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Materials Needed:
US I9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to
    achieve gauge
Medium weight yarn: 1 oz or 45 yards
Tapestry needle

*Color used: Caron One Pound Yarn in Soft Grey Mix

Gauge swatch: 14 hdc x 12 rows = 4x4 inch square
swatch

Special note:

Add soft texture and functionality to your home. This simple basket can be as tall or as short as you like and can be completed with those spare yarn balls. It is worked in the round with simple stitches. Experiment with color changes to make this basket all your own.

To make this basket taller, continue working round 11 until desired measurements. To make is shorter, work round 11 until it reaches your desired height.

Special Stitches:

back loop: Traditional crochet stitches create a side > pattern. Rather than inserting the crochet hook through the > pattern, ONLY insert the crochet hook underneath the back loop of the > pattern (the loop furthest away from you).

front loop: ONLY insert the crochet hook underneath the front loop of the > pattern (the loop closest to you).

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Simple Basket: approximately 3.5 inches tall x 4 inches wide

Foundation: ch. 2.

Rnd 1: work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Place marker for beg of rnd; move marker up as each rnd is completed.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around – 12 sts

Rnd 3: [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 6 times – 18 sts

Rnd 4: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times – 24 sts

Rnd 5: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times – 30 sts

Rnd 6: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] 6 times – 36 sts

Rnd 7: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts] 6 times – 42 sts

Rnd 8: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] 6 times – 48 sts

Rnd 9: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts] 6 times – 54sts

Rnd 10: sc in back loop of each sc – 54 sts

Rnd 11-18: hdc in each sc around – 54 sts

Rnd 19: sc in next 15 sts, ch 12, sk 12 sts, sc in next 15 sts, ch 12, sk 11 sts, sc in next st – 54 sts

Finishing row: End of working in the round

Row 1: ch 1, turn, sc in front loop of sc, place 12 sc around chs (add more to look uniform if your chs are loose), sc front loop in next 15 scs, 12 sc around chs, sc front loop in next 15 scs, sl st into starting sc, tie off, sew in ends.

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Abbreviation guide:

bl = back loop (see special stitches on page 2)

ch= chain

fl = front loop (see special stitches on page 2)

hdc= half double crochet

rnd= round

sc = single crochet

sl st= slip stitch

st= stitch

Pattern notes:

Brackets i.e. [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 6 times explain what will be worked for a set amount of times. Repeat the instructions 2 sc in next st, sc in next six, six times.