



*Free Crochet Pattern*

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## **BOTANIST BASKET**

Pattern Number: M21095 WETQ



## SKILL LEVEL – EASY

## SIZE

**Finished Height** About 6 in. (15 cm)

**Finished Circumference** About 25 in. (63.5 cm)

## MATERIALS

- LION BRAND® WOOL-EASE® THICK & QUICK® (Art. #640)  
#156 Thaw 2 balls
- LION BRAND® crochet hook size K-10.5 (6.5 mm)
- LION BRAND® crochet hook size P-15 (10 mm)
- LION BRAND® stitch markers
- LION BRAND® large-eyed blunt needle



## GAUGE

8 WC (Waistcoat Stitch) = about 4 1/4 in. (11 cm); 8 rnds = about 4 in. (10 cm) with smaller hook and 2 strands of yarn held tog.

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

## STITCH EXPLANATIONS

**sc2tog (sc 2 sts together)** (Insert hook in next st and draw up a loop) twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook – 1 st decreased.

**WC (Waistcoat Stitch)** Insert hook between the “legs” of the next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

### Notes:

1. A waistcoat stitch is worked like a single crochet EXCEPT that the hook is inserted between the “legs” of the next sc instead of under the top 2 loops.
2. The “legs” of a single crochet are the two leaning vertical strands that form a “V” on the front of the st.

## WAISTCOAT STITCH TUTORIAL



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Insert hook between the “legs” of the next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

## NOTES

1. Basket is worked in rnds from the base upwards, with 2 strands of yarn held together at a tight gauge.
2. Base is worked in continuous rnds (spiral) with larger hook. Body is worked in joined rnds with smaller hook.
3. The side of Basket facing you as you work is the outside of Basket.
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## BASKET

### *Base*

With 2 strands of yarn held tog, wrap yarn around index finger. Insert larger hook into ring on finger, yarn over and draw up a loop. Carefully slip ring from finger and work the stitches of Rnd 1 into the ring.

**Rnd 1 (RS):** Ch 1, work 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds (spiral).

Gently but firmly, pull tail to tighten center of ring.

Place a marker in last sc made to indicate end of rnd. Move marker up as each rnd is completed.

**Rnd 2:** Work 2 WC in each st around – you will have 12 WC in this rnd.

**Rnd 3:** \* WC in next st, 2 WC in next st; rep from \* around – 18 WC.

**Rnd 4:** \* WC in next 2 sts, 2 WS in next st; rep from \* around – 24 WC.

**Rnd 5:** \* WC in next 3 sts, 2 WS in next st; rep from \* around – 30 WC.

**Rnd 6:** \* WC in next 4 sts, 2 WS in next st; rep from \* around – 36 WC.

**Rnd 7:** Working in back loops only, sl st in each st around – 36 sl sts.

### *Body*

**Notes:** Work now continues in joined rnds instead of continuous rnds (spiral). Take care to not work a st into the joining sl st or the beg ch-1.

Change to smaller hook.

Remove the end of rnd marker as you complete the next rnd.

**Rnd 8:** Working in back loops only, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc of this rnd – 36 sc.

**Rnd 9:** Ch 1, \* sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around; join with sl st in first sc – 48 sc.

**Rnds 10 and 11:** Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc.

**Rnd 12:** Ch 1, \* sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog; rep from \* around; join with sl st in first sc – 36 sc.

**Rnds 13 and 14:** Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc.

**Rnd 15:** Ch 1, \* sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog; rep from \* around; join with sl st in first sc – 27 sc.

**Rnds 16-19:** Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc.

Change to larger hook.

Rnd 20: Sl st in each st around; join with sl st in first sl st.

Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**beg** = begin(ning)

**ch** = chain

**rep** = repeat

**rnd(s)** = round(s)

**RS** = right side

**sc** = single crochet

**sl st** = slip stitch

**st(s)** = stitch(es)

**tog** = together

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