Crochet the Brady Basket with Wool And The Gang

Chapter 1 - Crochet the Brady Basket

Overview

(gentle music) - Hi I'm Lucy and I work at Wool and the Gang. Today I'm gonna show you how to make the Brady basket. This is a great homeware piece which is ideal for stashing all of your yarn or your working projects. The Brady basket is made using a single crochet. In this tutorial you will learn how to make a magic loop, work in the round, how to crochet into the back of a stitch and how to use chain space to make your handles. This is an intermediate pattern so it's ideal if you have a bit of crochet experience before starting. (gentle music)

Materials

- For this project you will need the following. Four rolls of Wool and the Gang's Jersey be Good. This yarn is made from recycled offcuts from factories in Turkey. A 10 millimeter US 15 crochet hook. You will also need a tape-measure and scissors. These will come in handy when you get working on your project. And a sewing needle. This will be used at the end to weave in your ends. You will also need your pattern. This is going to have all the instructions you need for working on your project.

Crochet the base and sides

- Begin by taking the yarn end from the center of your roll. We're gonna make a magic loop to start our crochet. Wrap your yarn around your index finger and your little finger. Pinch where the yarn crosses. Take your crochet hook and insert into the loop. Wrap your yarn around and pull through. Then wrap your yarn around again, pull through. We're gonna make six single crochet stitches into our magic loop. So insert your needle, wrap your yarn, pull through, wrap again, and pull through. That's your first single crochet. Now you've made six single crochets. Pull on your yarn end and it pulls the magic loop together as so. You're then gonna join your round with a slip stitch, so find your first stitch, which is this one. Insert your needle, wrap your yarn, and pull straight through both loops. You can tug on that end to pull it a little bit closer together and that's how you make your magic loop. Now we're gonna work in the round to make your base. Start by making a chain stitch, so wrap your yarn, pull through. That's your first chain stitch. Now just so we know where we start and finish our round, we're gonna use a stitch marker. You can make a stitch marker just from any scraps of yarn that you might have lying around, so I'm gonna use this bit. You make your chain stitch and then you place your marker. You'll do this on every round. First, we're gonna crochet two single crochet stitches into each stitch. Insert your needle into your first stitch, wrap your yarn. That's one single crochet. Insert again into the same stitch. That's your second single crochet. So we'll do the same into the next stitch. Insert your hook, wrap your yarn. Pull through both stitches. We'll keep going in this way until you've worked into all six stitches on your magic loop. You will then join your round with a slip stitch. You should now have 12 stitches in your round. We're gonna work the next round, so make a chain stitch. Pull your stitch marker out and place it again. So this time, we're gonna work two single crochets into the first stitch, and then one single crochet into the next stitch. So insert your hook. Make one single crochet. Insert back into that stitch again. Let's make another single crochet. And now the next stitch, we'll just make one. So then the next stitch, we'll make two single crochet. And then one. So then you just keep working in this way, two single crochet into one stitch, and then one single crochet into one stitch. Again, you join your round with

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a slip stitch, so insert into the first stitch for your round and pull through. Okay, so then for your next round again, make a chain stitch. You'll do this at the beginning of every round you make. Pull out your stitch marker and pop there. So this time, we're gonna make two single crochet into the first stitch, and then we're gonna do one single crochet into the next stitch, one single crochet into the next stitch, and then repeat that sequence again. So two single crochet into your first stitch, one single crochet, one single crochet. Let's repeat that sequence again. Insert your hook, one stitch, two stitches, one, and one. Then always remember to join your round with a slip stitch. As you can see, your circle is increasing evenly. For your next round, you're gonna work two crochet stitches into one stitch, and then you'll work three single crochet into the next three stitches. You continue in this way on each round, but every time you'll add another single crochet. So then your next round, you'll do two and four. Then your next round, you'll do two and five, and you keep doing that until you've got 60 stitches in your round. So once you've followed all of those steps, your base should look something like this. You'll have 60 stitches now in your round and you can see it's been evenly growing. So now we're gonna work into the back loop of each stitch. This is gonna help grow your basket. So take your stitch marker. Make your first chain stitch as we've been doing before. Replace your marker. So instead of working under the stitch as we usually do, we're gonna just work under this back loop here. So insert your hook, wrap your yarn, and pull through. It's as simple as that. Insert into the back loop. We're gonna do this into every stitch in your round. You will join your round with a slip stitch as you've been doing. You now flip your base. And now we're gonna work around working upwards. So make a chain stitch. Move your stitch marker. And now we're gonna start working again into the whole stitch, like we have been before. So insert your hook under both bars, up your yarn, make a single crochet. We're gonna do this in every stitch of your round. So keep working in the round in this way, single crochet into every stitch. Remember to join your rounds with a slip stitch and then make a chain stitch. Continue until your piece measures 29 centimeters or 11 1/2 inches. This is roughly 21 more rounds.

Constructing the handle and finishing

- So now you've finished working in the round. Your piece should measure 11-1/2 inches from the base or 29 centimeters. And now we're gonna make the handles. Make a chain stitch, place your stitch marker. Now we're gonna single crochet up to the point where we'll start our handle. So you insert your hook. We're gonna do this on 11 stitches. So one, two, three. This is where our handle is gonna start. So now we're gonna make eight chain stitches. One, two, three. So this is gonna be the base of our handle. So what we want to do is miss eight stitches. So if you count one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight we're gonna work into this stitch. So insert your needle and make a single crochet. Now we're gonna work 22 stitches in single crochet. This counts as one, two, three. So it's 22 stitches. This is where we're gonna start our second handle. So again we'll make eight chain stitches. You wanna miss eight of these stitches. So if you count one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. So then you'll work into this stitch with a single crochet and then you're gonna just work to the end of your round. So it's 11 stitches in total. Join your round with a slip stitch as always. So now your handles are starting to take shape. For the next round make a chain stitch, place your stitch marker, and we're gonna single crochet 11 stitches. So now we're gonna work into this chain space to make the handle a bit more sturdy. So instead of going into the foundation chain you've made here you insert under, wrap your yarn, pull through both loops on your hook as if to make a single crochet. We're gonna repeat this 12 more times, so in total 13. Let along a little bit so you've got a bit more room. And then we're gonna work 22 stitches in single crochet. So now we're gonna

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work into the chain space again 13 times. So insert under that foundation chain, wrap your yarn, make a single crochet. And then we're gonna work in single crochet to the end of your round. Remember to join your round with a slip stitch. That's the base for your handles and now you'll work two more rounds in single crochet as you've been doing previously. Make a chain stitch, place your marker. Join your round with a slip stitch. Take your scissors and cut your yarn and then to secure your stitch you simply pull like that. You can remove your place marker now and then we're gonna sew in our ends using our sewing needle. To weave in your ends turn your project inside out (laughs) like so and then you wanna secure your end. Thread your needle and you wanna hide your end in these bumps. So thread under like so, pull through. Just sort of work along the stitches like so. To make it extra secure I would go down to the next row like this and then sort of work back on yourself. You can see that's hidden nicely in the stitches and do that with all of your loose ends. And once you've completed all of those steps your basket will look something like this. It's a really fun piece. It's really sturdy and durable and you can literally put whatever you want in it. You could put a plant in there or have it as a laundry bag. It's just a really good versatile homeware piece. Once you've finished your project you might notice this diagonal seam. This happens as you work in the round and is completely normal so don't worry about that. And that's your basket complete.

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