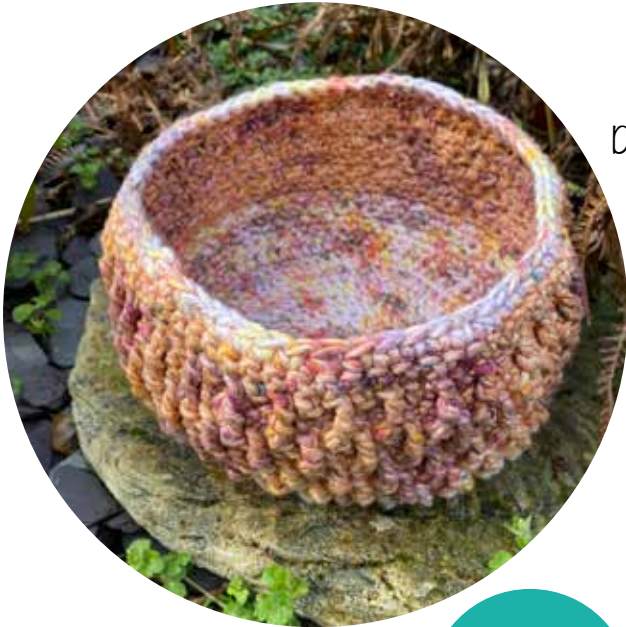


Alpine Basket



During the testing circle for my pattern 'Alba and Noctua Owls', we all laughed at how the bodies would make lovely baskets...

.....I present to you the Alpine Basket.



Made in Vegan Yarn's Chunky Boucle Cotton on a 5mm hook, the resulting basket has structure but with flexibility.



Materials

This basket was made using 100% Chunky Boucle Cotton hand-dyed by Adelle at www.veganyarn.co.uk. If you do not see a colour you would like, please feel free to contact Adelle for a custom dye.

- 1x 100g skein 100% Chunky Boucle Cotton in Bonfire
- 1x 100g skein 100% Chunky Boucle Cotton in Rooiboos
- 5mm hook (or that suited to your yarn and tension)

Gauge

I have chosen not to give specific gauge information as I would like you to make your basket to your own preference. The resulting basket does need some stiffness to make sure the sides stand up, which means that your tension needs to be on the tight side, or your hook needs to be smaller than that recommended for the yarn you are using. For guidance, my basket base measures 15cm across and 12cm high.

Extra Note

I will guide you as to where I changed colours, using the 2 skeins of yarn as listed above, but you could make your basket taller or shorter and change colours in different places to me.

Stitches

This pattern is written using UK crochet terms. If you prefer to use US terms, please see the US terms version that is also available.

ch ~ chain
dc ~ double crochet (US single crochet)
htr ~ half treble crochet (US half double crochet)
tr ~ treble crochet (US double crochet)
fpdtr ~ front post double treble (US front post double crochet)

yo ~ yarn over
sl st ~ slip stitch
st - stitch
flo - front loop only
RS - right side
WS - wrong side

Pattern

Base of the basket

In colour **Bonfire**, create a magic ring.

Round 1: 6htr into the ring. Do not join.

For all subsequent rounds, we will be working in a continuous spiral, with the RS facing you. I recommend placing a stitch marker in the first st of the round. Work the round up until the st marker, then start the next round in the marked st, moving the stitch marker up to the new st.

Round 2: 2htr into each st (12 sts)

Round 3: 2htr into each st (24 sts)

Round 4: (2htr, htr) around (36 sts)

Round 5: (2htr, htr into the next 2 sts) around (48 sts)

Round 6: (2htr, htr into the next 3 sts) around (60 sts)

Round 7: (2htr, htr into the next 4 sts) around (72 sts)

Now dc into the next 5 sts, sl st into the next st. (72 sts - the sl st counts as a st). We are creating a circle here so that we can continue in turned rounds. Do not work all the way around the base, only do 5 sts and a sl st.

The base may ripple a little, but do not be concerned. This will smooth out later on.

We will now work in turned, joined rounds. I actually prefer the aesthetic of the wrong side of the htr stitches, so we will be continuing on with the wrong side being on the outside (right side) for the base of the owl. Be careful to not introduce any extra stitches which can be easy to do when working in turned rounds. Please check you have the right number of stitches at the end of each round.

Right side



Wrong side - to be used as right side



Sides of the basket

Note: we have not turned here, we just continue on from the sl st.

Round 8 (WS): Ch1 (does not count as a st), dc flo in each st around, ending on a dc into the flo of the sl st of round 7. Sl st to the first dc. Turn. (72 sts)

Round 9 (RS): Ch3 (counts as a tr), tr in each st around. Sl st to top of the ch3. Turn. (72 sts)

Round 10 (WS): Ch1 (does not count as a st), dc in each st around. Sl st to the first dc. Turn. (72 sts)

Round 11 (RS): Ch3 (counts as a tr). (Fpdtr around the next tr, 2 rounds down (round 9), tr into the next dc) around, ending with a fpdtr. Sl st to top of the ch3. Turn. (72 sts)

Round 12 (WS): Ch1 (does not count as a st), dc in each st around. Sl st to the first dc. Turn. (72 sts)

Change to colour Rooibos.

Round 13 (RS): Ch1 (does not count as a st). Fpdtr around the ch3 from round 12. (Tr into the next dc, fpdtr around the next tr, 2 rounds down (round 11)) around, ending with a tr. Sl st to top of the fpdtr. Turn. (72 sts)

Please note: Be careful not to use the chl as a st or count it as a st in the next round.

You can repeat rounds 10-13 as many times as you like to make a short or tall basket. For the version in this pattern, I repeated rounds 10-13 once more, and then rounds 10-12 again.

Change to colour Bonfyre.

Final round (RS): Ch1, dc2tog. (Dc in each of the next 5 sts, dc2tog) repeat around. Make a dc in the last spare stitch then sl st to first dc2tog of the round. (62 sts)

Fasten off. Sew in all ends and your Alpine Basket is complete.



I am very happy for you to sell items you make from this pattern, but please credit Tortie Treblemaker Designs as the designer.

I would love to see your finished baskets. Please do tag me in your social media posts.



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