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## ANY-SIZE SQUARE CONTAINER CROCHET PATTERN

An easy-to-make container with a square base which can be made in any width, height or number of colours, making it a good project for beginners or for using up yarn left over from other projects.

The container is worked in rounds from the base up and can be made with or without the handles.

This pattern uses both American and British crochet terms. The American term is given first with the British term afterwards in brackets.

### You will need:

- Although you can use any yarn, for a robust container I recommend using a thick yarn (aran or thicker) in a non-stretchy fibre such as raffia, cotton or jute. I used Bobbiny 5mm recycled cotton cord in Black and Natural.
- The smallest-sized crochet hook that you can comfortably use with your chosen yarn. The smaller your hook the denser your stitches will be and the better your container will hold its shape. I used an 8mm (US L/11) hook.
- Stitch markers.
- A tapestry needle if using yarn, or glue if using thick cord.

### Abbreviations

ch	chain
ch-2 sp	chain space made using 2 ch
CR	Corner = sc (dc) in ch-2 sp, ch 2, sc (dc) in same ch-2 sp.
dc	double crochet
sc	single crochet
ss	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
[ ]	Square brackets show two or more stitches to be repeated as a set.

### Gauge

The container in the photo has a gauge of 9 sts x 10 rounds = 10 x 10cm, however the gauge is not critical. The important thing is that your stitches are dense enough to produce a relatively stiff container.

### Colour changes

Colour changes are optional. If you wish to change colours do so on the ss join at the end of a round.

### The container in the cover photo

The instructions below are to make any size of container, but at the end of some instructions there is an example given in brackets (e.g. 19 sts). Follow these (e.g....) if you want to replicate the container in the cover photo, which is 24cm wide and 15cm tall.

### Alternative to magic loop

The base begins with a magic loop. If you don't know this technique ch 4, join with a ss into the 1<sup>st</sup> ch, ch 1, then work round 1 into this loop instead of into a magic loop.

### Joining

At the end of every round join by working a ss into the 1<sup>st</sup> sc (dc) of the round.

### BASE

**Round 1:** [sc (dc), ch 2] 4 times into a magic loop. Join.

**Round 2:** ch 1 and turn, sc (dc) into every sc (dc) and CR into every ch-2 sp. Join. Repeat round 2 until the base is the size you want (e.g. total of 9 rounds).

### SIDES

**Round A:** ch 1 and turn, sc (dc) in every sc (dc) and 2 sc (dc) in every ch-2 sp, placing a st marker between the 2 sc (dc) at each corner. Join. Move the markers up on each round - they mark where each side starts/ends.

**Round B:** ch 1 and turn, sc (dc) in every sc (dc). Join.

Repeat round B until the container is the height you want before the handles begin (e.g. repeat 9 times, changing colour after the 2<sup>nd</sup> repeat).

(If you are not making the handles, continue until the container is the full height you want then fasten off.)

The last round will be on the outside of the container, so if it's currently on the inside turn the container inside out now.

### HANDLES

Count how many sts you have on each side. Each handle should be about half the width of one side, and you need to have the same number of sts to the left and right of it (e.g. the container in the

photo has 19 sts on each side. The handle is 9 sts wide, with 5 sts to the left and 5 sts to the right).

Ch 1 and turn, sc (dc) in every sc (dc) until you reach the first marker.

Handle side: sc (dc) the number of sts to the right of the handle, ch the number of sts for the handle and skip the same number of sc (dc), then sc (dc) the number of sts to the left of the handle (e.g. 5 sc (dc), ch 9, skip 9 sc (dc), 5 sc (dc)).

Sc (dc) in each sc (dc) along the next side.

Repeat the handle side.

Sc (dc) in every sc (dc) until the end of the round.

Join.

Ch 1 and turn, sc (dc) in every sc (dc) and, in the space created by each handle, sc (dc) the same number of sts as there are ch in the handle (e.g. 9 sc (dc)). Join then fasten off.

### **FINISHING**

If you have used yarn sew in the ends on the inside, or if you have used a thick cord which can't be sewn glue the ends neatly on the inside.

If your fabric isn't as stiff as you had hoped, try painting the inside and/or the outside with fabric stiffener.