

Brad Basket with Flowers

Size: Base is approx. 6¼" [16cm] in diameter, top edge approx. 11¾" [30cm] in diameter, approx. 4¾" [12cm] tall

Materials: Approx. 2 balls (approx. 121yd/110m each) of Lana Grossa **Divino** (75% cotton, 25% viscose) in khaki (col 27) and approx. 1 ball each (approx. 176yd/160m each) of Lana Grossa **Puntino** (100% mercerized cotton) in pistachio (col 32), petrol blue (col 34), berry (col 28) and emerald (col 17); size G/6 and J/10 [4 and 6mm] crochet hook. Textile hardener, 1 balloon.

Half Double Crochet [hdc]: Worked in rounds. Begin round with ch 2. Work first hdcs on first round in 2nd ch from hook as given in instructions. Join each round with a slip st and begin each round with ch 2 (count as 1 hdc). Work 1 hdc in every st of previous round.

Increases: 2 hdc in one st.

Double Crochet/Lace Pattern: Work in rounds according to chart A. Work over 1 round relief sts. Numbers on chart indicate beg of rounds. Begin each round with ch 2 (count as 1 dc). Join rounds with a slip st. On round 9, work dc in sp between 2 sts. Work pattern repeat between arrows around. Begin on round 10, work dc into ch-1 sp of previous round. Work round 10 four times, end with round 15 in sc.

Flowers, approx. 1½" [4cm] in diameter: Work in rounds according to chart B. Ch 5. Slip st in first ch to form a ring. Numbers on chart indicate beginning of rounds. Round 1: ch 2 (count as 1 sc), then work sc and ch into ring as shown on chart. Join rounds with a slip st. Round 2: Work into ch sp of previous round. Chart shows rounds in their entirety. Fasten off after round 2. Work foundation row and round 1 in one color and round 2 in a contrasting color. When changing colors, work st up to second to last step so that 2 loops remain on the hook, then use the new color to complete the st. Leave a long cast-on tail for sewing.



Gauge: 4 pattern repeats and 5.5 rounds = 4" [10 cm] in dc/lace pattern with larger hook and 2 strands Divino held together; 1 flower = approx. 1½" [4cm] in diameter with smaller hook and 1 strand Puntino.

Basket: With larger hook and 2 strands Divino in khaki held together, ch 2 and work hdc in rounds.

Rnd 1: 8 hdc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rnd 2: 2 hdc in each st – 16 sts.

Rnd 3: hdc around and increase every other st – 24 sts.

Rnd 4: hdc around and increase every other st – 36 sts.

Rnd 5: hdc around and increase every 3rd st – 48 sts.

Rnd 6: hdc around and increase every 4th st – 60 sts.

Rnd 7: 1 hdc in each st.

Rnd 8: work relief sts as shown on chart; this will create a small edge.

Rnd 9: work according to chart.

Work through chart round 14, work 1 round sc, then fasten off. Carefully weave in all ends.

Finishing: Stretch basket over balloon. Wearing disposable gloves, generously brush basket with textile hardener. Pull basket into shape and brush top edge again. Let dry. Carefully remove basket from balloon and pull into shape once more. Brush inside with textile hardener and let dry. Next, with smaller hook and 1 strand Puntino, make 15 flowers. Work center of flower with pistachio, work 2nd round with contrasting color. Sew flowers around basket as shown in photo

Charts A and B

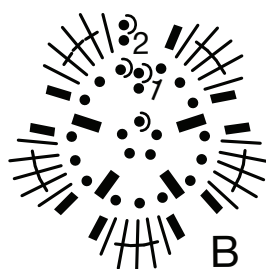
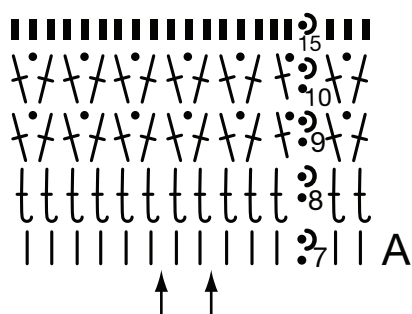


Chart key:

- = 1 ch
- ∩ = 1 sl st
- = 1 sc
- | = 1 hdc
- ⊥ = 1 dc
- ⊥ = 1 dc/rb: yo hook, insert hook from behind and from right to left around stem of dc 1 row below