

## SIENI BASKET

**DESIGN:** Lankava, Molla Mills.

**SIZE:** W. 30 cm, h. 20 cm, d. 22 cm.

**YARN:** Moi Braided Yarn (80 % recycled CO, 20 % PES, 500 g = 300 m) 450 g beige (53), 450 g brown (54).

**HOOK:** 6 mm (or size to obtain gauge).

**GAUGE:** 11 sc x 11,5 rows = 10 x 10 cm.

**OTHER:** 1 Leather handle (w. 30 mm l. 45 cm).

**INFO:** The basket is worked back and forth in single crochet stitches with two yarn colors simultaneously. Work three separate pieces to make the basket; two sides and one middle piece. Join the pieces together with a single crochet stitch seam.

### ABBREVIATIONS:

*ch* = chain stitch

*s* = stitch

*sc* = single crochet stitch (Am.)

*sl st* = slip stitch

**SIDE PIECE: Row 1.** Work 21 ch to begin. Work 1 sc in the second st from the hook, work 19 sc.

**Rows 2.-18.** Work 1 ch, turn. Note! The starting ch counts as the first sc of each row. Work 1 sc in each st (19 sc). Next, work a round of sc and sl sts around the work. Start at the top right corner. Work 1 sl st in each st on the top edge (20 sl st). Work 1 sc in each row on the side (17 sc), work 3 sc in the corner st, 1 sc in each st on the bottom (20 sc), 3 sc in the corner st, 1 sc in each row on the side (17 sc). You have altogether 60 sc sts. Cut yarns and weave in ends. Work another similar side piece.

**MIDDLE PIECE: Row 1.** Work 30 ch to begin. Work 1 sc in the second st from the hook, work 28 sc.

**Row 2.** Work 1 ch, turn. Note! The starting ch counts as the first sc of each row. Work 12 sc, then work a hole for the handle; ch 3, skip 3 sts, work 13 sc.

**Rows 3.-57.** Work 1 sc in each st (including the chain sts).

**Row 58.** Work as for row 2.

**Row 59.** Work 1 sc in each st (including the chain sts).

Next, work a round of sc and sl sts around the piece. Start at the top left corner. Work 1 sc in each row on the side and 1 sc in the starting ch (60 sc). Work 1 sl st in each st on the top edge (29 sl st), 1 sc in each row on the side and 1 sc in the starting ch (60 sc), 1 sl st in each st on the top edge (29 sl st). Cut yarns and weave in ends.

**FINISHING:** Place the middle piece on top of a side piece right sides outwards. Join the seam with single crochet stitches using both yarn colors. The stitching is visible on the right side of the work. Leave a 30 cm long yarn tail at both ends of the seam. The length of the seam is 60 sc sts. Stitch the other side piece into the middle part.

With the yarn tails, sew a few reinforcing stitches by hand at the beginning and end of the seam to prevent the work from stretching. Weave the leather handle through the holes on rows 2 and 58. Sew handle in place.

