

## FOX BASKET

**Design:** Lankava, Marja Rautiainen.

**Size:** 22 x 18.5 cm (diameter x height).

**Yarn:** Lankava Lilli Tube Yarn (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, 1 kg = 220 m) 510 g terracotta (36) and 110 g Natural white (2). A small amount of black bulky cotton yarn for the nose.

**Crochet hook:** 3 mm for the nose and 8 mm for the basket, or size to obtain gauge.

**Other supplies:** 2 buttons, darning needle and all-purpose glue.

**Gauge:** 6,5 sts and 8 rnds = 10 cm over waistcoat sts.

**Abbreviations:** ch = chain stitch, rnd = round, sc = single crochet, ss = slip stitch, st(s) = stitch(es), wc = waistcoat stitch.

**Basket:** Start by working a circular bottom piece using the larger hook. Using terracotta yarn, make a magic ring around your finger.

**Rnd 1:** 1 ch and 8 sc into the ring. Tighten the ring closed by tugging from the loose end of the yarn, and on the next rnd, hide the end by crocheting it inside the sts. Continue working in a spiral ie. without closing the rnds. Mark the beginning of the round and move the marker at the end of each rnd.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc into each st = 16 sts.

**Rnd 3:** \*1 ch, 2 sc into same st\*, repeat \*-\* 7 times more = 24 sts.

**Rnd 4:** \*2 sc, 2 sc into same st\*, repeat \*-\* 7 times more = 32 sts.

**Rnd 5:** 1 sc, \*2 sc into same st, 3 sc\*, repeat \*-\* 6 times more, 2 sc into same st, 2 sc = 40 sts.

**Rnd 6:** \*4 sc, 2 sc into same st\*, repeat \*-\* 7 times more = 48 sts.

Steam block the completed bottom. Start working the edge using wc sts.

**Rnd 7:** Join white yarn, 48 wc using terracotta yarn and at the same time crochet the white yarn into the sts.

Work a wc st (also called a crochet knit st) as follows: Insert the hook into the center of the sc from the previous rnd so that the hook goes under the horizontal bar visible from the wrong side and work the st the same way as a sc. The front and back loops of the sc of the previous rnd will be completely enclosed by the wc st. Next, start working crochet colorwork using wc sts following the written instructions and the chart. Change colors by always working the final step of the st using the next color.

**Rnd 1:** 9 wc and at the same time crochet the white yarn inside the sts. At the final step of the 9th st, switch to white yarn and then 4 wc with white yarn and at the same time crochet the terracotta yarn inside the sts. At the final step of the 4th st, switch to terracotta yarn and work to end of rnd. Tighten the yarn running inside the

sts appropriately. This will keep the shape of the basket neat and there will be no loose loops forming on the wrong side. The white yarn is visible between the sts on the wrong side.



Please check out the Dog and Penguin Basket patterns as well.



**Rnd 2:** 7 wc with terracotta yarn, 8 wc with white yarn and then work to end of rnd with terracotta yarn. Always remember to switch yarns at the end of the last st.

**Rnd 3:** 5 wc with terracotta yarn, 12 wc with white yarn and then work to end of rnd with terracotta yarn.

**Rnds 4 – 9:** Crochet following the chart.

**Rnds 10 – 11:** 48 wc with terracotta yarn and at the same time crochet the white yarn inside the sts. Cut yarn leaving a tail of approx. 4.2 m, and then crochet an ear working wc sts back and forth.

**Rnds 1 – 2:** \*7 wc pulling yarn through the last st\*. Do not turn but return to the beginning of the row so that the yarn will form a long float on the wrong side, then repeat \*-\* and at the same time crochet the float inside the sts. Return to the beginning of the row.

**Rnds 3 – 4:** Skip 1st wc, \*5 wc and pull yarn through the last st\*. Return to the beginning of the row and repeat \*-\*.

**Rnd 5:** Skip 1st wc, 3 wc and pull yarn through. Using smaller hook, weave the yarn end in inside the sts of the previous row.

Cut a 4.3 m length of yarn and work another ear in the same way 8 sts from the first one.

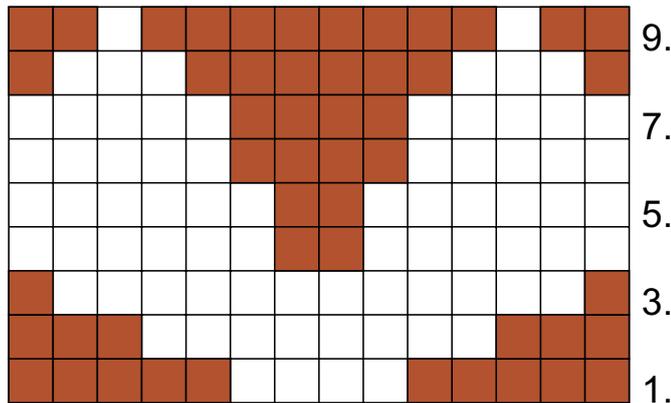
**Nose:** Using black yarn, make a magic ring around your finger.

**Rnd 1:** Using smaller hook, 1 ch, 3 sc into the ring and turn.

**Rnd 2:** 1 ch, 1 sc, 2 sc into same st, 1 sc, turn.

**Rnd 3:** 1 ch, 1 sc into each st, turn and then work 1 ss into each st. Cut yarn and weave in the end.

**Finishing:** Sew the nose on the muzzle and buttons for the eyes. Brush the ends of the woven in yarn ends with a water and glue mixture (= 1 part of water, 1 part of glue) to prevent them from unraveling.



□ = white      ■ = terracotta

