

# Crochet Easter Basket Pattern

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**Skill Level**  Basic / De base / Básico



## About This Pattern

This crochet Easter basket pattern is not only a great way to store your crochet Easter eggs, but it can also be used for storage in the home after Easter. Using only single crochet throughout the pattern, this is an easy one to follow. Make it with a handle, no handle, or turn it into a bunny!

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## Yarn

- 3 x 50g (85m) Rico Creative Cotton Aran - in the color Clay (51). 100% cotton.
- For the inner ears, you will need scraps of pink around 10g (I used the same yarn in the color - Pastel Pink (02).
- For the eyes - scraps of grey, I used the same yarn in the color Mouse Grey (28).
- For the whiskers, scraps of white, I used the same yarn in the color nature (60).
- This yarn was crocheted with two strands together for the basket and the ears.
- For the bunny tail - white yarn in acrylic or wool around 20g.

## Hooks

- Crochet Hook - Size 6mm (US J/10)
- Crochet Hook - Size 4.5mm (US 7)

## Notions + Other Tools

- Scissors
- Stitch markers
- Tape measure
- Darning needle
- Pom Pom Maker - Clover Large 3 3/8-inch for the pom pom tail.
- For the eyes - 2 x black beads or brads.

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## Gauge

- 10 stitches, 12 rounds to 10cm/4" of single crochet.

## Size

- The basket measures - base diameter = 5.5 inches / 14 cm.
- Height - 6 inches / 16 cm.
- Handle = Length - 16 inches / 41 cm. Width - 2.2 inches / 6cm.
- Ears - 4 inches / 10 cm. Width - 2 inches / 5 cm.

## Abbreviations - US Terms

- CH - Chain
- PM - Place marker
- SC - Single crochet
- SS - Slip stitch
- RS - Right side

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## Notes

- For the **base** - Do not turn at the end of the round, but continue working in a spiral, with the right side (RS) always facing.
- Keep count of the sts by placing a marker (PM) on the last st of each round.
- There are no turning chains in this pattern.
- To make the basket smaller stop after 24 sts on round 4 or 36 sts on round 6 and then work round 9.



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## The Basket

Using the 6mm (US J/10) hook and working two strands of the yarn together.

## The base of the basket

- Make a 4 ch and join with an ss in the first ch to form a ring.
- Round 1: (RS) - 1 ch; 8 sc in ring. (8 sts) PM (see notes)
- Round 2: 2 sc in each sc. (16 sts)
- Round 3: \*1 sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc\* rep from \* to end. (24 sts)
- Round 4: 1 sc in each sc.
- Round 5: \*1 sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc\* rep from \* to end. (36 sts)
- Round 6: 1 sc in each sc.
- Round 7: \*1 sc in each of the next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc\* rep from \* to end. (48 sts)
- Round 8: 1 sc in each sc.
- Round 9 - sc all the sts into the back loop only.



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## The body of the basket

- \*Please note – keep the marker to denote which is the beginning/end of the round.
- Continue to work in a spiral - sc all of the sts in every round (in both loops) – until the bag measures = 6 inches / 16 cm.
- You can make the bag as short or as tall as you want.
- Finish the last st with an ss and cut the yarn.
- Secure and weave in the ends.
- Weave in all other loose ends.

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## The Handle

Using the 6mm (US J/10) hook and working two strands of the yarn together.

## The basket handle (optional)

- For a wide handle Ch 6 (for a thinner handle Ch 3), ch 1, turn,
- Row 1: (RS) - sc into every ch, ch 1, turn,
- Row 2: sc into every st, ch1, turn,
- Cont to sc into every st (repeating row 2) until your handle measures 15 inches / 38 cm.

## Notes

- You can make your handle thinner by chaining 3 or 4 instead of 6 and you can also make it shorter or longer depending on your preference.
- You may also decide to not make a handle and use the basket without.

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## Making Up - With the handle

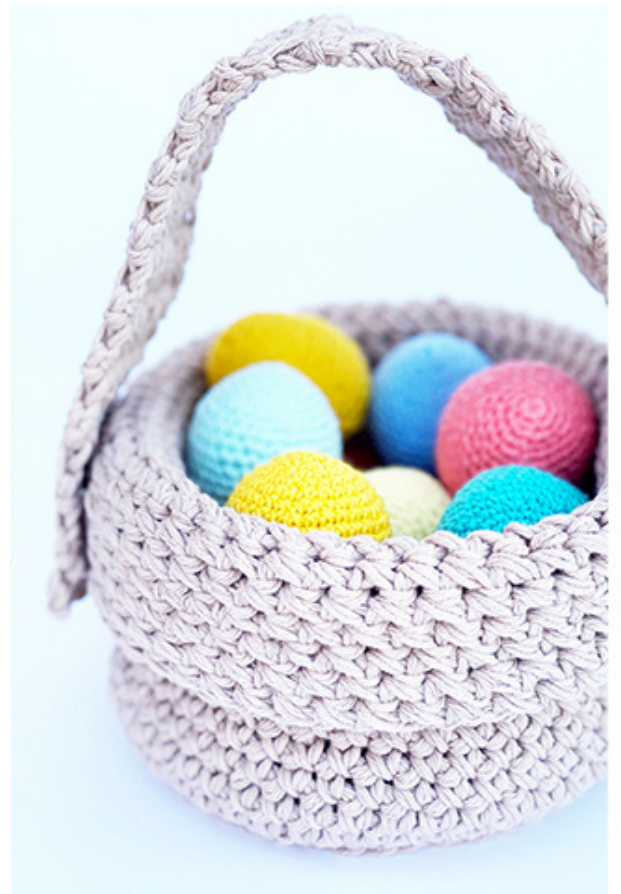
- Sew in any loose ends on the basket and the handle.
- With a coordinating colored yarn or the same color cut a length of around 8 inches and thread your darning needle.
- Fold over the top of your basket by 2 inches.
- Place one end of the handle on one side of the basket on the folded over edge.
- Sew an X through the handle edge that is the height of the basket fold-over section and secure it.
- Repeat on the other side. (See the photos below for reference)



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## The Basket Handle



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## The Ears

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### The Outer Ears (Make 2)

- With the main color yarn (brown) ch 10.
- R1 - sc into the 2nd ch from the hook, sc into every ch to the end of the row. sc twice more into the last st of the row (this means you will have 3 sts in total in that last st). PM in the center of those 3 sts with a closed st marker. Cont to sc into every st down the other side of the chain. sc 3 times in the last st of that side, then PM with a closed st marker into the center st of the 3 sts you just worked.
- R2 - sc into every st until you reach 1 st before the st marker, 2 sc in the next st, remove marker and work 3 sc into the next st, 2sc in the next st. Place the marker into the middle st of the three sts you worked to denote the center point. Rep to the other side working the same - 2sc, 3 sc, 2sc at
- those center sts.
- Work sc down the other side and when you reach the st before the marker, finish with an ss, cut yarn, and secure.

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## The Inner Ears (Make 2)

- With a coordinating color (pink) ch 5.
- Work Row 1 as above.
- Work rows 2 as above but only increase once at one end, then work down the other side, finishing with an ss in the st before the marker and cutting the yarn to secure.



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## The Bunny Ears



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## The Nose + Eyes

Using the 4.5mm (US 7) hook and working a single strand of yarn.

### The Nose (Make 1)

- With pink yarn ch 4, join into a magic ring, ch 1.
- sc 8 sts into the ring, ss the last st, and cut the yarn to secure leaving a long tail of around 10 inches/26 cm.

### The Eyes (Make 2)

- With a coordinating color (grey) ch 3, join into a magic ring, ch 1.
- sc 6 times into the ring, ss the last st, and cut the yarn to secure leaving a long tail of around 8 inches/21 cm.

### The Bunny Tail

- Make a large pom pom in white yarn for the bunny tail - do not use cotton, acrylic or wool will be better.

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## Making Up (as the bunny - with no handle)

- Fold over the top of your basket by 2 inches.
- Sew the inner ears onto the front of the outer ears.
- Fold the ears at the bottom and secure them with a couple of stitches.
- Stitch the ears to the basket around 4 inches/10cm apart. (See the photo below for reference)
- Sew the eyes and nose into the place where you want them to go. Add the black bead or brads into the middle of the eyes and secure. (See the photo below for reference)
- Sew the pom pom bunny tail onto the back of the basket. (See the photo below for reference)
- Whiskers - stitch whiskers on either side of the nose in white yarn. (See the photo below for reference)



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