

**Supplies:** Size G hook and worsted weight yarn. (This really does not need to be exact. You want your “fabric” to be tight enough to stand/support itself when you are done.)

Make a magic loop. (This is not hard! Do a quick google on it and watch a video!) Chain 1. Make 6 single crochets (sc) into the middle of your magic loop, making sure to go over the “tail” of the loop as well. (The tail is what you pull to close up the hole=magic!)

After completing 6 sc into the center of the loop, make a slip stitch into the first sc crochet you made to join round. Pull slip stitch tight so you know not to work in this stitch when you come around again. This finishes your first round. You can pull the tail of your magic loop closed now. If it comes loose again while you work, just tug it snug again.

Round 2. Chain 1. Make 2 sc in each stitch (this is an increase). Make a slip stitch into the first stitch to join round. Pull tight. Each round you will increase by 6 stitches. So now you have 12 stitches.

Round 3. Chain 1. You need to increase by 6 stitches in this round, so now you will increase every other stitch. Begin by making 2 sc in first stitch (increase). In the next stitch do a sc. Next stitch do 2 sc. So you will be doing 2:1:2:1:2:1 etc. Once you have completed making 18 stitches, join round with a slip stitch. Pull tight.

Round 4. Chain 1. Again, you need to increase by 6 stitches. This time your pattern will be 2:1:1:2:1:1:2:1:1. Once you are back to the beginning of your round, slip stitch to join. Pull stitch tight.

The key to making this a circle and not a hexagon, is to alternate where you place the increase. Every other row you will place it in the first stitch. Another secret is if you start a round with an increase, you will end it will a single crochet.

Round 5. Chain 1. Now your pattern will be 2:1:1:1:2:1:1:1. Join round with a slip stitch and pull tight.

I think by now you have the total pattern down! This is where you can control how wide your bucket is. The more rounds you do, the bigger it will be. I did 10 rounds to get a 5” wide bucket base.

Once you have your base the size you want it, you will need to start the sides. This is easy!

Chain 1. Single crochet into the back loop of every stitch. (When you do a stitch, you form a “v”. You have been going under both “legs” of the V up until this point. For this round only, go under the back leg, or the leg farthest away from you.) Once you are all the way around, join with a slip stitch. Pull tight.

Chain 1. Single crochet all the way. (You no longer have to work into the back loop only.) Join with a slip stitch. Pull tight.

Chain 1. Single crochet wall the way around. Slip stitch to join round.

Do you see the pattern? Chain 1, SC all the way around, slip stitch. Keep working until you have the height that you want. Ohhhh this is so much fun!

Weave in ends.

Binding: Pick some fun accent fabric for your bucket. Cut a strip 2" wide. Give yourself extra length since it is always easier to cut some off than to add to...although that can be done if you run into trouble! Iron the sides of your 2" wide strip in about a quarter inch. Then fold your strip in half again. This allows you to tuck the top edge of your bucket into the strip with finished edges on both sides.



Add your label. This is another step where you can be super duper creative!! To make a fabric label: Cut out a piece of freezer paper 8 ½" x 11". Place shiny side of freezer paper on back side of fabric. Iron on. Cut out fabric to match the 8 ½" x 11". Using an INK JET printer, print as normal. Oh my goodness, my brain nearly explodes with all the things you could do with this technique. Love it!!

Cut out tag, fold in sides, fold in half, and tuck under binding. Use embroidery floss or pearl cotton to make a decorative running stitch around base of binding. As you stitch around binding, stitch through tag as well to keep it in place.





At this point, you could call your bucket done. Good job! If you would like your bucket a little stiffer, soak your bucket with spray starch\* and then place on a round object to let it dry. (I used the bottom of a large peanut butter jar.)

\*Quick liquid starch recipe if you need it. Whisk together 1/4 cup of cold water and 1/8 cup of corn starch. Add 2 cups boiling water and whisk some more. Let it cool.



Another option to stiffen your bucket, is to use a clear plastic bottle to dry it on after using the spray starch, but then cutting the bottle top off and keeping the base of the bottle in your bucket.



You are done! Yay! Here are more ideas on variations.

\*Make sets\*Different sizes\*Color combos\*Try a different crochet stitch\*Fill it full of goodness and gift it to someone special\*Put someone's name on the label to personalize it\*Throw a handle on it\*Handstitch a patch on instead of a label\*Skip the binding\*Make a color blocked bucket using different color yarns\*Make all your increases at the start of a round to create a hexagon bucket

If you have an idea, let us know!!!

