RED HEART®

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EASY

crochet

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 2 skeins each 319 Cherry Red **A** and 312 Black **C**; 1 skein each of 316 Soft White **B** and 321 Gold **D**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9]

Plastic 1-bushel basket, 16¾" (42 cm) in diameter, 12¾" (32 cm) tall; stitch marker; yarn needle.

GAUGE: 14 sc = 4″ (10 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

Santa's Gift Basket

Create the perfect container for storing gifts or gathering up the clutter when company is coming! We covered a laundry basket with a Santa-inspired cover. It's a simply stunning way to display your crochet!

Basket Measurements: 16¾" (42 cm) in diameter; 12¾" (32 cm) tall.

NOTES
1. Basket cover and liner are worked from bottom to top. Popcorn trim is worked up from upper edge of basket cover and then sewn to top of basket liner after basket is inserted.
2. Basket cover and liner are worked in continuous rounds. Place a detachable marker at beginning of rounds to mark beginning and end of rounds and move up as work progresses.
3. Basket is for decoration only. If photographing a baby, never leave unattended.

SPECIAL STITCHES:
popcorn = 3 dc in same st, drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in first dc, draw dropped loop through st on hook.

BASKET COVER
Beginning at bottom, with **A**, make an adjustable ring.
Round 1: Ch 1, work 6 sc in ring—6 sc. Do not join, work in continuous rounds (spiral). Pull gently on tail to tighten ring. Place a marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.
Round 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.
Round 3: *2 sc in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * around—18 sc.
Round 4: *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * around—24 sc.
Round 5: *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—30 sc.
Round 6: *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from * around—36 sc.

Round 7: *Sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—42 sc.
Round 8: *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc; repeat from * around—48 sc.
Round 9: *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc; repeat from * around—54 sc.
Round 10: *Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from * around—60 sc.
Round 11: *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 6 sc; repeat from * around—66 sc.
Round 12: *Sc in next 10 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—72 sc.
Round 13: *Sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 5 sc; repeat from * around—78 sc.
Round 14: *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 10 sc; repeat from * around—84 sc.
Round 15: *Sc in next 10 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; repeat from * around—90 sc.

Round 16: *Sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc; repeat from * around—96 sc.

Round 17: *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 14 sc; repeat from * around—102 sc.

Round 18: *Sc in next 16 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—108 sc.

At this point the circle should be close to the diameter of the base of basket – if not then work one or two more rounds in sc.

Round 19: Working in the back loops only, sc in each sc around.

Work even in rounds of sc for 1" (2.5 cm) from base of Round 19.

Next round (increase): *2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 17 sts; repeat from * around—114 sc.

**Work even in rounds of sc for 1" (2.5 cm) from base of last round.

Next round (increase): Work in sc, increasing 6 evenly around—120 sts.**

Repeat from ** to ** 7 times—162 sc at end of last round. Work even in rounds of sc until piece measures about 2" (5 cm) less than height of basket, complete last st with **B**. Fasten off **A**.

Popcorn Trim

Round 1 With **B**, sc in each st around—162 sc.

Round 2: *Popcorn in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * around—81 popcorns.

Round 3: Sc in each of next 161 sts, ending in the popcorn of previous round.

Rounds 4–13: Repeat last 2 rounds 6 times.

Round 14: Sc in each st around, join with a slip st in next st. Fasten off **B**.

Liner

With **C**, work same as Basket Cover through Round 18.

Round 19: Working in the front loops only, sc in each sc around.
Work the same as Basket Cover, excluding Popcorn Trim, do not change to **B**. Fasten off **C**.

Buckle

Starting at side, with **D**, ch 13.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—12 sc.
Rows 2–3: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.
Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each of first 3 sc, ch 6, skip next 6 sts, sc in each of last 3 sc, turn.
Row 5: Ch 1, sc in each of first 3 sc, 6 sc in next ch-6 sp, sc in each of last 3 sc, turn—12 sc.
Rows 6–9: Repeat Rows 2-5.
Rows 10–11: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Edging: With Right Side facing, slip st evenly around outer edge of Buckle. Fasten off.

Belt

With **C**, ch 6.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—5 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Repeat Row 2 until Belt measures all the way around center of basket, slightly stretched. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Slip basket into basket cover with popcorn trim coming over top of rim of basket. Slip liner into basket and neatly sew top edge of liner to last round of popcorn trim.

Insert one end of belt through belt buckle and sew to other end of belt. Tack join behind the belt buckle. Belt can be tacked to basket if necessary.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C, D = Color **A, B, C, D**; **ch** = chain; **inc** = increase; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); * **or ** **= repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

For Reindeer Hat see LW5733