Baskets
Designed by Karen Lacey

Materials needed:

12mm hook
1 or 2 Bobbins of Hooplyarn of any colour (depending upon size required)

To Make:

ch – chain stitch, dc – double crochet, tr - treble crochet sl- slip stitch, mc - magic ring

Rnd 1 - mr, ch 3, 12 tc in ring, join with sl st in 3rd ch
Rnd 2- ch 3, 2 tc in each stitch around, join with sl st to 3rd ch from prev. row (24 stitches).
Rnd 3- ch 3, *2 tc in next st, 1 tc*, repeat around, join with sl st to 3rd ch from prev. row (36 stitches).
Rnd 4- ch 3, *2 tc in next st, tc in next 2*, repeat around, join with sl st to 3rd ch from prev. row (48 stitches).
Rnd 5- ch 1, dc into back loop of next stitch, repeat around, join with sl st to ch 1 of prev. row (48 stitches). this will give more of an edge to the bottom of the basket. For a more rounded base, dc into both loops as normal.
Rnds 6-12- ch 1, dc into both loops of next stitch, repeat around, join with sl st to ch 1 of prev. row (48 stitches). *If you wish change colors after a few rows for stripes. You can add or subtract rows here for a taller or more shallow basket. I recommend using a stitch marker as you go round.*
Rnd 13- ch 1, dc into next 5 st, ch 11, skip over the next 10 st and dc in the 11th from chain, dc into next 14 st, ch 11, skip over the next 10 st and dc in the 11th from chain, dc in next 7 st, join with sl st to ch 1 of prev row.
Rnd 14- ch 1, dc into next 5 st, 10 dc around chain of prev row, 14 dc, 10 dc around chain of prev row, 7 dc, join with sl st to ch 1 of prev row. Bind off and weave in ends.

For different size baskets reduce or increase the amount of rounds that you do for the base (if larger follow same increasing pattern) and for the height. If you want handles just divide the numbers of stitches evenly and ensure that you make the handles directly opposite each other.