

BASKETS, BASKETS, BASKETS.

Crochet

hook size: N. 2 strands of 4 ply yarn.

Using 2 strands

of yarn, chain 6, join with a slip st to form a circle, ch1, SC 8 into circle, slip st., ch 1 SC 2 into ea st around. Slip st., ch 1 DC 2 into ea st around. Slip st., ch 1 FPDC 1 (front post double

crochet) into the first st., followed by BPDC 1 (back post double crochet) into the next st., then FPDC 1 into the next st. Follow this pattern around. NEXT ROW: DC 1 into the first st., then DC 2 into the next st., followed by DC 1 into the next st. Follow this pattern around, slip st., ch 1. Repeat the pattern of FPDC 1 into the first st., followed by BPDC 1 into the next st., continue around, slip st., ch 1. Increase completed. For the next several rows you will follow the pattern of FPDC 1 followed by BPDC 1.

FORMING

HANDLES: Following your pattern of FPDC AND BPDC then find the center of both sides of the basket. Here you will chain 7, skip 7 sts., and proceed with the FPDC and BPDC until you reach the opposite side. Again, chain 7, skip 7 sts., and continue your pattern to the end, slip st., ch 1. Follow pattern until the first handle, SC 10 into the chain space, then continue with the FPDC and BPDC until you reach the opposite handle. Repeat with SC 10 into chain space.

NEXT ROW DECREASE: Insert hook into the first st., yarn over, now insert hook into the next st., yarn over then bring through all loops on the hook. Repeat with the next 2 sts., and the rest of the sts. around. NEXT 3 ROWS: Slip st around. Fasten off.



