow the yarn care label; machine washing is not assumed.

My sample notes

Yarn / hook: _____

Base diameter: _____ Side height: _____

After washing / stiffness: _____

Full guide and updates: budgetbreakdownx.com/crochet-baby-storage-basket-organize-nursery-in-style/