



# Easter Basket Decoration

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This little Easter Basket is just the right size for giving a little treat to someone who is special. Just a little token of friendship. You could put into it a few jellybeans and other goodies.

## Materials Needed:

Size 10 Crochet Cotton  
Size 8 steel crochet hook  
tapestry needle  
Thick Designer Tacky Glue  
Fabric Stiffener or Stiffen Stuff  
Easter Goodies

**Yarn Thickness:** 10thread

**Gauge:** 8dc=1"

**Finished Size:** 5" high 3" diameter

**Skill Level** Intermediate

**To make a 4dc bobble** \*YO insert hook into st & draw up a loop, pull lp through 2 lps on hook and repeat from \* until there are 5 lps on hook. They yo and draw thread through all 5 lps on hook.

Ch6, join w/slst to first ch to form ring.

**RND 1:** Sl st into ring. Ch3, dc in ring, ch3. \*2 dc in ring ch3. Rep from \* 4 times more. Join w/slst to top of ch 3.

**RND 2:** Slst to the first ch3 sp. Ch3, dc in ch3 sp, ch1. 2 dc in ch3 sp. Ch1. \*2dc, ch1, 2dc in next ch3 sp. Ch1. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 3:** Slst to the first ch3 sp. Ch3, dc in ch1 sp, ch1. 2 dc in same ch1 sp. Ch1. \*2dc, ch1 in next ch 1 sp. 2dc, ch1, 2dc in next ch1 sp. Ch1. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**Base rim:** Read Carefully

Working in **front loops only** (toward you). Back loops will be worked in after this round.

**RND 4:** Ch3, \*sc in next st. Dc in next st, ch3. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to first ch of ch3. Now slst into backlp of rnd 3.

**RND 5:** Ch1, sc same st as slst and in each st around. Join w/slst to ch1.

**RND 6:** Ch 4, dc in same st. \*Sk 1 st. Dc, ch1, dc (*vst made*) in next st. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst in top of ch3.

**RND 7:** Slst into the first ch1 sp. Ch3, make a 3dc bobble in first vst Ch1.(*see how to make 4dc bobble.*) \*Make a 4dc bobble in next vst. Ch1. Repeat from \* around. Join w/slst to top of first bobble.

**RND 8, 10 & 12:** Rep RND 6.

**RND 9, 11:** Rep RND 7.

**RND 13:** Ch3, make a 3dc bobble in first vst. Ch3. Sc in sp bet vsts. Ch3, \*Make a 4dc bobble in next vst. Ch3. Sc in sp bet vsts. Ch3. Rep from \* around. Fasten off. Weave ends into work.

## Handle

**ROW 1:** Ch 8. Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across. (5 dc across.)Ch3, turn.

**ROW 2-25:** Sk 1 st, vst in next st. sk1 st dc in top of ch3. Ch3, turn.



**ROW 26:** Dc in each st across for a total of 5 sts.

## Now for the Assembly

You will not believe this.

Get out an empty and clean soda can. Any brand will do.

Now use your favorite stiffening stuff and saturate the basket and put it over the top end of the can and leave there overnight. In the morning it should be good and hard.

As for the handle. Drench that also but lay it out flat on a foam board and as straight as you can get it, pin it down with rust proof pins and let it dry overnight also. But try to get both the basket and the handle stiffened the same night.

Before leaving both pieces alone, pat the excess stiffener off with a paper towel or a clean cloth. Do it well or you may not get the desired effect of being able to see the stitches clearly.

The next day after both pieces are dry, remove the pins from the handle and the basket from the can. Sew the handles in place securely. This may be a little tough if you have a lot of stiffener in the fibers. Add the grass and goodies and enjoy.