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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Super Saver Chunky™:** 4 skeins 400 Grey Heather **A**, 1 skein 341 Light Grey **B**, and small amounts of 373 Petal Pink **C**, and 312 Black **D**

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks:** 6.5mm [US K-10½] and 8mm [US L-11]

Yarn needle

**GAUGE:** 9 sc = about 4" [10 cm]; 10 rows = about 4" [10 cm] with larger hook and 2 strands of yarn held together. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



**RED HEART® Super Saver Chunky™, Art.**

E306 available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 173 yd (158 m); heathers 5 oz (141 g), 168 yd (154 m) skeins

SHOP KIT

# Kitty Toy Basket

Keep your kitty's playthings organized in this charming basket. We've designed it with a double strand of yarn for sturdiness. The face is embroidered with appliques for the ears and nose.

**Basket measures about 10" [25.5 cm] high, 12" [30.5 cm] wide and 36" [91.5 cm] circumference.**

## Notes

1. Basket is made from two pieces, basket base and basket sides, sewn together.
2. Basket base is worked in continuous rounds (spiral).
3. Basket sides are worked back and forth in rows.
4. Ears are worked directly onto top edge of basket.
5. Basket and ears are worked with larger hook and 2 strands of yarn held together throughout.
6. Inner ears and nose are worked separately and sewn to basket. Inner ears and nose are worked with smaller hook and only one strand of yarn.
7. Eyes, mouth and whiskers are embroidered onto basket.

## Special Stitches

**join with sc** = Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

**sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together)** = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

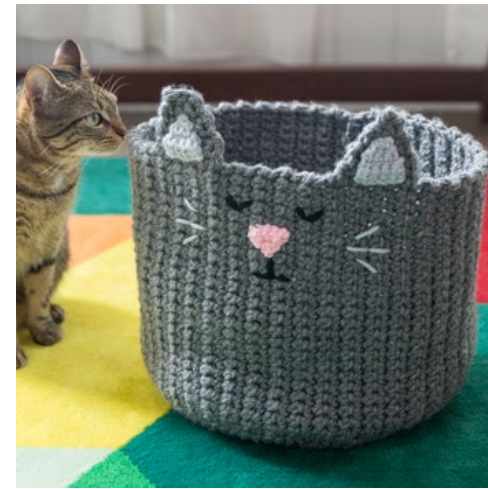
## BASKET BASE

With larger hook and 2 strands of **A** held together, ch 3; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

**Round 1:** Work 6 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc.

Place a marker in last sc of Round 1 to mark end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

**Round 2:** Work 2 sc in each sc around, do not join with slip st in first sc, work in continuous rounds (spiral)—12 sc.



**Round 3:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 6 times—18 sc.

**Round 4:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times—24 sc.

**Round 5:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times—30 sc.

**Round 6:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] 6 times—36 sc.

**Round 7:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts] 6 times—42 sc.

**Round 8:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] 6 times—48 sc.

**Round 9:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts] 6 times—54 sc.

**Round 10:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts] 6 times—60 sc.

**Round 11:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts] 6 times—66 sc.

**Round 12:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts] 6 times—72 sc.

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**Round 13:** [2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts] 6 times—78 sc.  
Fasten off. Base should measure about 12" [30.5 cm] across.

## BASKET SIDES

With larger hook and 2 strands of **A** held together, ch 24.  
**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—23 sc.  
**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.  
Repeat last row until piece measures about 36" [91.5 cm] from beginning (or length needed to reach comfortably all the way around outer edge of basket base).  
Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Sew short edges of basket sides together to form a tube. Sew one edge of tube to basket base.

### Ears (make 2)

Place the side seam at the back of the basket and find the center of the top edge. One ear will be worked on each side of the center of top edge of basket.

**Row 1 (right side):** With right side facing, larger hook, and 2 strands of **A** held together, join yarn with an sc to top edge of basket, about 2" [5 cm] past center top, work 6 more sc along top edge of basket—7 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st across—6 sc.

**Rows 3-6:** Repeat Row 2 for 4 more times—2 sc in Row 6.

Fasten off. Repeat to work 2nd ear, beginning the ear about 5½-6" [14-15 cm] before the first ear so that the finished ears are about 4" [10 cm] apart.

### Inner Ear (make 2)

With smaller hook and one strand of **B**, ch 8.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each remaining ch across—7 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st across—6 sc.

**Rows 3-6:** Repeat Row 2 for 4 more times—2 sc in Row 6.

Fasten off.

### Nose

With smaller hook and one strand of **C**, ch 6.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each remaining ch across—5 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st across—4 sc.

**Rows 3 and 4:** Repeat Row 2 twice—2 sc in Row 4.

Fasten off.

Sew one inner ear to front of each ear. Sew nose to front of basket, centered between ears and 2-3" [5-7.5 cm] below top edge.

**Facial features:** Use photograph as a guide. With 2 strands of **D**, embroider straight stitch eyes and mouth. With 2 strands of **B**, embroider straight stitch whiskers.

Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B, C, etc.** = Color A, B, C, etc.; **ch** = chain; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified

