



Clusters Basket

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This basket, made from scraps, can be used as an Easter decoration by putting Easter grass and eggs in it or it can be a plant pot cover or a storage container for your desk. I am using it on my desk to hold markers, 6" rulers, my paper punches, scissors and other stuff I like to have close at hand.

Materials Needed

Small amounts each of 4 colors. Kelly green, light yellow, light blue and white.

Worsted weight acrylic yarn

Size H/8 aluminum crochet hook

Large whipped topping container 16 oz size

Hole punch 1/4" size

Yarn needle for weaving in ends

Yarn Thickness: 4mm

Gauge: 4sc=1"

Finished Size: 5"hx6"diam

Skill Level: Intermediate

Instructions

Prepare plastic container. Punch 48 holes evenly spaced around the rim of the plastic container. Set aside and let your hands rest a bit. They may get sore.

RND 1: With green. Ch5, join w/slst to first ch to form ring. Ch4. *Dc in ring. Ch1. Rep from * 10 times more. Join w/slst to 3rd ch of ch4.

RND 2: Ch3, dc in same st as slst. Ch1. *2dc in next dc. Ch1. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 3: Ch4. *Dc in next dc. Ch1. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to 3rd ch of ch4.

RND 4: Ch3. Yo, insert hook in next st. Yo, pull through 2 lps on hook, yo pull through all lps on hook. Ch2. *Yo, insert hook in next st, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook, yo, insert hook

in next dc, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook, yo, pull through all lps on hook. Ch2. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. Fasten off Green.

RND 5: Join yellow to sp bet cluster stitches on round3 behind work. Ch3. Dc in same st in front of work. *Dc in next sp between cluster stitches behind work. Dc in same st in front of work. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 6: Ch3. Dc in each dc around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 7: Ch3, yo, insert hook in same st as slst. Yo, pull through 2lps on hook, yo pull through all lps on hook. Ch2. Sk next st. *Yo, insert hook in same st, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook, yo, insert hook in same st, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook, yo, pull through all lps on hook. Ch2. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. Fasten off yellow.

RND 8: Join white to same st as slst. Ch3. Dc in next ch1 sp. *Dc in next cluster. Dc in next ch1 sp. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 9: Rep rnd 7. Fasten off white.

RND 10: Join blue and repeat rnd 8.

RND 11: Rep rnd 7. Fasten off blue.

RND 12: Join green and rep rnd 8. At this point, do not cut yarn but weave all ends into back of work leaving the last end intact.

RND 13: Join to prepared plastic container working 1 sc in each st and each hole in container around. Join w/slst to first sc. Fasten off and weave ends into work.



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