

## SOLMU BASKET

US crochet terms used throughout.

Abbreviations: st(s) = stitch(es)

ch = chain

sl st = slip stitch

sc = single crochet

sc2tog = decrease by making 2 scs together

**Design** Lankava, Shizukudo (www.shizukudo.stores.jp)

**Finished size** 24x20cm (width x height)

**Yarn** Lilli Tube Yarn: 450g in Mint (9) and 170g in Yellow (7) (80% recycled cotton, 20% polyester, 1kg = 220m)

**Crochet hook** 7mm (US K or L) (or size to obtain gauge)

**Gauge** 8.3 sts and 7 rounds = 10cm

**Instructions:** The basket is crocheted in the round from the bottom up, using scs. Begin by making the round bottom piece.

Make a magic ring around your finger in mint.

**Round 1:** Ch 1, 7 scs into the ring, close rnd with a sl st into 1<sup>st</sup> ch = 7 sts. Close all rounds similarly.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 1, 2 scs in each st around, close with a sl st = 14 sts.

**Rnd 3:** Ch 1, \*sc in next st, 2 scs in next st\*, repeat \*-\* till the end of rnd, sl st = 21 sts.

**Rnd 4:** Ch 1, sc in next st, \*2 scs in next st, sc in next 2 sts\*, repeat \*-\* 5 more times, 2 scs in next st, sc in next st, sl st = 28 sts. The bottom is now finished, continue by making the sides of the basket.

**Rnd 5:** Ch 1, sc in next 3 sts, \*2 scs in next st, sc in next 6 sts\*, repeat \*-\* 2 more times, 2 scs in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sl st = 32 sts.

**Rnd 6:** Ch 1, \*sc in next 7 sts, 2 scs in next st\*, repeat \*-\* and make 2 scs in the last st, sl st = 36 sts.

**Rnd 7:** Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, \*2 scs in next st, sc in next 8 sts\*, repeat \*-\*, make sc in last 4 sts, sl st = 40 sts.

**Rnd 8:** Ch 1, \*sc in next 9 sts, 2 scs in next st\*, repeat \*-\*, make 2 scs in the last st, sl st = 44 sts.

**Rnd 9:** Ch 1, sc in next 5 sts, \*2 scs in next st, sc in next 10 sts\*, repeat \*-\*, make sc in last 5 sts, sl st = 48 sts.

**Rnd 10:** Ch 1, \*sc in next 11 sts, 2 scs in next st\*, repeat \*-\*, 2 scs in the last st, sl st = 52 sts.

**Rnd 11:** Ch 1, sc in next 6 sts, \*2 scs in next st, sc in next 12 sts\*, repeat \*-\*, sc in next 6 sts, sl st = 56 sts.

**Rnd 12:** Ch 1, \*sc in next 13 sts, 2 scs in next st\*, repeat \*-\*, 2 scs in the last st, sl st = 60 sts.

**Rnd 13:** Ch 1, sc in next 7 sts, \*2 scs in next st, sc in next 14 sts\*, sc in next 7 sts, sl st = 64 sts. On next rnd, begin decreases.

**Rnd 14:** Ch 1, \*sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog\*, repeat \*-\*, sc2tog, sl st = 60 sts.

**Rnd 15:** Ch 1, sc in next 7 sts, \*sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts\*, repeat \*-\*, sc in next 6 sts, sl st = 56 sts.

**Rnds 16-17:** Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st = 56 sts.

**Rnd 18:** Ch 1, sc in next 6 sts, \*sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts\*, repeat \*-\* 2 more times, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sl st into 1<sup>st</sup> ch with the yellow yarn = 52 sts. Cut mint yarn and continue to work with the yellow.

**Rnd 19:** Work as rnd 16 = 52 sts.

**Rnd 20:** Ch 1, \*sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog\*, repeat \*-\* 3 more times, sl st = 48 sts.

**Rnd 21:** On this rnd, make the opening for the handle: Ch 1, sc in next 22 sts, ch 4, skip 4 sts, sc in next 22 sts, sl st = 48 sts.

**Rnd 22:** Ch 1, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, 4 scs into the ch-4 space of previous rnd, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sl st = 44 sts. Cut yarn and weave in ends.

**Handle:** Ch 40 for the foundation chain in yellow. Sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook (the st on hook doesn't count), sc in each st, except make 4 scs in the last st. Rotate work to continue working along opposite side of the foundation chain: sc in each st, close with a sl st = 82 sts. Leave a tail of 30cm for sewing.

**Finishing** Sew the end of the handle with the tail left for sewing onto the upper edge of the basket, opposite the opening. Weave in ends. Take the free end of the handle through the opening and make a knot, see picture.



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