

Easter Celebration

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When planning your Easter table decorations, consider this charming basket full of eggs and accompanying coasters. Stitch them in a variety of colors to bring the beauty of spring to your party.

SKILL LEVEL  EASY

FINISHED SIZES

Basket: 3½ inches tall x
7 inches in diameter, excluding
Handles

Egg: 3 x 6¼ inches in
circumference

Coaster: 3½ inches square

MATERIALS

Caron Simply Soft
medium (worsted)
weight yarn (6 oz/330
yds/170g per skein):
1 skein #9701 white
1¾ oz/96 yds/50g
each #9739 soft green,
#9712 soft blue and
#9719 soft pink



Sizes F/5/3.75mm and
G/6/4mm crochet hooks or
sizes needed to obtain gauge
Tapestry needle
Safety pins
Stitch markers
6-inch-diameter plastic
canvas circle
3 x 22-inch strip of plastic canvas
Fiberfill

GAUGE

Size F hook: 7 sc = 1½ inches; 7
sc rnds = 1½ inches

Size G hook: 4 sc = 1 inch; 4 sc
rnds = 1 inch

PATTERN NOTES

Do not join rounds unless
otherwise stated.

Mark first stitch of each round.

INSTRUCTIONS

BASKET

Inner Bottom

Rnd 1: With size G hook and
white, ch 4, sl st in first ch to
form ring, ch 1, 8 sc in ring, **do
not join** (see *Pattern Notes*). (8 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around.
(16 sc)

Rnd 3: [2 sc in next sc, sc in
next sc] around. (24 sc)

Rnd 4: [2 sc in next sc, sc in
each of next 2 sc] around. (32 sc)

Rnd 5: [2 sc in next sc, sc in
each of next 3 sc] around. (40 sc)

Rnd 6: [2 sc in next sc, sc in
each of next 4 sc] around. (48 sc)



Rnd 7: [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 5 sc] around. (56 sc)

Rnd 8: [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 6 sc] around. (64 sc)

Rnd 9: [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 7 sc] around. (72 sc)

Rnd 10: [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 8 sc] around. (80 sc)

Rnd 11: [2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 9 sc] around. (88 sc)

Rnd 12: Sc in each sc around.

Inner Side

Rnd 13: Working in **front lp** (see *Stitch Guide*) only of each st, sc in each st around.

Rnds 14–28: Rep rnd 12. At the end of last rnd, fasten off.

Outer Side

First Vertical Slat

Row 1: With Inner Side upright and working in rem lps of rnd 12, beg First Vertical Slat, join white with sl st in any unworked lp, loosely sl st in each of next 3 sts, leaving rem sts unworked, turn. (4 sl sts)

Row 2: Ch 1, working in front lps for this row only, sc in each of next 4 sts, turn.

Rows 3–15: Ch 1, sc in each of next 4 sc. At the end of last row, fasten off.

2nd Vertical Slat

Row 1: Attach white with sl st in next rem free lp of rnd 12, sl st loosely in each of next 3 sts, leaving rem sts unworked, turn. (4 sl sts)

Rows 2–15: Rep rows 2–15 of First Vertical Slat.

Rep 2nd Vertical Slat until 22 Slats are completed.

Outer Bottom

Rnds 1–12: Rep rnds 1–12 on Inner Bottom. (88 sc)

Rnd 13: Holding Outer Bottom to Inner Bottom with plastic canvas circle between layers, working in sl sts of row 1 of

Outer Side and back lps of rnd 12 of Outer Bottom, sc in each st around. Fasten off.

Joining Inner & Outer Sides

Working with 3 x 22-inch strip of plastic canvas, overlap 3-inch ends by 1 inch, sew ends tog.

Insert plastic canvas circle between layers of Inner Side and Outer Side.

Working through both thicknesses in sc sts of row 15 of Vertical Slats and rnd 28 of Inner Side, matching sts, join white with sl st in any st, sl st in each sc around. Fasten off.

Horizontal Strip

Make 1 each soft pink, soft green & soft blue.

Row 1: Ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across, turn. (4 sc)

Rows 2–102: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn. At the end of row last row, leaving long end, fasten off.

Beg with soft pink Horizontal Strip, weaving under and over Vertical Slats around the Basket. Sew beg and end of Strip tog.

Rep weaving with soft green and soft blue Strips, weaving each in opposite direction of previous Strip.

Handle

Make 2.

Row 1: With white, leaving long end at beg, ch 16, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across, turn. (15 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 3: Rep row 2. Leaving long end, fasten off.

Fold Handle in half lengthwise, sew row 3 to opposite side of starting ch on row 1.

Sew 1 Handle to each side of Basket as shown in photo.

Solid Egg

Make 1 each soft pink, soft green & soft blue.

Rnd 1: Ch 2, 4 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (4 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around. (8 sc)

Rnd 3: Rep rnd 2. (16 sc)

Rnd 4: [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] around. (24 sc)

Rnd 5: Sc in each sc around.

Rnds 6–11: Rep rnd 5.

Rnd 12: [Sc in each of next 4 sc, sc dec (see *Stitch Guide*) in next 2 sc] around. (20 sc)

Stuff Egg with fiberfill, continue to stuff as work progresses.

Rnd 13: Rep rnd 5.

Rnd 14: [Sc in each of next 3 sc, sc dec in next 2 sc] around. (16 sc)

Rnd 15: [Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc dec in next 2 sc] around. (12 sc)

Rnd 16: [Sc in next sc, sc dec in next 2 sc] around. (8 sc)





Rnd 17: [Sc dec in next 2 sc] around, join with sl st in next sc. Leaving long end, fasten off. (4 sc)

Sew opening closed.

Striped Egg

Make 1 each soft pink, soft green & soft blue.

Rnd 1: With soft pink [soft green, soft blue], ch 2, 4 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (4 sc)

Rnds 2–8: Rep rnds 2–8 of Solid Egg. At end of last rnd,

fasten off. (24 sc)

Rnd 9: Join white with sc in any st, sc in each sc around. Fasten off.

Rnd 10: Join soft green [soft blue, soft pink] with sc in any st, sc in each sc around. Fasten off.

Rnd 11: Rep rnd 9.

Rnd 12: Join soft pink [soft green, soft blue], rep rnd 12 of Solid Egg.

Rnds 13–17: Rep rnds 13–17 of Solid Egg.

COASTER

Make 4.

White Strip

Make 3.

Row 1: With white, ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across, turn. (4 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Rows 3–15: Rep row 2. At the end of last row, fasten off.

Pastel Strip

Make 1 each soft pink, soft green & soft blue.

Rows 1–15: Rep rows 1–15 of White Strip.

Thread tapestry needle with white, place 3 White Strips next to 1 another, weave 3 Pastel Strips through the White Strips. Pin with safety pin as needed to hold in place while sewing. Sew pieces tog around outer edge. ■

General Instructions

Please review the following information before working the projects in this book. Important details about the abbreviations and symbols used are included.

HOOKS

Crochet hooks are sized for different weights of yarn and thread. For thread crochet, you will usually use a steel crochet hook. Steel crochet hook sizes range from size 00 to 14. The higher the number of the hook, the smaller your stitches will be. For example, a size 1 steel crochet hook will give you much larger stitches than a size 9 steel crochet hook. Keep in mind that the sizes given with the pattern instructions were obtained by working with the size thread or yarn and hook given in the materials list. If you work with a smaller hook, depending on your gauge, your project size will be smaller; if you work with a larger hook, your finished project's size will be larger.

GAUGE

Gauge is determined by the tightness or looseness of your stitches and affects the finished size of your project. If you are concerned about the finished size of the project matching the size given, take time to crochet a small section of the pattern and then check your gauge. For

example, if the gauge called for is 10 dc = 1 inch, and your gauge is 12 dc to the inch, you should switch to a larger hook. On the other hand, if your gauge is only 8 dc to the inch, you should switch to a smaller hook.

If the gauge given in the pattern is for an entire motif, work one motif and then check your gauge.

UNDERSTANDING SYMBOLS

As you work through a pattern, you'll quickly notice several symbols in the instructions. These symbols are used to clarify the pattern for you: brackets [], curlicue braces {}, parentheses () and asterisks *.

Brackets [] are used to set off a group of instructions worked a specific number of times. For example, "[ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 7 times" means to work the instructions inside the [] seven times.

Occasionally, a set of instructions inside a set of brackets needs to be repeated, too. In this case, the text within the brackets to be repeated will be set off with curlicue braces {}. For example, "[dc in each of next 3 sts, ch 1, {shell in next ch-1 sp} 3 times, ch 1] 4 times." In this case, in each of the four times you work the instructions

included in the brackets, you will work the section included in the curlicue braces three times.

Parentheses () are used to set off a group of stitches to be worked all in one stitch, space or loop. For example, the parentheses () in this set of instructions, "Sk 3 sc, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next st", indicate that after skipping 3 sc, you will work 3 dc, ch 1 and 3 more dc all in the next stitch.

Single asterisks * are also used when a group of instructions is repeated. For example, "*Sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from * around, join with a sl st in beg sc" simply means you will work the instructions from the first * around the entire round.

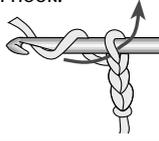
Double asterisks ** are used to indicate when a partial set of repeat instructions are to be worked. For example, "*Ch 3, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 3**, shell in next dc, rep from * 3 times, ending last rep at **" means that on the third repeat of the single asterisk instructions, you stop at the double asterisks.

Stitch Guide

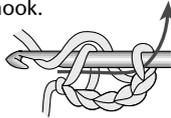
ABBREVIATIONS

begbegin/beginning
bpdcback post double crochet
bpscback post single crochet
bptrback post treble crochet
CCcontrasting color
chchain stitch
ch-refers to chain or space previously made (i.e., ch-1 space)
ch spchain space
clcluster
cmcentimeter(s)
dcdouble crochet
dec.decrease/decreases/decreasing
dtrdouble treble crochet
fpdcfront post double crochet
fpdcfront post single crochet
fptrfront post treble crochet
ggram(s)
hdchalf double crochet
incincrease/increases/increasing
lp(s)loop(s)
MCmain color
mmmillimeter(s)
ozounce(s)
pcpopcorn
remremain/remaining
reprepeat(s)
rnd(s)round(s)
RSright side
scsingle crochet
skskip(ped)
sl stslip stitch
sp(s)space(s)
st(s)stitch(es)
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trtreble crochet
ttrtriple treble
WSwrong side
yd(s)yard(s)
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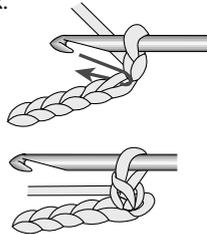
Chain—ch: Yo, pull through lp on hook.



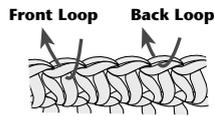
Slip stitch—sl st: Insert hook in st, yo, pull through both lps on hook.



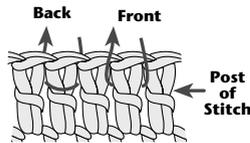
Single crochet—sc: Insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through both lps on hook.



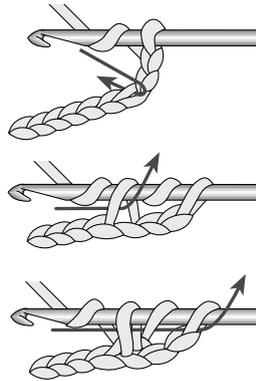
Front loop—front lp
Back loop—back lp



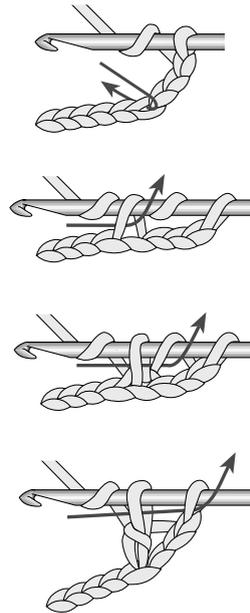
Front post stitch—fp:
Back post stitch—bp: When working post st, insert hook from right to left around post st on previous row.



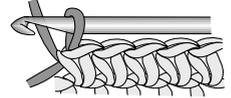
Half double crochet—hdc: Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through all 3 lps on hook.



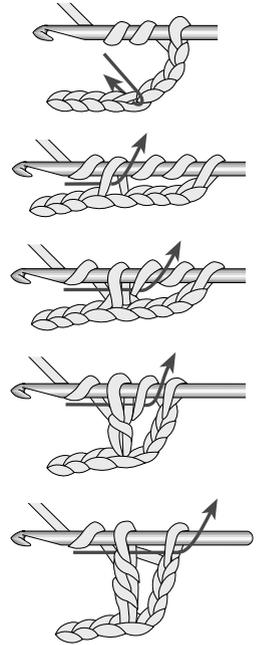
Double crochet—dc: Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] twice.



Change colors: Drop first color; with 2nd color, pull through last 2 lps of st.



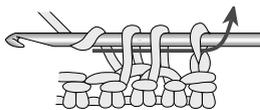
Treble crochet—tr: Yo 2 times, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 3 times.



Double treble crochet—dtr: Yo 3 times, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 4 times.



Single crochet decrease (sc dec): (Insert hook, yo, draw up a lp) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



Example of 2-sc dec

Half double crochet decrease (hdc dec): (Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



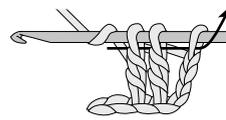
Example of 2-hdc dec

Double crochet decrease (dc dec): (Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



Example of 2-dc dec

Treble crochet decrease (tr dec): Holding back last lp of each st, tr in each of the sts indicated, yo, pull through all lps on hook.



Example of 2-tr dec

US

sl st (slip stitch)
 sc (single crochet)
 hdc (half double crochet)
 dc (double crochet)
 tr (treble crochet)
 dtr (double treble crochet)
 skip

UK

= sc (single crochet)
 = dc (double crochet)
 = htr (half treble crochet)
 = tr (treble crochet)
 = dtr (double treble crochet)
 = ttr (triple treble crochet)
 = miss

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