



REVERSIBLE FOREST TRIO OF BASKETS



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Skill Level: Intermediate

Materials:

Note: Individual yardage will be given on each basket.

Knit Picks Brava Wosted Yarn in:

- White (25694) **MC**
- Cobblestone Heather (25697) **CCA**
- Umber Heather (25700) **CCB**
- Camel Heather (25698) **CCC**

- Brava Yarn Info: 100g/218 yd per skein
- substitute with medium worsted weight yarn

Crochet Hook: 5 mm [US-H]

Gauge: 2" = 8 SCs and 9 rows

Finished Measurements:

- **Owl Basket:** 24" circumference x 8" high
- **Tree Basket:** 15" circumference x 4" high
- **Leaf Basket:** 10" circumference x 2" high

Video Tutorials for techniques used in this pattern available at:

www.knitandcrocheteveryafter.com

Special Notes:

If you have not already, read through the tutorials before beginning, they will help you achieve the best results for your project.

Gauge is not that important. Unless you want the exact same sized baskets as pictured, you can use whatever hook is recommended for the yarn you choose.



Reversible Owl Basket

Materials:



215 yards of White (25694) **MC**

320 yards of Cobblestone Heather (25697) **CCA**

RND 1: With **MC**, SC 6 times into magic adjustable loop. Join RND with SL ST in first SC. 6 STS

RND 2: CH 1, [INC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 12 STS

RND 3: CH 1, [INC, SC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 18 STS

RND 4: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 2 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 24 STS

RND 5: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 3 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 30 STS

RND 6: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 4 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 36 STS

RND 7: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 5 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 42 STS

RND 8: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 6 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 48 STS

RND 9: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 7 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 54 STS

RND 10: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 8 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 60 STS

RND 11: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 9 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 66 STS

RND 12: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 10 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 72 STS

RND 13: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 11 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 78 STS

RND 14: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 12 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 84 STS

RND 15: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 13 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 90 STS

RND 16: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 14 STS] 6 times. Join RND with **CCA** SL ST. 96 STS

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Begin Chart

RND 17: CH 1, SC in each ST around. Join RND with **MC** SL ST. 96 STS

RND 18: CH 1, [SC in next 11 STS, with **CCA**, SC, with **MC**, SC, with **CCA**, SC, with **MC**, SC, with **CCA**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS, with **CCA**, SC, with **MC**, SC, with **CCA**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 8 STS] 3 times. Join RND with SL ST. 96 STS

Note: Remember to “catch” your yarn when the STS are 7 or longer. See tutorial for further info.

RND 19: CH 1, [SC in next 9 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 17 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 6 STS] 3 times. Join RND with SL ST. 96 STS

RND 20: CH 1, [SC in next 8 STS, with **CCA**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 17 STS, with **CCA**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 5 STS] 3 times. Join RND with SL ST. 96 STS

RND 21: CH 1, [SC in next 7 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 5 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC, with **CCA**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 5 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 4 STS] 3 times. Join RND with SL ST. 96 STS



RND 29: CH 1, [with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 6 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 5 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC, with **CCA**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 5 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 6 STS] 3 times. Join RND with **MC** SL ST. 96 STS

RND 38: CH 1, [SC in next 5 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 4 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS, with **CCA**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 4 STS, with **MC**,



SC in next 3 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS] 3 times. Join RND with SL ST. 96 STS

RND 39: CH 1, [SC in next 5 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 4 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 4 STS, with **CCA**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 4 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 4 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS] 3 times. Join RND with SL ST. 96 STS

RND 40: CH 1, [SC in next 5 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 7 STS, with **CCA**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 7 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS] 3 times. Join RND with SL ST. 96 STS

RND 41: CH 1, [with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 4 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 5 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 5 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 4 STS] 3 times. Join RND with **MC** SL ST. 96 STS

RND 42: CH 1, [SC in next 5 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS] 3 times. Join RND with SL ST. 96 STS

RND 43: CH 1, [SC in next 6 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 5 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 5 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS] 3 times. Join RND with SL ST. 96 STS

RND 44: CH 1, [SC in next 6 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 4 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 5 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 4 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS] 3 times. Join RND with SL ST. 96 STS

RND 45: CH 1, [SC in next 7 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 7 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 7 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 7 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 4 STS] 3 times. Join RND with SL ST. 96 STS

RND 46: CH 1, [SC in next 8 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 15 STS, with **CCA**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 5 STS] 3 times. Join RND with SL ST. 96 STS

RND 47: CH 1, SC in each ST around. Join RND with SL ST. 96 STS

RND 48: CH 1, SC in each ST around. Join RND with **CCA** SL ST. 96 STS

Fasten off **MC**.

End Chart

RND 49-80: CH 1, SC in each ST around. Join RND with SL ST. 96 STS

RND 81: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 14 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 90 STS

RND 82: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 13 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 84 STS

RND 83: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 12 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 78 STS

RND 84: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 11 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 72 STS

RND 85: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 10 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 66 STS

RND 86: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 9 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 60 STS

RND 87: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 8 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 54 STS

RND 88: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 7 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 48 STS

RND 89: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 6 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 42 STS

RND 90: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 5 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 36 STS

RND 91: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 4 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 30 STS

RND 92: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 3 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 24 STS

RND 93: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 2 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 18 STS

RND 94: CH 1, [DEC, SC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 12 STS

RND 95: CH 1, [DEC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 6 STS

Finishing

Fasten off and leave a long tail.

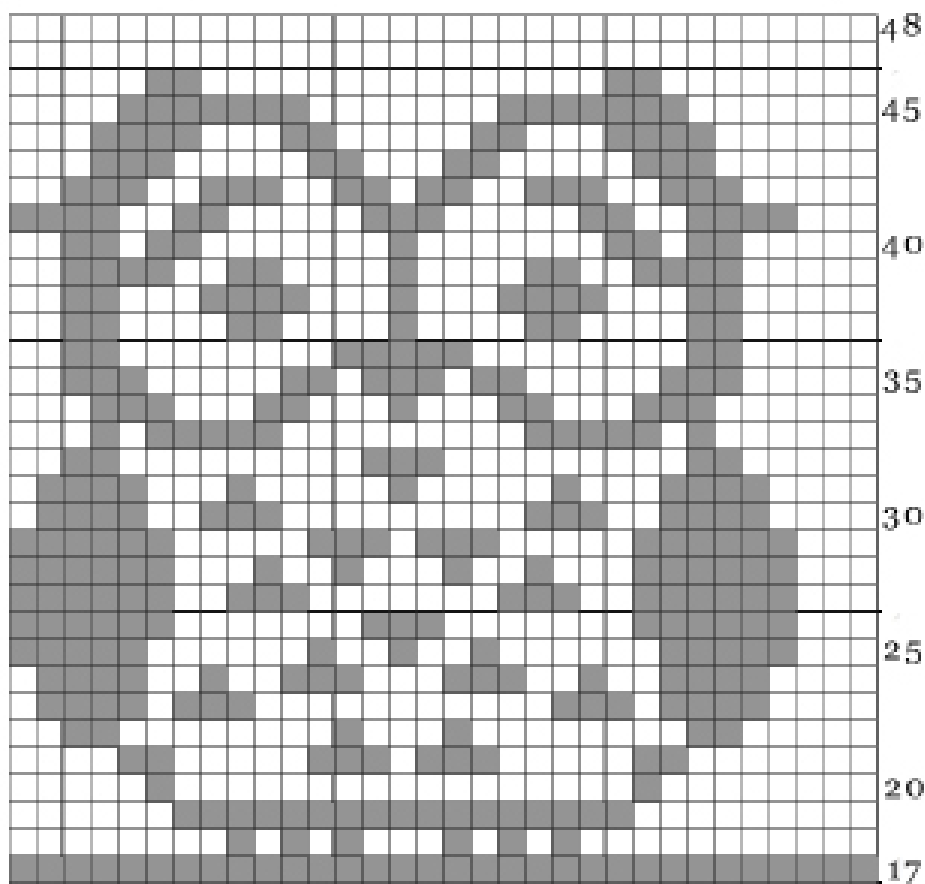
Weave the tail in and out of the remaining 6 STS and pull hole closed.

Weave in ends.

Push one end into the other to make the basket shape.



OWL BASKET CHART



Reversible Tree Basket

Materials:

80 yards of White (25694) **MC**

120 yards of Umber Heather (25700) **CCB**

RND 1: With **MC**, SC 6 times into magic adjustable loop. Join RND with SL ST in first SC. 6 STS

RND 2: CH 1, [INC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 12 STS

RND 3: CH 1, [INC, SC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 18 STS

RND 4: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 2 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 24 STS

RND 5: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 3 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 30 STS

RND 6: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 4 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 36 STS

RND 7: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 5 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 42 STS

RND 8: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 6 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 48 STS





RND 9: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 7 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 54 STS

RND 10: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 8 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 60 STS

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Begin Chart

RND 11: CH 1, [SC, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 4 STS, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS] 6 times. Join RND with **CCB** SL ST. 60 STS

RND 12: CH 1, [with **CCB**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCB**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 60 STS

RND 13: CH 1, [SC, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 60 STS

RND 14: CH 1, [with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCB**, SC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 60 STS

RND 15: CH 1, [with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCB**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 60 STS

RND 16: CH 1, [SC in next 4 STS, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 60 STS

RND 17: CH 1, [with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCB**, SC] 6 times. Join RND with **MC** SL ST. 60 STS

RND 18: CH 1, [SC in next 5 STS, with **CCB**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 60 STS

RND 19: CH 1, [SC in next 4 STS, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**,

SC, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 60 STS

RND 20: CH 1, [SC, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 4 STS, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS] 6 times. Join RND with **CCB** SL ST. 60 STS

RND 21: CH 1, [with **CCB**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **CCB**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 60 STS

RND 22: CH 1, [SC, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 4 STS, with **CCB**, SC, with **MC**, SC in next 3 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 60 STS

RND 23: CH 1, SC in each ST around. Join RND with SL ST. 60 STS

RND 24: CH 1, SC in each ST around. Join RND with **CCB** SL ST. 60 STS

Fasten off **MC**.

End Chart

RND 25-38: CH 1, SC in each ST around. Join RND with SL ST. 60 STS

RND 39: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 8 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 54 STS

RND 40: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 7 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 48 STS

RND 41: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 6 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 42 STS

RND 42: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 5 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 36 STS

RND 43: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 4 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 30 STS

RND 44: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 3 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 24 STS

RND 45: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 2 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 18 STS

RND 46: CH 1, [DEC, SC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 12 STS

RND 47: CH 1, [DEC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 6 STS

Finishing

Fasten off and leave a long tail.

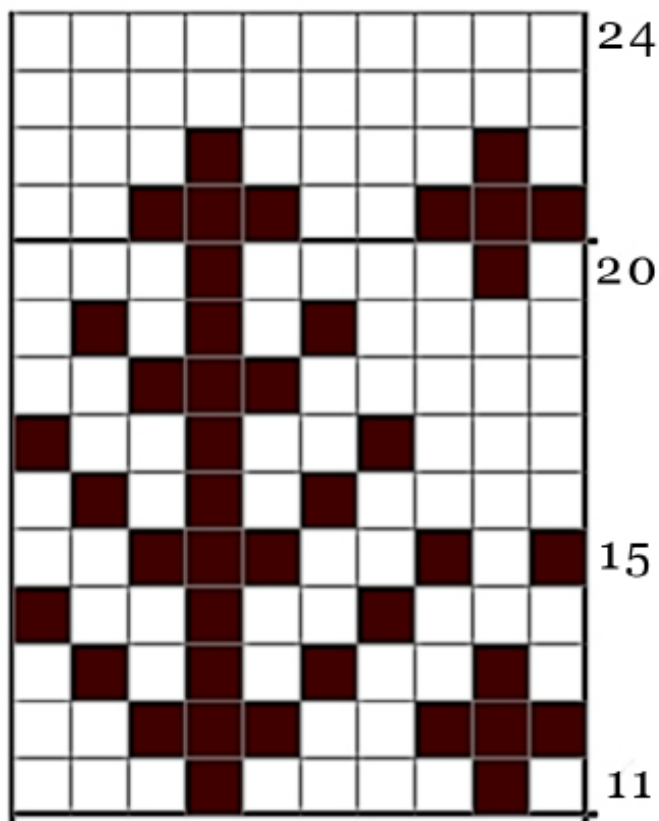
Weave the tail in and out of the remaining 6 STS and pull hole closed.

Weave in ends.

Push one end into the other to make the basket shape.



TREE CHART



Reversible Leaf Basket

Materials:

- 40 yards of White (25694) **MC**
- 60 yards of Umber Heather (25700) **CCB**

RND 1: With **MC**, SC 6 times into magic adjustable loop. Join RND with SL ST in first SC. 6 STS

RND 2: CH 1, [INC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 12 STS

RND 3: CH 1, [INC, SC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 18 STS

RND 4: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 2 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 24 STS

RND 5: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 3 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 30 STS

RND 6: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 4 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 36 STS

RND 7: CH 1, [INC, SC in next 5 STS] 6 times. Join RND with **CCB** SL ST. 42 STS



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Begin Chart

RND 8: CH 1, SC in each ST around. Join RND with **MC** SL ST. 42 STS

RND 9: CH 1, [with **MC**, SC in next 6 STS, with **CCC**, SC] 6 times. Join RND with **MC** SL ST. 42 STS

RND 10: CH 1, [SC in next 3 STS, with **CCC**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 42 STS

RND 11: CH 1, [SC, with **CCC**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC, with **CCC**, SC, with **MC**, SC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 42 STS

RND 12: CH 1, [SC, with **CCC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC, with **CCC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC] 6 times. Join RND with **CCC** SL ST. 42 STS

RND 13: CH 1, [with **CCC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC, with **CCC**, SC in next 2 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS] 6 times. Join RND with **CCC** SL ST. 42 STS

RND 14: CH 1, [with **CCC**, SC, with **MC**, SC, with **CCC**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 2 STS] 6 times. Join RND with **CCC** SL ST. 42 STS

RND 15: CH 1, [with **CCC**, SC in next 3 STS, with **MC**, SC in next 4 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 42 STS

RND 16: CH 1, SC in each ST around. Join RND with SL ST. 42 STS

RND 17: CH 1, SC in each ST around. Join RND with **CCC** SL ST. 42 STS

Fasten off **MC**.

End of Chart

RND 18-27: CH 1, SC in each ST around. Join RND with SL ST. 42 STS

RND 28: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 5 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 36 STS

RND 29: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 4 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 30 STS

RND 30: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 3 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 24 STS

RND 31: CH 1, [DEC, SC in next 2 STS] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 18 STS

RND 32: CH 1, [DEC, SC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 12 STS

RND 33: CH 1, [DEC] 6 times. Join RND with SL ST. 6 STS

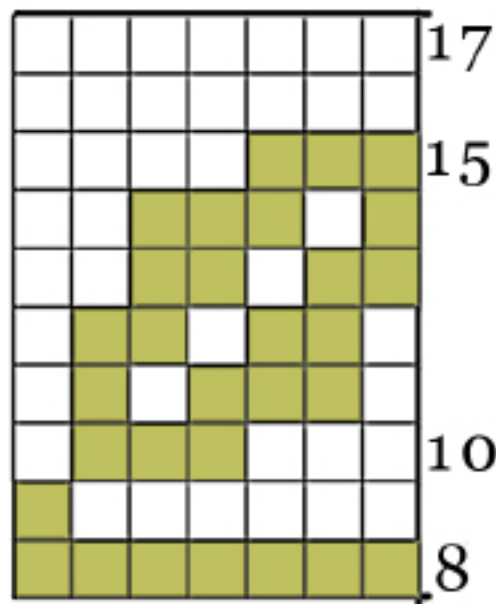
Finishing

Fasten off and leave a long tail.

Weave the tail in and out of the remaining 6 STS and pull hole closed. Weave in ends.

Push one end into the other to make the basket shape.

LEAF CHART



Abbreviations Used:

CH- chain

DEC- decrease (SC2TOG)

SC- single crochet

INC- increase (SC 2 times in next ST)

RND- round

SL ST- slip stitch

ST(S)- stitch(es)

MC- main color

CC- contrasting color

[...] x times- stitch repeat, work the stitches contained within the brackets the amount of times as stated directly after the brackets.



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT FAIR ISLE

Fair Isle is a technique where only two colors are used in any particular row. The unused color is “floated” along the back of the work and picked up when it is needed. The amount of stitches between each color change is usually kept short to keep the floats in the back from being too long and less likely to snag.

Tapestry crochet is similar to Fair Isle in that pictures or designs are created as you change color. The difference between the two is that in Fair Isle the non-working color is floated along the back of the work instead of inside the stitch. I prefer the Fair Isle method because it keeps all the stitches the same thickness and is less likely to show the non-working color through the worked stitches.

Fair Isle Lingo

Working Color: The yarn that the current stitch is being worked in.

Floats: The non-working yarn that is being ran along the back side of the project.

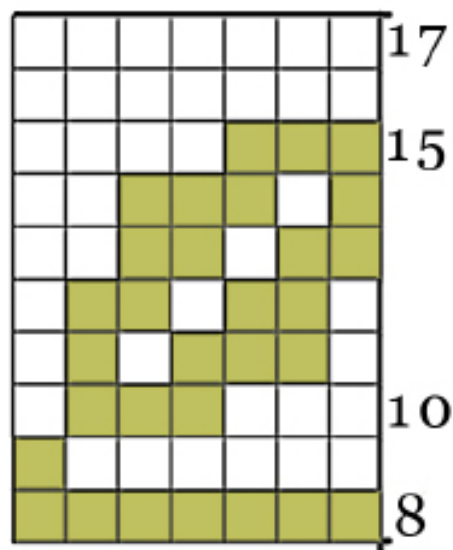
Note: The working color and non-working color change constantly in Fair Isle. The chart and written instructions will alert you to which color is the current one being used.

MC (main color): This is usually the base color of design, it can change as the design changes. Read the materials list for color change abbreviations.

CC (contrasting color): This is usually the picture or design color of the project, it can change as the design changes. Read the materials list for color change abbreviations.

How to Read the Chart

The chart begins when the Fair Isle pattern begins. The bottom right hand number indicates the RND the design begins on. The chart shows one pattern repeat, working from right to left the stitches are all single crochet and are shown in the color (which can always be substituted) the stitch is to be worked in. Once you reach the end of the repeat, you go back to the beginning of that row in the chart and repeat the pattern until you work the entire RND. Once the RND is complete you will move one row up on the chart and once again work the pattern repeat from right to left.





How to Change Colors

Work up to the last stitch before the color change. Insert hook and pull up a loop, then take new color (leave a long tail for weaving in) and grab it with the hook,



pull new color through the two loops already on the hook. Do not fasten off the old color, it will be floated along the back side of the beanie until it is needed again.



Work with new color until pattern instructs you to change it again.

Important Note: DO NOT tighten down the old color after changing, when you pick it up again to work the next set of stitches in that color, drawing up the loop will tighten the float just enough to create the perfect tension for the previous stitch.





Backside View of Color Change

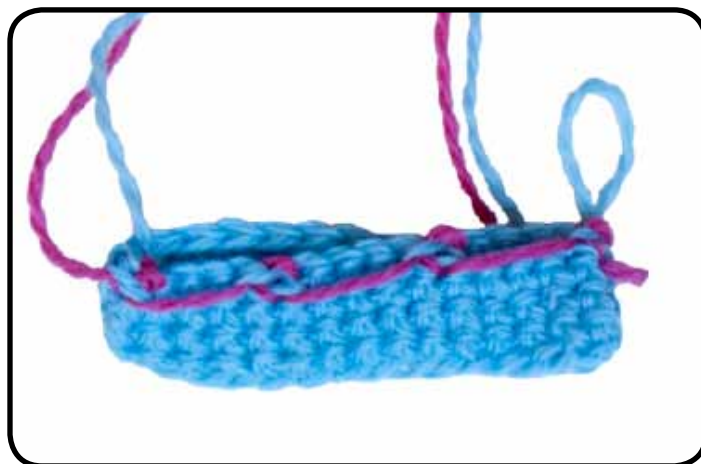
Picture shows last step of SC before new color is joined. The new color is run along the back of the working color and then a YO will bring it forward.



Once the YO is pulled through all the loops the non-working color now becomes the working color. You can see the tail of the old working color just hanging there, you can leave it hanging until you need to pick it up again.



Backside of a project using Fair Isle is shown. Notice how the non-working color is ran along with tension but not pulled tight. You want your runs to still be able to stretch. By not pulling tight on your yarn as you change colors this will help to keep your runs slack enough to stretch.





How to Change Colors at the Beginning of a Round

When reading your chart, you might have to change colors before you begin a new RND.
The next steps show how to create a clean color change.

Work up to the last stitch of the RND.



Insert hook into the first stitch of the beginning of the RND to perform a SL ST.



Instead of using the working color to YO, you will pick up the non-working color to YO.





How to Change Color at the Beginning of a Round Continued

Pull the YO up and through the loop on the hook to complete the SL ST. Now the new color is ready for the next RND.



Picture shows a couple of stitches worked in the new color after the clean color change.



Special Note: Beware if you change colors too soon, as in you change color during the last stitch of the RND instead of at the SL ST, you will have an extra loop of the new color (circled in the picture).

The extra loop (circled) can throw off your pattern. However, if you like the appearance this look gives, you can always leave it.





Catching the Yarn

Fair Isle inherently has brief stitch repeats of color within the design to ensure short floats across the back of the project. However, sometimes a greater number of the same color stitches may be necessary for the design. In this instance, instead of risking the long float being snagged or not properly given slack, these long stands of yarn can be “caught” within the working color.

To “catch the yarn” simply means that while working your stitches of the designated color, you will choose a stitch in the middle of the long run to “catch” your non-working yarn.

I like to “catch” the yarn whenever my working yarn is being worked 7 stitches or longer. To do this, work the stitches up until the middle stitch of the run (i.e. if the run is 7 stitches long, I work three stitches and catch the yarn on the fourth stitch), then insert the hook into the next stitch.

Before the YO and pull up a loop, lay the non-working yarn (pink yarn in picture) over the hook. Then perform the normal YO and pull up the loop. This will cause the float to be encased in the working yarn.



Finally finish off the stitch with a YO and pulling it through all loops on the hook. Picture shows float being encased in the working yarn, and is now a much shorter strand that is less likely to get snagged on anything.



Front view of a long run of main color stitches. The middle stitch contains a “caught” float that is invisible from the front.

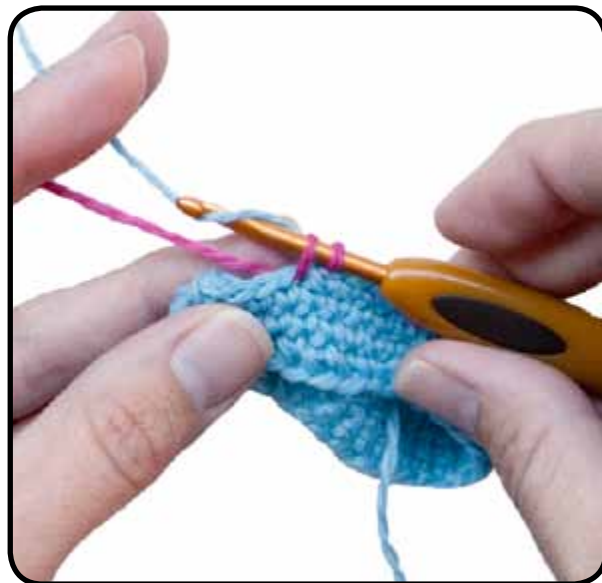




How to Keep the Yarn Untangled

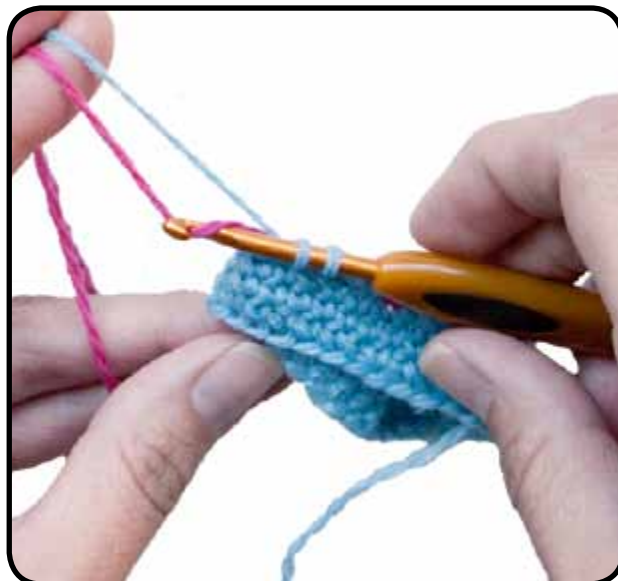
Dropping and picking up yarn constantly can quickly produce a tangle like no other. By following this easy tip, you can keep your yarn tangle free.

When working with two colors choose one to be “up” and one to be “down”. This simply means when picking up your yarn, your “up” yarn will always be brought on top of your other yarn (the blue yarn pictured is the “up” yarn, whenever it is picked up, it is brought across the top of the other yarn).



Then your “down” yarn will always be brought below your other yarn (the pink yarn pictured is the “down” yarn, whenever it is picked up, it is brought below the other yarn).

Dropping the yarn has no effect on your tangle, just keep the two yarns in the same orientation throughout when picking up (top and bottom) to keep them separated. I like to make the main color my “top” yarn normally.





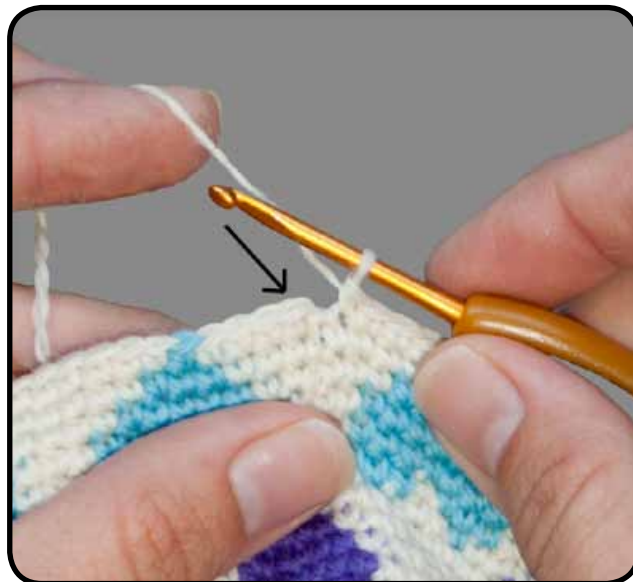
How to Make a Straight Seam on Your Bowl/Beanie/Cowl

Ever make a bowl/beanie/cowl and your seam looks like this? A nice straight line, but it's at a 45 degree angle. You have the correct amount of stitches on every row, but for some reason it just won't stay straight? Imagine having to figure out how to work your Fair Isle chart on an angle.

Thankfully, there is a simple fix.



Work to last stitch of the RND and insert hook into first stitch of RND to join (arrow pointing to this stitch).



Join your RND with a SL ST in this first stitch of the current RND, then CH 1 to begin your new RND.





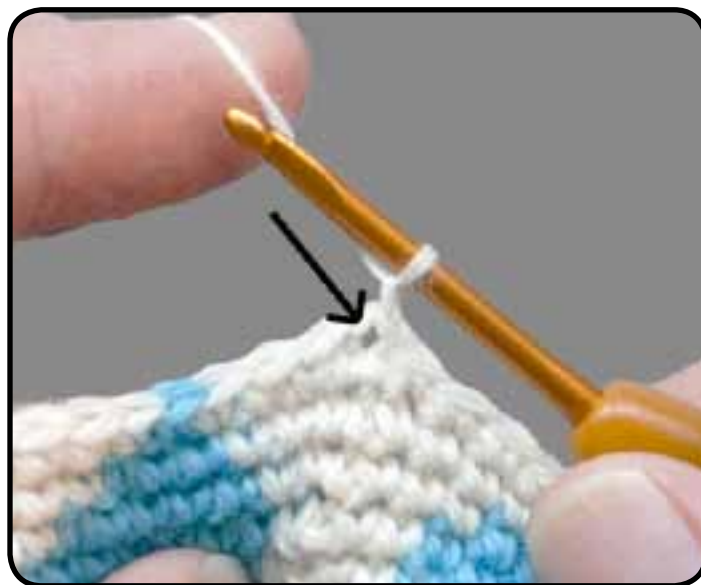
How to Make a Straight Seam on Your Beanie Continued

Important note: To get an almost invisible seam, tighten down your SL ST and CH 1 as much as you can before beginning your first SC of the RND. Pictured beanie shows a progression from top to bottom of these two stitches being tightened more and more.

Notice how the seam near the bottom of the beanie is almost invisible whereas the looser stitches at the top of the beanie are much more noticeable.



Now, instead of inserting your hook into the next stitch to SC (which causes the slanted beanie), insert your hook into the same stitch that you joined the previous RND with (arrow is pointing to this stitch).



YO and pull up loop,
YO and pull loop through all loops on hook to finish SC,
then continue on with the pattern.

By performing this little trick you will always have a straight and almost invisible seam (as shown in black rectangle).

