## TAPESTRY CROCHET CLOTHING BASKET



FINISHED SIZE

- $11.8^{\prime \prime} / 30 \mathrm{~cm}$ (width)
$x 6.7^{\prime \prime} / 17 \mathrm{~cm}$ (height)
x $11.8^{\prime \prime} / 30 \mathrm{~cm}$ (depth)


## GAUGE

14 sts $\times 12$ rows $=4$ "/ 10 cm

## MATERIALS

- Five 130 gr skeins of 3 mm macrame cord in dark red
- 30 mt of 4 mm macrame cord in red or similar color
- 4 (US)/ 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Stitch markers in two different colors which will be named $A$ and $B$


## ABBREVIATIONS

- R: row
- ch: chain
- st: stitch
- ss: slip stitch
- sc: single crochet



4 mm red cord

## STITCHES

## - Slip stitch:

Insert the hook in the next st, yarn over, draw through the st and through the loop on the hook.

## - Single crochet

 (UK: double crochet):nsert hook in the next st, yarn over and draw through the st, yarn over and draw through the two loops on the hook.

## - Crab stitch:

Also called reverse single crochet st. It's sc worked from left to right. Insert the hook, front to back, in the next st to the right, yarn over and pull through the st, yarn over and draw through the two loops on the hook.


Steps for slip stitch


Steps for single crochet


Steps for crab stitch

## BASKET

It's started from the base, crocheted in the round and making a square shape. With dark red cord ch 4.

R1: 3 sc in each ch around= 12 sts. Place a color A marker in the first st of the row (beginning of row) and color B markers in each middle st of the 3 sc made in each ch. You will relocate color A marker in the first st of each row and color B markers in the middle sts of every row, every time you make 3 sc in one st. This will make it easier or you to shape the base evenly and counting rows.


First 4 ch to begin


Beginning of R1, worked in the round


End of R1, place marker in first st of row and markers for middle sts when you sc 3 in one st

R2: sc 1, (3 sc in next st, sc 2) rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc $1=20$ sts. From this row on you will start carrying the red cord. To add it just take it leaving a $2^{\prime \prime}$ strand which will be weaved in at the end. Don't make knots.

Tapestry crochet technique consists in crocheting carrying one or more additional threads. You will crochet
as you usually do but wrapping another yarn (s). For this design you will wrap the red cord which is slightly ticker. You could use one of the same width or even a thicker one depending on the result you're looking for. For either choice I suggest making a sample before crocheting the final piece.


Beginning or R2, carry red cord


Sc as usual but wrapping the red cord


End of R2, relocate marker in first st of row and markers for middle sts when you sc 3 in one st

R3: sc 2, (3 sc in next st, sc 4) rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc $2=28$ sts


End of R3, relocate marker in first st of row and markers for middle sts when you sc 3 in one st

R4: sc 3, (3 sc in next st, sc 6) rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc $3=36$ sts
R5: sc 4, (3 sc in next st, sc 8) rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc $4=44$ sts
R6: sc 5, (3 sc in next st, sc 10) rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc $5=52$ sts
R7: sc 6, (3 sc in next st, sc 12) rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc $6=60$ sts
R8: sc 7, (3 sc in next st, sc 14) rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc $7=68$ sts
R9: sc 8, (3 sc in next st, sc 16) rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc $8=76$ sts
R10: sc 9, (3 sc in next st, sc 18) rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc $9=84$ sts
R11: sc 10, (3 sc in next st, sc 20) rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc $10=92$ sts
R12: sc 11, (3 sc in next st, sc 22) rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc $11=100$ sts
R13: sc 12, (3 sc in next st, sc 24) rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc 12= 108 sts
R14: sc 13 , (3 sc in next st, sc 26)
rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st,
sc $13=116$ sts
R15: sc 14, (3 sc in next st, sc 28)
rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st,
sc 14=124 sts
R16: sc 15, (3 sc in next st, sc 30) rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc $15=132$ sts
R17: sc 16, (3 sc in next st, sc 32) rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc $16=140$ sts
R18: sc 17, (3 sc in next st, sc 34) rep () 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc $17=148$ sts
R19: sc 18, (3 sc in next st, sc 36) rep ( ) 3 times, 3 sc in next st, sc $18=156$ sts
R20-26: 156 sts
R27: Sc 70, sc 16 on the red cord only, skip 16 sts of last row, sc 70= 156 sts


End of R19, 156 sts, square base


R27, sc on the red cord only


R27, sc 16 on red cord only, skip 16 sts


R27, first opening for the handle
R28 and 29: 156 sts
R30: Repeat R27
R31-35: 156 sts

R36: 156 sts. Sc the necessary additional sts to reach the next corner.


End of R36, 156 sts


R36, sc until reaching the next corner

R37: Cut the red cord leaving a $2^{\prime \prime}$ strand. From this new beginning of row and with the dark red cord only, ch1 and make one row of crab stitch.

Ss in the first st of the row. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Take a $2.6^{\prime \prime} \times 1.6^{\prime \prime}(6.5 \times 4 \mathrm{~cm}) \mathrm{mdf}$ piece and make a hole in one corner.


Mdf and dark red cord label

Weave in and seal all ends. The basket's ready.


Finished basket, side view


Finished basket, capacity

Take a $7.9^{\prime \prime} / 20 \mathrm{~cm}$ strand of dark red cord, fold it in half and pull the ends through the hole. Make a knot and seal.

Write the contents of the basket and place the label around the handle.

