





# Two-colour basket

LANA GATTO®

**Measurement:** base of the basket 20cm approx in diameter. The border is approx 14cm high

**Skill Level:** advanced

**How much yarn:** 3 balls (each ball 50g and 125m) of **Merinocot** yarn (53% Extrafine Merino Wool, 47% Cotton), whose 2 balls shade no. 14020 brown and 1 ball shade no. 14194 cream

**Tunisian crochet hook:** A 4.00mm hook

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**Sewing needle:** Yarn needle with rounded point

**Other items:** Stitch-markers. Labels (optional)

## STITCHES

**Using crochet hook:** Chain (ch) – Double crochet (dc) 1 INCREASE (INC 1) = 2 dc into same stitch.

**Using Tunisian crochet hook:** TUNISIAN SIMPLE STITCH: each round is made up of a forward row and a return row. **1st forward row:** insert hook into 2nd ch from hook, yarn over hook and draw a loop, \* insert hook into next ch, yarn over hook and draw a loop; rep from \* to end (each st on hook matches to corresponding below ch). **1st return row:** do not turn and work as follows: yarn on hook and draw through first loop on hook (first st closed), \* yarn on hook and draw through next 2 loops on hook; rep from \* to end. Only a loop remains. First round is finished. **Next forward rows:** yarn on hook, insert hook, from right to left, into first vertical bar of previous forward row, yarn on hook and draw a loop; \* yarn on hook, insert hook, from right to left, into next vertical bar of st on previous forward row, yarn on hook and draw a loop; rep from \* to end. **Next return rows:** work as 1st return row.

## INSTRUCTIONS

**Note:** work using two strands of yarn held together throughout. **BASE OF BASKET – 1st round:** with brown yarn make a magic ring. Into ring work: ch1 (that doesn't count as a stitch throughout), 6 dc, cont to work in spiral way, working the rounds continuously but without joining each round with a slip stitch, as the round continuing into the next round. Place 1 SM into first dc of each round to indicate beginning and move SM every round. At end of round pull yarn to close magic ring. **2nd round:** (inc 1) 6 times (there are 12 sts). **3rd round:** (1 dc, inc 1) 6 times (= 18 sts). **4th round:** (2 dc, inc 1) 6 times (= 24 sts). **5th round:** (3 dc, inc 1) 6 times (= 30 sts). **6th round:** (4 dc, inc 1) 6 times (= 36 sts). **7th round:** (5 dc, inc 1) 6 times (= 42 sts). **8th round:** (6 dc, inc 1) 6 times (there are 48 sts). **9th round:** (7 dc, inc 1) 6 times (= 54 sts). **10th round:** (8 dc, inc 1) 6 times (= 60 sts). **11th round:** (9 dc, inc 1) 6 times (= 66 sts). **12th round:** (10 dc, inc 1) 6 times (= 72 sts). **13th round:** (11 dc, inc 1) 6 times (= 78 sts). **14th round:** (12 dc, inc 1) 6 times (= 84 sts). **15th round:** (13 dc, inc 1) 6 times (= 90 sts) ending with 1 ss into 1st st at round beg. Fasten off. **BORDER –** Work Border using entrelac technique and Tunisian hook. Create a ring that will be joined to base. **FIRST ROW OF DIAMONDS –** With Tunisian hook and brown yarn ch121 (11 chains for each of 11 motif diamonds). **FIRST DIAMOND – 1st forward row:** ch1 (that doesn't count as a stitch), \* insert hook into next ch, yarn over hook and draw a loop; rep from \* 6 times to have 7 loops on hook. **1st return row:** do not turn, \* yarn on hook and draw through next 2 loops on hook; rep from \* to end. Only a loop remains. First round is finished. **2nd forward row:** draw a loop into each of next 6 sts, draw a loop into next beg ch; there are 7 loops on hook. **2nd return row:** do not turn, \* yarn on hook and draw through next 2 loops on hook; rep from \* to end. Only a loop remains. Second

round is finished. Rep last 2 rows 3 more times. **11th row (diamond closure):** \* insert hook, from right to left, into next vertical bar of st on previous forward row, yarn on hook and work a ss; rep from \* into each next st (or vertical bar), work last ss into next beg ch. Work the **other 10 diamonds** as given for First diamond, then close work with 1 ss into first of First Diamond to create a round. Cont to work in round. **SECOND ROW OF DIAMONDS – FIRST DIAMOND – 1st forward row:** with Tunisian hook and cream yarn insert hook into first ss on last row of a diamond of First row and draw a loop; \* insert hook into next ss on last row of a diamond of First row and draw a loop; rep from \* 4 more times to have 6 loops on hook, insert hook into first st of next diamond and draw a loop: there are 7 loops on hook. **1st return row:** do not turn, \* yarn on hook and draw through next 2 loops on hook; rep from \* to end. Only a loop remains. First round is finished. **2nd forward row:** draw a loop into each of next 6 sts, insert hook into next st of following diamond and draw a loop; there are 7 loops on hook. **2nd return row:** do not turn, \* yarn on hook and draw through next 2 loops on hook; rep from \* to end. Only a loop remains. Rep last 2 rows 3 more times. **11th row (diamond closure):** \* insert hook, from right to left, into next vertical bar of st on previous forward row, yarn on hook and work a ss; rep from \* into each next st (or vertical bar), work last ss into next beg ch. Work the **other 10 diamonds** as given for First diamond, working into spaces between diamonds of First row. Work **Third row of diamonds** as given for Second row, but using brown yarn. Work **Fourth row of diamonds** as given for Second row. Now work, on upper edge and on lower edge of ring, a row of triangles in order to even out edges. **LOWER TRIANGLE ROW –** With cream yarn and Tunisian hook work as follows: **1st forward row:** insert hook into tip of a diamond, \*\* then insert hook into next st of diamond, draw a loop, (insert hook into next st of diamond and draw a loop) until you have 6 loops on hook, insert hook into next st of following diamond and draw a loop: there are 7 loops on hook. **1st return row:** \* yarn on hook and draw through next 2 loops on hook; rep from \* until you are left with 3 sts, yarn on hook and draw through these rem 3 loops. **2nd forward row:** miss first st, (insert hook into next st of diamond and draw a loop) until you have 5 loops on hook, insert hook into next st of following diamond and draw a loop: there are 6 loops on hook. **2nd return row:** \* yarn on hook and draw through next 2 loops on hook; rep from \* until you are left with 3 sts, yarn on hook and draw through these rem 3 loops. Rep last 2 rows until you are left with 1 st, insert hook into tip of next diamond and work 1 ss. Rep work, as given, into space between next diamonds, keeping in mind that, at beg of 1st forward row, the hook is already at the tip of following diamond, so the row starts from the point marked with a double asterisk \*\*. **UPPER TRIANGLE ROW –** Work as Lower Triangle Row, but with brown yarn.

## FINISHING

**FINISHING BORDER – 1st round:** with 4.00mm crochet hook and brown yarn work a round of dc around upper edge of basket border, working 6 dc on each of 11 triangles and ending with a ss into beg st. **2nd round:** with cream yarn work 1 dc into each dc of previous round; end with a ss into beg st. **3rd round:** work as 2nd round, but using brown yarn. Fasten off. Join Border to basket base as follows: overlap, with the wrong sides facing each other, last round of base to lower edge of border and, with 4.00mm crochet hook and cream yarn work a round of ch st, inserting hook into both thicknesses to be joined.