



Abbreviations in the instructions:
 Stitch = st
 Chain stitch = ch
 Double crochet = dc
 Half treble = ht
 Single stitch = sc

See our free “Crochet Lesson” instructions (SE/DK/NO/UK/DE – 600816) for more instructions.

Crocheted lovelies for your home

Zpagetti tricot yarn makes it fast and easy to crochet practical items for the home, like mats and baskets. Keep in mind that tricot yarn can vary in width and elasticity; therefore, the yarn required and final dimensions indicated are approximations. For these projects, you can use a 10 mm crochet hook (981757) or a 12 mm crochet hook (981998), depending on the thickness of your yarn.

Tips! Mark the first stitch of each new round with a marker or safety pin. Because yarn thickness may vary, you may need to adjust the work by adding or removing stitches later. Check that the piece is smooth by laying it on a flat surface once you’ve crocheted a few rounds. If the edges curl upwards, you need to add more stitches. In that case, crochet a few extra stitches evenly distributed throughout the round. To prevent the circle from easily losing its shape, make sure you do not always increase in the same place. If the work is wavy, you have too many stitches. In that case, crochet a round without increasing.

Big basket (height approx. 20 cm, Ø approx. 30 cm)

Yarn required: about 120 m tricot yarn (about 2 balls Zpagetti).

Method:

Crochet 3 ch and join to a ring with 1 sc. Crochet 6 dc around the ring.
 Round 1: Crochet 2 dc in each stitch on the previous round = 12 dc.
 Rounds 2–12: Increase each round by 6 stitches by occasionally working two stitches in the same stitch, evenly distributed over the circle. See “Tips!” for how to keep the work flat. You should have about 78 stitches around the circle on the twelfth round.

Rounds 13–25: Continue crocheting dc without increasing. If you do not want a handle on the basket, crochet the basket as high as you want it,

then secure all loose threads.

Handle

Crochet 15 dc in round 26. Crochet 10 ch. Skip just as many (10) in the piece and then crochet 29 dc. Crochet another 10 ch and skip as many in the piece. Crochet dc in each stitch for the rest of the round. Crochet the entire next round with dc. Secure all loose threads.

Small basket (height approx. 10 cm, Ø approx. 20 cm)

Yarn required: about 60 m tricot yarn (about 1 ball Zpagetti).

Method: Follow the instructions for making a large basket. Increase stitches up to round 6. Then crochet dc without increasing until you finish the yarn, or until the basket is as tall as you want it to be.

Mat (Ø approx. 70 cm)

Yarn required: about 190 m tricot yarn (about 3¾ balls Zpagetti).

Method:

Crochet 6 ch and join to a ring with 1 sc.
 Round 1: Crochet 3 ch = 1 ht. Then crochet 11 ht around the ring = 12 ht total. Finish the round with one sc in the first ht.
 Round 2: Crochet 3 ch = 1 ht. Then crochet 1 ht in the same stitch. Crochet 2 ht in each stitch for the entire round = 24 ht total. Finish the round with one sc in the first ht.
 Round 3: Increase with 8 ht evenly distributed across the round. Begin with 3 ch = 1 ht, 1 ht in the next stitch, and 2 ht in the stitch after that. See “Tips!” for how to keep the work flat. You will have 32 ht total. Finish the round with one sc in the first ht.

Continue to increase 8 ht evenly distributed over the round until the mat reaches the desired size. Finish the round with one sc in the first ht. We crocheted a total of 13 rounds. If you like, change yarn colour on some rounds.

Lace edge around the mat

Crochet 5 ch, crochet one sc down in the third stitch, crochet 5 ch, down with sc in every third st, and continue for the entire round. Secure all loose threads.