



## How to make a basic basket

These instructions are designed to show how you make a basic basket from which you can then experiment with different sizes, stitches and embellishments.

There are many patterns for making circles and baskets but I prefer to work in trebles (US double) and always increasing by 12 on each round

**To Start** - Chain 4 and join with slip stitch in the first chain to make a ring

**Round 1** – Working in the centre of the ring chain 3 (counts as first treble) 11 trebles into the ring. Slip stitch into the 3<sup>rd</sup> chain to close the circle (12sts)

**Round 2** - Chain 3 (counts as first treble) and work a treble into the same stitch. Work two trebles into each of the rest of the stitches in the round. Slip stitch into the 3<sup>rd</sup> chain to close the circle (24sts)

**Round 3** - Chain 3 (counts as first treble) and work a treble into the same stitch. \*One treble into the next stitch. Two trebles into the next stitch\*. Repeat \*\*. End the round with one treble into the next stitch then slip stitch into the 3<sup>rd</sup> chain to close the circle (36sts)

**Round 4** - Chain 3 (counts as first treble) and work a treble into the same stitch. \*One treble into the next two stitches. Two trebles into the next stitch. Repeat \*\*. End the round with one treble into the next two stitches then slip stitch into the 3<sup>rd</sup> chain to close the circle (48sts)

**Round 5** - Chain 3 (counts as first treble) and work a treble into the same stitch. \*One treble into the next three stitches. Two trebles into the next stitch. Repeat \*\*. End the round with one treble into the next three stitches then slip stitch into the 3<sup>rd</sup> chain to close the circle (60sts)

**Round 6** - Chain 3 (counts as first treble). One treble in to the back loop of the next and all remaining stitches. Slip stitch into the 3<sup>rd</sup> chain to close the circle (60sts). This makes the base of the basket finishing it with a nice ridge.

**Round 7** - Chain 3 (counts as first treble). One treble in to next and all remaining stitches. Slip stitch into the 3<sup>rd</sup> chain to close the circle (60sts).

**Round 8 onwards** – repeat round 7 until the basket reaches the desired height and then finish off.

### Notes

- If you wish to make a larger basket then on each round you increase the gap between the two treble stitches by one. To make a smaller basket reduce the number of rounds for the base.
- From round 7 onwards you can experiment with different stitches to create unique designs. Different stitches will create different stiffness of basket.
- To make handles you simply skip several stitches but make a chain equal to the number of stitches you skip then join to the next stitch. On the next round when you reach the chain crochet the same number of stitches in the chain loop. For example on a basket of 60 stitches I would crochet 9, chain 12, skip 12 stitches, crochet 18 stitches, chain 12, skip 12 stitches, crochet 9 stitches.