



All Occasion Holiday Basket

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This basket is actually woven! The pieces are crocheted then woven together. It starts with a crocheted circle with arms on it then the rings are woven on the arms. You can use this for any holiday you want by changing the color of the yarn and filling it with decorations or gifts for whatever holiday you are celebrating.

Materials Needed

Worsted weight acrylic yarn in brown.
Size H/8 aluminum crochet hook
1 1lb whipped topping container to use as a form.
Piece of contrasting color yarn about 18" long.
Metal yarn needle.

Yarn Thickness: 4mm

Gauge: 4dc = 1"

Finished Size: 6" diam x 6" high

Skill Level: Intermediate

Instructions

RND 1: Ch4, join w/slst to first ch to form ring. Ch3. 15 dc in ring. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 2: Ch3. Dc in same st as slst. 2dc in each dc around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 3: Ch3. 2dc in next dc. *Dc in next dc. 2dc in next dc. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

ROW 1 of Arms: Ch3. Dc in each of the next 3 dc. Ch3, turn.

ROW 2-8: Sk first dc. Dc in each of the next 2 dc. Dc in top of ch3. Ch3, turn.

Arms: Join yarn to next unworked dc in round 3 of circle. Rep rows 1-8 of first arm. When you are done with all of the arms, weave all ends into back of work and set aside.

Horizontal Rings Make 6 the same:

Ch60. Being careful not to twist chain, join w/slst to first ch to form ring. Ch3. Dc in each ch around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. Weave ends into back of work.

Assembly:

STEP 1: Used whipped topping container as a jig or form. It will not be part of the finished basket. Place the container in front of you upside down. Place the circle with the arms on the bottom side of the container so the arms hang down the side. Make sure the right side of the circle is facing up.

STEP 2: Place a ring over the arms so that the starting chain is facing toward the circles and the right side is facing out away from the container. Pull every other arm out and place it over the ring. Do the same with the other rings, making sure that every other arm has been pulled out over the ring to make a woven effect.

STEP 3: Put contrasting yarn onto needle and use a running stitch to baste the arms to the 6th ring near the rim of the container to keep everything together. You will remove this when you are done with the basket. Leave a ¼" space at the end of each arm. Tie a knot in the basting yarn to keep in place.

STEP 4: Remove work from container. Join brown to top of ch3 of one of the arms on row 8. Ch1. Sc in each of the next 3 dc. *Sc in next top of ch3 of next arm and in each of the next 3 dc. Rep from * all the way around. Join w/slst to ch1.

STEP 5: Work 1 reverse sc in each st around to form the basket's rim. Join w/slst to first st. Fasten off and weave ends into back of work. Remove basting yarn and adjust rings as needed to make the basket the way you want it to look.

