CROCHET STORAGE BASKET
• TUTORIAL •



SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE ●●●○

MATERIALS

Yarn (US weight 4 / Medium)
- Black – 600 g / 656 yds
- Dark Gray – 500 g / 547 yds
- Light Gray – 700 g / 766 yds
- Orange – 250 g / 273 yds

Hook: 5.0 mm (H)
Stitch markers
Yarn needle
Scissors
Cardboard (for base) – 2 pieces (bottom and lid)
Optional: Fabric glue, leather labels (for handles)

FINISHED SIZE

Diameter: 38 cm / 15 in
Height: 48 cm / 19 in
(with lid and handles)

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

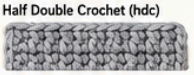
ch – chain
sl st – slip stitch
sc – single crochet
hdc – half double crochet
dc – double crochet
fpdc – front post double crochet
bpdc – back post double crochet
popcorn – 5 dc in same st, remove hook, insert in 1st dc, pull loop through and ch 1 to close
rep – repeat
st(s) – stitch(es)
( ) – work instructions in parentheses – number of times
[ ] – total stitches at the end of round
rnd – round

MAIN STITCHES

Single Crochet (sc)



Half Double Crochet (hdc)



Double Crochet (dc)



Front Post Double Crochet (fpdc)



Back Post Double Crochet (bpdc)



Popcorn Stitch



1 BOTTOM (Make 2)
(Use Black)



Rnd 1: ch 2, 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook. [8]
Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st. [16]
Rnd 3: (sc, 2 sc in next st) rep around. [24]
Rnd 4: (2 sc, 2 sc in next st) rep around. [32]
Rnd 5: (3 sc, 2 sc in next st) rep around. [40]
Rnd 6: (4 sc, 2 sc in next st) rep around. [48]
Rnd 7: (5 sc, 2 sc in next st) rep around. [56]
Rnd 8: (6 sc, 2 sc in next st) rep around. [64]
Rnd 9: (7 sc, 2 sc in next st) rep around. [72]
Rnd 10: (8 sc, 2 sc in next st) rep around. [80]
Fasten off. Make 2 pieces of cardboard the same size and insert between the two crochet circles.

2 BODY (Work in the round)
Start on the bottom piece
(Use Dark Gray, Light Gray, Black, and Orange)



Rnd 1–3 (Dark Gray): sc in each st around. [80]
Rnd 4–10 (Light Gray): Waffle Stitch (hdc in front loop, sk next st, hdc in next st) rep around.
Rnd 11 (Orange): sc in each st around.
Rnd 12–14 (Black): sc in each st around.
Rnd 15 (Orange): Popcorn Stitch – popcorn in each st around.
Rnd 16–18 (Dark Gray): sc in each st around.

3 MIDDLE TEXTURE SECTION
(Use Light Gray, Black, Orange)



Rnd 19–22 (Light Gray): Cabled Stitch – work fpdc and bpdc alternating.
Rnd 23 (Orange): sc in each st around.
Rnd 24 (Gray): Popcorn Stitch in each st around.
Rnd 25 (Black): sc in each st around.
Rnd 26–34 (Light Gray): Waffle Stitch (same as Rnd 4–10).
Rnd 35 (Orange): sc in each st around.

4 LOWER SECTION
(Use Dark Gray, Light Gray, Black, Orange)



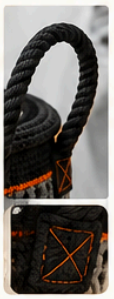
Rnd 36–38 (Dark Gray): sc in each st around.
Rnd 39 (Black): sc in each st around.
Rnd 40 (Light Gray): Waffle Stitch.
Rnd 41 (Orange): sc in each st around.
Rnd 42 (Black): sc in each st around.
Rnd 43–45 (Dark Gray): sc in each st around.

5 LID (Make 1)
(Use Black, Gray, Orange)



Rnd 1: With Black, ch 2, 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook. [8]
Rnd 2–10: Repeat same increases as bottom. [80 sts]
Rnd 11 (Gray): sc in each st around.
Rnd 12–14 (Light Gray): Cabled Stitch (fpdc/bpdc).
Rnd 15 (Orange): Popcorn in each st around.
Rnd 16–18 (Black): sc in each st around.
Fasten off.

6 HANDLES (Make 2)
(Use Black)



Ch 60.
Row 1: sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across.
Fasten off. Twist or braid the strap.
Attach to sides using a yarn needle and reinforce with X-stitch (see photo).
(Optional: use leather labels for a professional finish.)

7 ASSEMBLY



Place lid on top.
Your crochet storage basket is ready!
Use it for blankets, yarn, laundry, or toys.

8 FINISHING TOUCHES & CARE

- Weave in all ends securely.
- Use steam blocking to even out stitches (if needed).
- Spot clean with a damp cloth or hand wash gently.
- Reshape and let air dry.

STITCH HOW-TO (STEP BY STEP)

Single Crochet (sc)



1. Insert hook in st
2. Yarn over, pull up loop
3. Yarn over, pull through both loops

Half Double Crochet (hdc)



1. Yarn over, insert hook
2. Yarn over, pull up loop
3. Yarn over, pull through all 3 loops

Double Crochet (dc)



1. Yarn over, insert hook
2. Yarn over, pull up loop
3. Yarn over, pull through 2 loops at a time

Front Post Double Crochet (fpdc)



1. Yarn over, insert hook from front to back around post
2. Yarn over, pull up loop
3. Yarn over, pull through 2 loops, then 2 loops

Back Post Double Crochet (bpdc)



1. Yarn over, insert hook from back to front around post
2. Yarn over, pull up loop
3. Yarn over, pull through 2 loops, then 2 loops

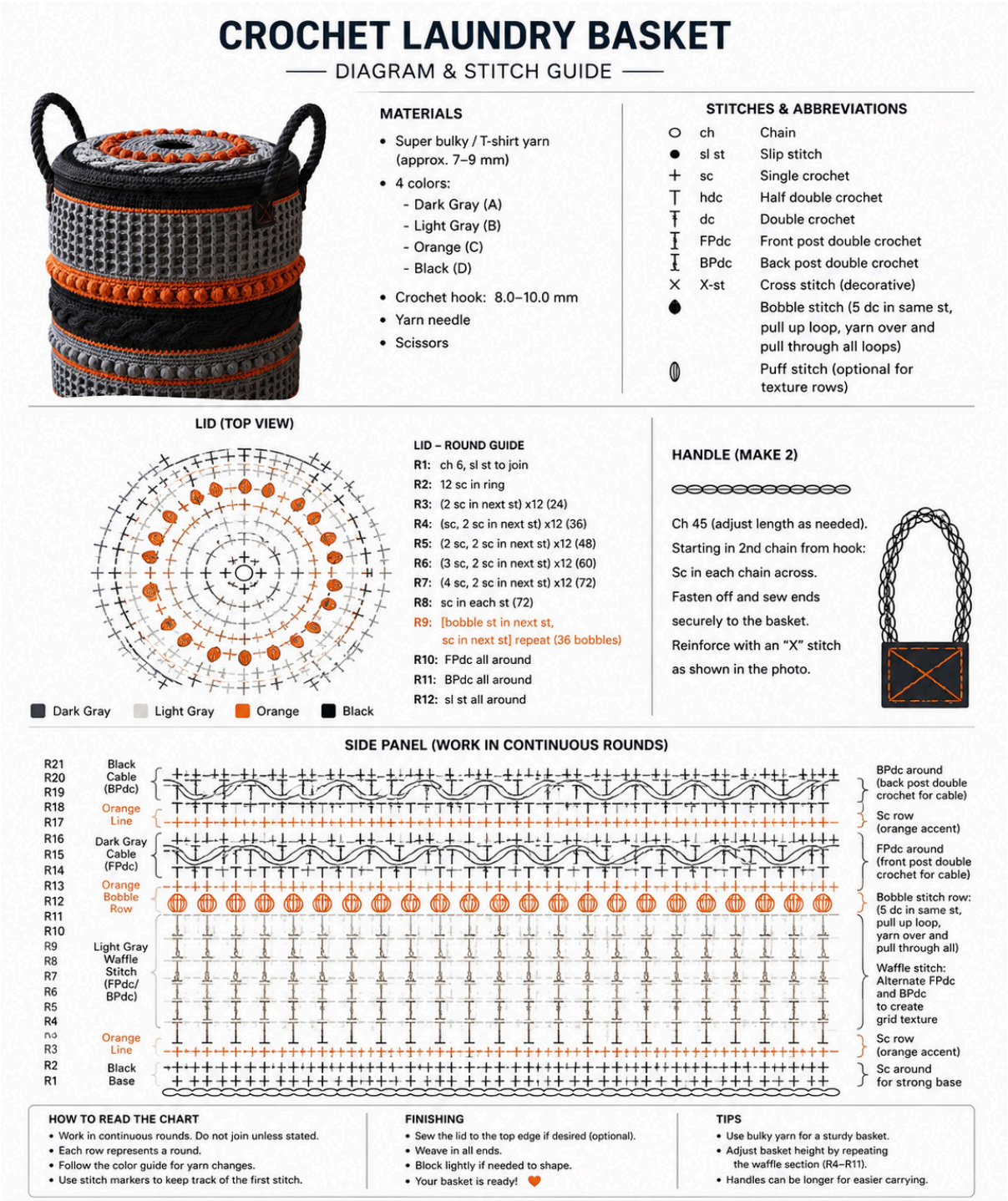
Popcorn Stitch



1. Work 5 dc in same st
2. Remove hook, insert in 1st dc
3. Pull loop through, ch 1 to close

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Crochet Storage Basket Tutorial – Complete Step-by-Step Guide

This Crochet Storage Basket is a sturdy, decorative project designed with a combination of simple crochet rounds, textured stitches, contrasting yarn colors, a reinforced base, a matching lid, and strong crocheted handles. The finished basket shown in the tutorial measures approximately 38 cm / 15 inches in diameter and about 48 cm / 19 inches high, including the lid and handles.

The pattern uses standard US crochet terminology throughout. Because the design combines basic stitches with Waffle Stitch, front post and back post double crochet, cabled texture, and Popcorn Stitch, it is best suited to an intermediate crocheter. An adventurous beginner who is comfortable counting stitches and working in the round can also complete it by following each section carefully.

The original design uses black, dark gray, light gray, and orange yarn. Keeping this color arrangement will give you a basket that closely matches the tutorial image. The orange rows provide the bright accents, while the neutral grays and black create depth and highlight the textured crochet.

Materials You Will Need 🧶

For the basket shown, prepare the following materials:

- **Black medium-weight yarn (US Weight 4): approximately 600 g / 656 yd**
- **Dark Gray medium-weight yarn: approximately 500 g / 547 yd**
- **Light Gray medium-weight yarn: approximately 700 g / 766 yd**
- **Orange medium-weight yarn: approximately 250 g / 273 yd**
- **5.0 mm crochet hook – US H**
- **Stitch markers**
- **Yarn needle**

- **Scissors**
- **Cardboard for reinforcing the bottom and lid**
- **Optional fabric glue**
- **Optional leather labels for decorating the handles**

The tutorial indicates cardboard reinforcement for the base and lid. Cut the cardboard only after your crocheted circles have been completed so you can match their actual diameter. This is especially useful because individual crochet tension varies.

For an especially firm basket, you can use more than one thin layer of cardboard in the base. Make sure the reinforcement remains slightly smaller than the crocheted circle so the cardboard does not show around the edge.

The pattern does not provide a formal gauge measurement. Because this is a storage basket rather than a fitted garment, maintaining consistent, fairly firm tension is more important than matching a specific number of stitches per inch.

Finished Size and Construction

The approximate finished dimensions are:

Diameter: 38 cm / 15 in
Height: 48 cm / 19 in, including the lid and handles

The project is constructed in several stages:

1. **Two crocheted circles create the reinforced bottom.**
2. **The basket body is worked upward in rounds.**
3. **Several decorative texture sections are added.**
4. **A separate circular lid is crocheted.**
5. **Two black handles are made.**
6. **The bottom, reinforcement, lid, and handles are assembled.**
7. **Ends are woven in and the basket is blocked and shaped.**

Use a stitch marker to identify the beginning of each round. Always count your stitches regularly, especially while making the bottom increases.

US Crochet Abbreviations Used in This Pattern

The tutorial uses the following standard US crochet terms:

ch – chain
sl st – slip stitch
sc – single crochet
hdc – half double crochet
dc – double crochet
fpdc – front post double crochet
bpdc – back post double crochet
rep – repeat
st – stitch
sts – stitches
rnd – round

Instructions inside parentheses are repeated as directed.

A number inside square brackets indicates the total number of stitches you should have at the end of that round.

The Popcorn Stitch used in this project consists of 5 double crochets worked into the same stitch, followed by closing the group into a raised popcorn shape.

Step 1: Crochet the Bottom – Make Two Circles

Use Black yarn.

The base begins with a small circle and gradually increases until you have 80 stitches.

Round 1

Chain 2.

Work 8 sc into the second chain from the hook.

You should have:

[8 sts]

Place a stitch marker in the first stitch.

Round 2

Work:

2 sc in each stitch around.

You will double the stitch count.

[16 sts]

Round 3

Repeat around:

(sc in next st, 2 sc in next st).

[24 sts]

Round 4

Repeat around:

(2 sc, 2 sc in next st).

[32 sts]

Round 5

Repeat around:

(3 sc, 2 sc in next st).

[40 sts]

Round 6

Repeat around:

(4 sc, 2 sc in next st).

[48 sts]

Round 7

Repeat around:

(5 sc, 2 sc in next st).

[56 sts]

Round 8

Repeat around:

(6 sc, 2 sc in next st).

[64 sts]

Round 9

Repeat around:

(7 sc, 2 sc in next st).

[72 sts]

Round 10

Repeat around:

(8 sc, 2 sc in next st).

[80 sts]

Fasten off.

Make a second identical black crochet circle.

Lay both circles flat before proceeding.

Use the finished circles as templates to cut your cardboard reinforcement. The original tutorial calls for a reinforced base placed between the crocheted pieces. If you want an especially rigid bottom, two thin cardboard layers can be stacked together.

Place the reinforcement between the crochet circles and carefully secure the edges together. Keep the reinforcement centered so it does not protrude through the crocheted edge.

The upper crochet circle will become the foundation from which the basket body is worked.

Step 2: Begin the Basket Body

The body is worked upward from the bottom section and uses Dark Gray, Light Gray, Black, and Orange.

Keep approximately 80 stitches around throughout the straight body sections unless the pattern specifically instructs otherwise.

Rounds 1–3 – Dark Gray

Join Dark Gray yarn to the edge of the bottom.

Work:

sc in each stitch around.

Continue for 3 rounds.

[80 sts per round]

These rounds create a strong transition between the bottom and the decorative body.

Rounds 4–10 – Light Gray Waffle Texture

Change to Light Gray.

The tutorial describes the Waffle Stitch section as a repeated combination using half double crochet and skipped/front-loop placement.

Follow the chart repeat:

hdc in front loop, skip next st, hdc in next st

Repeat the established texture around.

Continue this texture from Round 4 through Round 10.

Take care not to accidentally reduce the circumference while making the skipped-stitch texture. Follow the established stitch placement from the previous round so the columns remain vertical and evenly spaced.

The finished fabric should resemble the raised gray grid shown in the tutorial.

Round 11 – Orange

Change to Orange.

Work:

sc in each stitch around.

This creates a narrow orange accent line.

Rounds 12–14 – Black

Change to Black.

Work:

sc in each stitch around.

Complete 3 rounds.

These black rounds form the foundation for the orange popcorn band.

Round 15 – Orange Popcorn Stitch

Change to Orange.

Work the Popcorn Stitch around according to the established stitch placement.

For each popcorn:

1. **Work 5 dc into the same stitch.**
2. **Remove the hook from the working loop.**
3. **Insert the hook into the first dc of the group.**
4. **Pick up the dropped loop.**
5. **Pull it through the first dc.**
6. **Chain 1 to close and secure the popcorn.**

Continue around.

The result should be a prominent row of raised orange bobbles.

Rounds 16–18 – Dark Gray

Change to Dark Gray.

Work:

sc in each stitch around.

Complete 3 rounds.

At this point, the first major decorative section of your basket is finished.

Step 3: Crochet the Middle Texture Section

The middle of the basket uses several contrasting bands to create the most decorative part of the design.

Rounds 19–22 – Light Gray Cabled Stitch

Change to Light Gray.

Work a textured cable-style pattern by alternating:

fpdc – front post double crochet

and

bpdc – back post double crochet

Rather than inserting your hook through the normal top loops, work around the posts of the stitches below.

Continue the established cable pattern for Rounds 19–22.

The texture should form raised, rope-like waves or cables across the basket.

Round 23 – Orange

Change to Orange.

Work:

sc in each stitch around.

This creates another narrow contrast stripe.

Round 24 – Gray Popcorn Stitch

Change to Gray.

Work:

Popcorn Stitch in each established popcorn position around.

Keep the popcorns evenly spaced and pushed toward the outside of the basket.

Round 25 – Black

Change to Black.

Work:

sc in each stitch around.

This dark row frames the gray popcorn section.

Rounds 26–34 – Light Gray Waffle Stitch

Change to Light Gray.

Repeat the same Waffle Stitch texture used in Rounds 4–10.

Continue through Round 34.

Maintain the same vertical alignment so the second waffle section matches the first one.

Round 35 – Orange

Change to Orange.

Work:

sc in each stitch around.

This orange stripe finishes the middle texture area.

Step 4: Crochet the Lower/Final Body Section

The tutorial labels the next area as the Lower Section and uses Dark Gray, Light Gray, Black, and Orange.

Rounds 36–38 – Dark Gray

Using Dark Gray, work:

sc in each stitch around.

Complete 3 rounds.

Round 39 – Black

Change to Black.

Work:

sc in each stitch around.

Round 40 – Light Gray

Change to Light Gray.

Work one round of the established:

Waffle Stitch

Make sure it follows the same visual direction as the previous waffle sections.

Round 41 – Orange

Change to Orange.

Work:

sc in each stitch around.

Round 42 – Black

Change to Black.

Work:

sc in each stitch around.

Rounds 43–45 – Dark Gray

Change to Dark Gray.

Work:

sc in each stitch around.

Complete all three rounds.

At the end of Round 45, check the body from every side. It should stand upright and have relatively straight walls with the decorative bands distributed evenly around the circumference.

Fasten off if required before beginning the separate lid.

Step 5: Crochet the Lid

The lid is made separately using Black, Gray, Light Gray, and Orange.

Lid Round 1

With Black yarn, chain 2.

Work:

8 sc into the second chain from the hook.

[8 sts]

Lid Rounds 2–10

Repeat the same circular increase sequence used for the bottom.

That means increasing from:

16 stitches in Round 2

until you reach:

80 stitches in Round 10

The increase sequence is:

Round 2: 2 sc in each st – [16]

Round 3: (sc, increase) around – [24]

Round 4: (2 sc, increase) around – [32]

Round 5: (3 sc, increase) around – [40]

Round 6: (4 sc, increase) around – [48]

Round 7: (5 sc, increase) around – [56]

Round 8: (6 sc, increase) around – [64]

Round 9: (7 sc, increase) around – [72]

Round 10: (8 sc, increase) around – [80]

The resulting circle should approximately match the diameter of the basket opening.

Lid Round 11 – Gray

Change to Gray.

Work:

sc in each stitch around.

Lid Rounds 12–14 – Light Gray Cable

Change to Light Gray.

Work the same Cabled Stitch using fpdc and bpdc that you used in the basket body.

Continue for 3 rounds.

Lid Round 15 – Orange

Change to Orange.

Work:

Popcorn Stitch around.

This creates the distinctive ring of orange popcorns shown on the lid.

Lid Rounds 16–18 – Black

Change to Black.

Work:

sc in each stitch around.

Complete 3 rounds.

Fasten off securely.

If using the cardboard lid reinforcement listed in the materials, cut a circle slightly smaller than the finished crocheted lid. Secure it neatly underneath or inside the lid so it remains hidden. Optional fabric glue may be used sparingly, but a removable reinforcement is easier to manage if you expect to clean the basket later.

Step 6: Make the Handles – Make Two

Use Black yarn.

The basket requires two handles.

For each handle:

Foundation

Chain 60.

Try not to make the chain too tight.

Row 1

Starting in the second chain from the hook, work:

sl st in each chain across.

Slip stitches produce a dense, firm cord that stretches less than a normal single-crochet strap.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for attaching the handle.

Shape, twist, or gently braid the strap to produce the rounded rope-like appearance shown in the tutorial.

Repeat the process to make the second handle.

Make sure both handles are the same length before attaching either one.

Step 7: Attach the Handles Securely

Place the basket upright and determine where the two handles should sit.

Position one handle on one side of the basket and the second handle directly opposite it.

Use a yarn needle and strong black yarn to attach each end.

The tutorial shows the ends reinforced with a visible X-stitch.

To make the reinforcement:

1. **Position the handle end against the basket.**
2. **Sew diagonally from one corner of the attachment area to the opposite corner.**
3. **Cross back in the opposite direction to form an X.**
4. **Repeat several times if necessary.**
5. **Secure the yarn firmly on the inside of the basket.**

The handles will carry the weight of the basket, so do not rely on only one or two stitches.

Optional leather labels can be added over or near the attachment points for a more professional handmade finish.

Step 8: Assemble the Basket

Check that the reinforced bottom is flat and securely enclosed.

Shape the body upward with your hands.

Make sure both handles are positioned evenly.

Place the finished lid on top of the basket.

The lid should sit neatly over the opening without excessive stretching.

The tutorial uses the lid as a removable top rather than permanently attaching it to the basket.

Once assembled, your basket can be used for items such as:

- **Blankets**
- **Yarn**
- **Crochet supplies**
- **Laundry**
- **Toys**
- **Craft materials**
- **Towels**
- **Soft household accessories**

Avoid storing extremely heavy objects unless you have added suitable structural reinforcement.

Step 9: How to Make the Main Stitches

Understanding the main stitches before you begin the textured sections will make the project much easier.

Single Crochet – sc

1. **Insert hook into the stitch.**
2. **Yarn over.**
3. **Pull up a loop.**
4. **Yarn over again.**
5. **Pull through both loops on your hook.**

Single crochet creates the dense fabric used throughout the structural areas of the basket.

Half Double Crochet – hdc

1. **Yarn over.**
2. **Insert hook into the stitch.**
3. **Yarn over.**
4. **Pull up a loop.**
5. **Yarn over.**
6. **Pull through all 3 loops on the hook.**

Double Crochet – dc

1. **Yarn over.**
2. **Insert hook into the stitch.**
3. **Yarn over and pull up a loop.**
4. **Yarn over and pull through 2 loops.**
5. **Yarn over again and pull through the final 2 loops.**

Front Post Double Crochet – fpdc

Yarn over.

Instead of inserting your hook into the top loops of the stitch, insert the hook from front to back and then back to front around the post of the stitch below.

Yarn over and pull up a loop.

Finish the double crochet normally:

Yarn over, pull through 2 loops.

Yarn over, pull through the final 2 loops.

Working around the front of the post pushes the stitch forward and creates a raised texture.

Back Post Double Crochet – bpdc

Yarn over.

Insert the hook from back to front and then back around the post of the stitch below.

Yarn over and pull up a loop.

Finish the double crochet normally.

The stitch is pushed toward the back of the fabric.

Alternating fpdc and bpdc creates the dimensional ribbed and cable-like appearance used in this basket.

Popcorn Stitch

Work 5 dc into the same stitch.

Remove your hook from the working loop without pulling the loop closed.

Insert the hook through the top of the first dc in the group.

Place the dropped loop back onto the hook.

Pull that loop through the first dc.

Chain 1 to close the popcorn.

Push the popcorn toward the front of your work.

This technique creates the bold raised orange and gray details visible around the basket and lid.

Step 10: Keep the Basket Shape Straight and Even

Because this basket is tall, small tension differences can become noticeable after several rounds.

Periodically place the basket on a flat surface.

Check whether the sides are standing vertically rather than flaring outward or narrowing inward.

Count stitches whenever you complete an important texture section.

If your stitches become much looser during the textured rounds, the basket may widen. Try to keep the tension slightly firm and consistent.

A 5.0 mm / H hook is specified in the original tutorial. If your particular medium-weight yarn produces extremely loose fabric with this hook, concentrate first on tightening your tension rather than changing hook size, since changing hook size will also change the final dimensions.

Keep the orange contrast rows relatively neat because they act like visual guide lines around the basket. Uneven orange rows will be particularly noticeable against the dark background.

Step 11: Weave In All Yarn Ends

After completing the crochet, use a yarn needle to weave in every yarn tail securely.

Because this project changes colors many times, there will be quite a few ends.

Weave each tail through several stitches on the wrong side.

Change direction once or twice before trimming the excess yarn.

Pay special attention to:

- **Orange color-change rows**
- **Popcorn sections**
- **Beginning and ending points of cable rows**
- **Bottom attachment**
- **Handle attachment points**
- **Lid color changes**

Do not cut ends directly beside a knot, because normal use can cause the knot to loosen.

Step 12: Steam Block and Shape the Basket

The tutorial recommends steam blocking if needed.

Place the finished basket in its natural upright position.

Gently reshape the sides with your hands.

Use steam to encourage uneven stitches to settle into position, but do not press a hot iron directly against the yarn.

Synthetic yarn can melt or flatten when exposed to excessive heat.

Hold the steam source at a safe distance and reshape the fabric gradually.

Allow the basket to cool and dry completely while it remains in the correct shape.

The lid can be blocked separately on a flat surface.

Step 13: Cleaning and Care

For normal maintenance, the tutorial recommends spot cleaning with a damp cloth or gentle hand washing.

Because the basket contains cardboard reinforcement, avoid fully soaking the cardboard.

If you have created removable reinforcement pieces, take them out before washing the crochet.

Use cool or lukewarm water and mild detergent.

Do not aggressively wring or twist the basket.

After cleaning:

1. **Gently remove excess moisture.**
2. **Reshape the basket.**
3. **Place it upright.**
4. **Adjust the textured stitches.**
5. **Allow it to air dry completely.**

Do not place the basket in a hot dryer if you want to preserve its structure and dimensional stitches.

Step 14: Final Shape and Finishing Touches ✨

Put the reinforced bottom into its final position and straighten the body.

Check the gray Waffle Stitch panels and gently separate any stitches that have become compressed.

Shape the orange popcorns so they project evenly toward the outside.

Adjust the cable sections to make their raised pattern clearly visible.

Straighten the black handles and check that their attachment points are equally spaced.

Place the lid on top.

Viewed from the front, the finished basket should show a balanced sequence of black, dark gray, light gray, and orange

textured bands, with a sturdy cylindrical profile and two raised black handles.

For the closest visual match to the original tutorial, keep the orange as an accent rather than a dominant color. The small orange single-crochet rows and raised popcorns provide just enough contrast against the neutral body.

Your Crochet Storage Basket is now complete and ready to use. 🧶🧡

With its approximately 15-inch diameter, tall 19-inch finished profile, reinforced construction, removable lid, textured Waffle and Cable sections, Popcorn Stitch accents, and strong handles, this project works both as practical storage and as a decorative handmade piece for the home.

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