



CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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Basketball Can Cozy

Enjoy a soda (or other beverage) served in this clever cozy while you watch the game! Our Basketball Can Cozy exudes enthusiasm, making it perfect for giving to passionate sports fans. Why not crochet a cozy or two while watching the game?

What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver: 1 skein 256 Carrot A; small amounts of 316 Soft White B and 312 Black C

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5mm [US H-8]

Stitch holders, polyester fiberfill for stuffing, yarn needle, clean dry soda can to hold shape while stuffing ball

GAUGE: With double strand yarn, 12 hdc = 4" [10 cm]; 11 rows hdc = 4" [10 cm]. With single strand yarn, 14 sc = 4" [10 cm]; 20 rows sc = 4" [10 cm]. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



Buy Yarn RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); multicolor, heather and print 5 oz (141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

SHOP KIT

Cozy measures 9.5" (24 cm) wide by 4" (10 cm) tall and fits 12 oz. soda can

Special Stitches

sc2tog = [draw up a loop in next st] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

COZY

Lining

Lining is worked holding two strands of yarn throughout. Work loosely so that inside cup has a little stretch. With **A**, ch 2.

Round 1: 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with slip st in first st — 6 sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, [2 sc in next sc] 6 times; join — 12 sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, [2 hdc in next sc, hdc in next sc] 6 times; join — 18 hdc.

Round 4: Ch 1, [Hdc in each of the next 2 hdc, 2 hdc in the next hdc] 6 times; join — 24 hdc.

Round 5: Ch 1, hdc in back loop only of each hdc around; join — 24 hdc.

Rounds 6-12: Ch 1, hdc in each hdc around; join — 24 hdc. Fasten off, weave ends in.

Ball

Ball is worked in continuous rounds without joining or turning. Use a stitch holder to mark the beginning of each Round, moving up as work progresses. Using one strand of **A**, hold Liner with the top facing and join yarn in any back loop of Lining Round 12.

Round 1: [Sc in back loop of next st, 2 sc in back loop of next st] 12 times — 36 sc.

Round 2: Sc in each sc around.

Round 3: [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of the next 2 sc] 12 times — 48 sc.

Round 4: Sc in each sc around.

Round 5: [Sc in each of the next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 12 times — 60 sc.

Rounds 6-13: Sc in each sc around.

Round 14: [Sc2tog, sc in each of the next 3 sc] 12 times — 48 sc.

Round 15: Sc in each sc around.

Round 16: [Sc2tog, sc in each of the next 2 sc] 12 times — 36 sc.

Round 17: Sc in each sc around.

Begin stuffing to create round ball shape. Stuff firmly to define shape but do not overstuff or stretch stitches (this helps prevent stuffing from showing through work). It may be helpful to place a soda can inside the Lining to hold its shape while working. Continue stuffing as you close.

Round 18: [Sc2tog, sc in the next sc] 12 times — 24 sc.

Round 19: Join Ball to Lining by single crocheting Ball Round 18 and open loops of Lining Round 5 together. Match and sc together each st and loop around, stuffing and shaping. Fasten off, weave ends in.

Hoop and Net

With **C**, ch 8; join with slip st to form ring. Fasten off, leaving 10" (25 cm) tail for sewing.

Join **B** with a slip st to any ch on ring.

Round 1: [Ch 4, skip next ch, slip st in next ch] 3 times, ch 4, join with slip st in top of first st of Round — 4 ch-4 loops.

Round 2: Slip st in first 2 chs, [ch 4, slip st in next loop] 3 times, ch 4, join with slip st in beginning loop — 4 ch-4 loops.

Round 3: [Ch 3, slip st in next loop] 3 times, ch 3, join with slip st in beginning loop — 3 ch-4 loops. Fasten off, leaving 10" (25 cm) tail.

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Finishing

Use photo as a guide for finishing. Using scrap yarn in yarn needle and a loose running stitch, outline an oval on each side of the Ball. Using C, fill in the oval outline with back stitches. Bisect each oval lengthwise with another line of back stitches. Remove scrap yarn. Satin stitch eyes one-third of the way down the face, about 3 or 4 stitches apart. Add a V-smile and eyebrows.

Position the Hoop on the left side of the face. Sew back of the Hoop to Ball with C yarn tail. Fasten off. Using B yarn tail, sew back of Net to Ball. Fasten off and weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C; **ch** = chain; **cm** = centimeters; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

