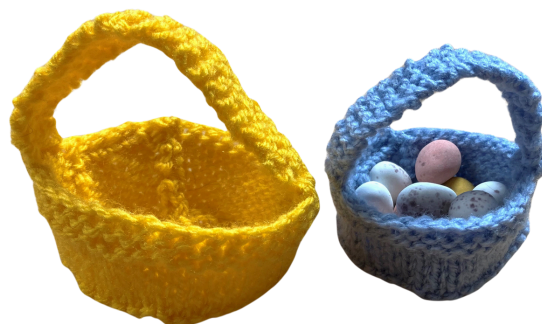


Easter Basket



Materials

DK weight yarn (double knitting or light worsted weight).

Thin card (optional)

Ribbon (optional)

Needles

One pair of 3.5mm knitting needles or 4mm for bigger baskets

One darning needle

Knitting abbreviations

K Knit

K2Tog Knit two stitches together (decreases 1 stitch)

ST/S Stitch/es

P, Purl

S Slip

P2Tog Purl two stitches together (decreases one stitch)

TBL Through back loop

Pattern:

Cast on 41 sts

K 4 rows

Stocking stitch

K 2 rows

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Shape bottom of the basket

- 1st Row: *K8, K2tog, repeat from * to last st, K1 (37 sts)
2nd Row: S1, *P7, P2tog tbl, repeat from * to end of row (33 sts)
3rd Row: *K6, K2tog, repeat from * to last st, K1 (29 sts)
4th Row: S1, *P5, P2tog tbl, repeat from * to end of row (25 sts)
5th Row: *K4, K2tog, repeat from * to end of row (21 sts)
6th Row: S1, *P3, P2tog tbl, repeat from * to end of row (17 sts)
7th Row: *K2tog, repeat from * to last st, K1 (9 sts)

Cut yarn (leaving a short 'tail' to use for sewing up), draw the end through all stitches, pull up tightly.

Sew up the seam. Darn away ends.

Handle

Cast on 4 sts

Knit 45 rows

Cast off

Join onto the opposite side of the basket.

Darn away ends.

Decorate with ribbon if desired.

Optional: Cut out a circle of thin card to line the base (around 2 1/4" in diameter).

