

How to Cut up T-shirts into T-shirt Yarn and Crochet a Basket (Bowl Container)

Great recycling and upcycling project

Help Video: youtube.com/naztazia

Look for the video "T-shirt Yarn Basket"

Materials:

- 7 or 8 XL adult sized t-shirts
- Scissors
- Q-sized crochet hook (15.75 mm) Plastic ones are inexpensive and available at most craft stores.

Terms Used

CH - Chain

SLST - Slip Stitch

SC - Single Crochet

HDC - Half Double Crochet

American English Crochet Terms

Preparation:

Cut t-shirts into 1.5 inch strips, stretch out fabric to form yarn, connect multiple t-shirts together by creating slits at the end of strips. Please see YouTube video for how to do this: http://youtube.com/naztazia (look for t-shirt yarn basket)

Basket Bottom:

Create a magic ring, chain 1 (see video for easy way to do a magic ring)

Round 1: Do 12 half-double crochet stitches in ring (12 HDC). Slip stitch to first stitch. Chain 1.

Round 2: Do 2 half-double crochet stitches in each stitch (24 HDCs). Slip stitch to first stitch. Chain 1.

Round 3: Do 2 half-double crochet stitches in first stitch, followed by 1 HDC in the next stitch. Repeat this 2 HDC, 1 HDC, around. Slip stitch to first stitch. Chain 1.

Round 4: Do 2 half-double crochet stitches in first stitch, followed by 1 HDC in the next stitch, then 1 HDC in the next stitch. Repeat this 2 HDC, 1 HDC, 1 HDC, around. Slip stitch to first stitch. Chain 1.

Basket Sides:

Round 1: Single crochet around in back loops only. At the end of this round, do NOT slip stitch.

Round 2: Single crochet into the first stitch of previous round, under both loops. Mark stitch. Single crochet around (both loops) until right before marker.

Rounds 3+: Remove marker, single crochet (both loops) in that stitch, replace marker. Single crochet around until right before marker.

Continue in this pattern until you are happy with the height of your basket.

Optional Final Edging:

Slip stitch loosely around the final round.

Cut and weave in ends.

To alter pattern:

<u>Make a smaller basket</u>: stop after either round 1, 2, or 3 of the "Basket Bottom" then proceed directly to "Basket Sides" section.

<u>Make a larger basket</u>: add rounds in basket bottom section. Round 5 would be 2 HDC, 1 HDC, 1 HDC, 1 HDC. Round 6 would be 2 HDC, 1 HDC

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Be sure to check out the YouTube video for this project if you need assistance with any step: youtube.com/naztazia (look for T-shirt Yarn Basket)

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