

Up-cycled Basket

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Pattern info:

Up-cycling an old tee-shirt into a function and trendy storage can be a fun and satisfying project that you can tackle in a weekend. There are plenty of tutorials on how to cut a tee-shirt to make the tee-shirt yarn, or you can use a store-bought jersey yarn for this project. You can also easily adjust the pattern to make a bigger, or a smaller basket. The sample size is great for yarn storage, towels, toys, etc.

Time: weekend project

Skill Level: Beginner

Size: 9" tall, 9" in diameter.

Gauge: gauge is not essential for this project.

Materials

MC - Worsted weight cotton yarn in Light Gray, 100g.

CC - small amount of worsted weight cotton yarn.

Tee-shirt Yarn - 1" thick cut yarn from a white tee-shirt, adult size M.

Hook: US size G

Notions: tapestry needle, tape measure, scissors.

Pattern

Basket Bottom

With MC yarn, make a slip knot. Ch4.

Rnd 1: 12 dc into ch1, sl st to top of ch3. 12 dc.

Pick up the tee-shirt yarn, and hold it at the top of the sts from the previous Rnd. You will now begin to crochet over the tee-shirt yarn, inserting the hook into the stitches below.

Rnd 2: 2sc in each dc. 24 sc. Place BOR marker.

Do not slip stitch to finish the Rnd, but continue to work in the spiral, moving the marker to mark BOR.

Rnd 3: *sc, ch1; rep from* around.

Begin working into the ch1 spaces from the previous Rnd.

Rnd 4: rep Rnd 3.

Rnd 5: *2sc, ch1, sc, ch1; rep from* around.

Rnd 7-8: rep Rnd 3.

Rnd 9: *2sc, ch1, sc, ch1, sc, ch1; rep from* around.

Rnd 10-11: rep Rnd 3.

Continue to work in this manner, increasing on every 3rd Rnd, until the circle is 9" in diameter, or desired size.

Basket Sides

Rnd 1: *sc, ch1; rep from* around.

Rep Rnd 1 until the Basket Sides are 9" tall, or desired height.

Fold-over Edge

Working with MC yarn only,

Rnd 1: *sc, ch1; rep from* around.

Rep Rnd 1 until the Fold-over edge is 2". Cut yarn.

Decorative Edge

With CC, work a round of sc. Cut yarn.

Make 3 small tassels, and attach to the edge of the basket.

Handles (make 2)

With MC, ch7, turn.

Row 1: dc to 4th ch from hook, dc in each of the next 3 ch. 4 dc total, turn.

Row 2: ch 3, dc in each dc, turn.

Rep Row 2 another 22 times. Cut yarn.

Fold the handle strip in half along the long side, to form a tube. Starting ½" from the edge, *Crochet around the folded handle using the sc, and stopping ½" from the other edge. Turn, and repeat the process from*. This creates a very sturdy handle, with the ½" tabs for sewing up. Cut yarn.

Finishing

Position the handles on the basket, symmetrically, at the top of the edge. Using a tapestry needle, sew the handles in place from the inside of the basket. Weave in the ends.

Abbreviations

BOR - beginning of the round

CC - contrasting color

ch - chain

dc - double crochet

MC - main color

Rnd - round

sc - single crochet

