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HOW TO CROCHET A BASKET



Materials needed:

- Wooden basket bottom
- Aster & Vine t-shirt yarn (see note below*)
- 4mm recycled cotton rope
- Size 5-6mm crochet hook
- Size 9 – 11mm crochet hook
- Stitch marker (optional)
- Tapestry needle

Stitches used: Single Crochet, Knit Stitch, Slip Stitch

Gauge: 4 stitches and 5 rows = 2"

**A few notes before beginning. This pattern will work for any sized wooden basket bottom. A 500gram roll of t-shirt yarn and 150-foot hank of 4mm recycled cotton rope will make two baskets using a 6" bottom or one basket using an 8" bottom. For 12" bottoms you will need two of each. If working with a square base nothing changes, when you come to a corner just continue working as usual.*

Round 1:

- Using your smaller hook and t-shirt yarn to cast onto the wooden basket bottom, place a slip stitch onto your hook.
- Insert your hook through the first hole and pull the yarn back through the wooden base.
- Make a loose single crochet stitch, working around the wood.
- Continue in the same manner all around the wooden basket base.
- When you have one stitch per hole, chain one and place your marker (if desired)

Round 2 and up:

- Switch to your larger sized hook. This is the hook you will continue using for the remainder of your basket.
- Starting in the second round we will use the *knit stitch*. To create a knit stitch, work through the middle "V" of the previous round stitch rather than the upper portion of the stitch.
- Work in this manner around the basket. When you reach the end of your round, chain 1, move your marker and continue to your next round.
- Continue working around the basket until you have reached your desired height. (*7 rounds for a 6" base, 9 rounds for an 8" base, 12 rounds for a 12" base makes a nice size basket!*)

Finishing Rounds:

- Switching to your recycled cotton rope you will continue to work around your basket using the same knit stitch.
- Every other stitch, work into the stitch 2 rounds down to create a staggered look.
- At the end of this round chain 1 and place your marker.
- Complete one last round of knit stitches working only into the stitches of your previous round.

Final Round:

- Crochet slip stitches all the way around your basket
- Cut rope, pull through, and weave in ends with tapestry needle.

This pattern was created by Erica Tjeerdma of Aster & Vine. This pattern may be used for personal use as well as instructional material for workshops. Please share and tag your work @asterandvine on social media so I can see your creations! www.asterandvine.com