

## Moses Basket Crochet Pattern

### (Complete & Easy Version)

This crochet pattern creates a strong baby Moses basket using a wooden base and thick cotton cord. You can make:

- A **simple basket**
  - A **basket with a hood**, like traditional Moses baskets
  - A decorative piece for photos or supervised naps
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### Before You Start (Very Important – Read First)

For safety and best results, always follow these recommendations:

- This basket is for **supervised use only** (photos or naps with an adult nearby)
  - Always place a **soft mattress or padding** inside the basket
  - Crochet tightly to avoid large holes in the stitches
  - Count your stitches carefully in every round
  - Use strong materials designed for baby items
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### Materials Needed

#### Wooden Base

- **Length:** 29.5 inches
- **Width:** 16 inches
- **Thickness:** 6 mm
- **Holes:** 110 holes (each 12 mm wide)

#### Cord

- **9 mm braided cotton cord**
- **3 bundles** → basket only
- **4 bundles** → basket + hood

#### Crochet Hooks

- **8 mm crochet hook** (starting rounds)

- **9 mm crochet hook** (main basket)

### Other Tools

- 7 stitch markers
  - Scissors
  - Tape measure
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### Stitch Guide (Simple Terms)

#### Chain (ch)

Pull yarn through the loop on your hook.

#### Slip Stitch (sl st)

Insert hook, pull yarn through the stitch and through the loop on hook.

#### Single Crochet (SC)

Insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.

#### Waistcoat Stitch

Insert the hook into the middle “**V**” of the stitch instead of the top loops. This creates a dense and sturdy texture perfect for baskets.

#### Invisible Join

A finishing method that creates a neat and seamless edge.

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### Step-by-Step Instructions

#### 1. Setup Round – Base Finishing

This round hides the wooden holes and prepares the foundation.

1. Use the **8 mm hook**.
2. Start at the middle hole of a short side.
3. Pull a loop of cord through the hole.
4. Work a **slip stitch into every hole** around the wooden base.
5. Keep stitches snug but not overly tight.
6. When you reach the starting hole again, slip stitch to close the round.

✓ The base holes are now neatly covered.

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## 2. Round 1 – Foundation Wall

This round begins building the basket walls.

1. Stay with the **8 mm hook**.
2. Chain 1 (does not count as a stitch).
3. Work **1 Single Crochet** into each hole using the same spaces.

If your base has **110 holes**, you must:

- Skip **10 holes total**
- Skip them evenly around the base

This prevents the basket from flaring outward.

You should finish with:

**100 stitches**

Close the round using an **Invisible Join**.

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## 3. Rounds 2–10 – Basket Walls

These rounds create the height and strength of the basket.

1. Switch to the **9 mm hook**.
2. For each round:
  - Work **Waistcoat Stitch** in every stitch.
3. Complete **9 full rounds**.

Helpful Tips:

- Use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of each round
- Keep stitches tight and consistent
- To add new cord:
  - Lay the new cord over the old cord
  - Crochet over both cords for **5–6 stitches**
  - Cut the old cord

Finish each round using an **Invisible Join**.

✓ The basket should now look tall and sturdy.

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#### 4. Round 11 – Handle Foundation

This round creates openings for the handles.

1. Find the center of each long side.
2. Place stitch markers to mark **7 stitches** for each handle.
3. Work waistcoat stitch until you reach the first marker.
4. Chain **8** (this skips the 7 handle stitches).
5. Rejoin the wall with a waistcoat stitch.
6. Repeat for the second handle.
7. Finish the round with an **Invisible Join**.

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#### 5. Round 12 – Final Edge (Basic Basket)

This round completes the basket neatly.

1. Work waistcoat stitch around the basket.
2. When you reach a handle chain:
  - Work **9 regular Single Crochets** around the chain.
3. Continue waistcoat stitch for the rest of the round.
4. Finish with an **Invisible Closure**.
5. Weave in all loose ends securely.

✓ The basic Moses basket is now complete 🎉

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#### Adding the Hood (Optional – Like Traditional Moses Baskets)

The hood is worked after **Round 11**, before completing Round 12.

##### Hood Instructions (Short Rows)

1. Place markers where you want the hood to begin and end (head area).

Row 1

- Join new cord at the start marker
- Work waistcoat stitch to the end marker

- Cut cord and pull through

Row 2

- Start **2 stitches before** Row 1
- Stitch across
- End **2 stitches after** Row 1
- Cut cord

Repeat this step-out method for **3–4 rows**.

Each row becomes slightly wider, forming the curved hood shape.

### **Locking the Hood**

Work **Round 12** all the way around the basket.

This permanently secures the hood layers.

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### **Decorative Tassels (Optional)**

Tassels add a charming finishing touch to the handles.

#### **Cut:**

- Several **13-inch cords** (tassel body)
- One **23-inch cord** (top loop)
- One **26-inch cord** (wrapping cord)

#### **Steps:**

1. Fold the 13-inch cords over the 23-inch loop.
2. Use the 26-inch cord to wrap tightly near the top.
3. Tie securely.
4. Trim ends evenly.
5. Attach tassels to the handles.

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### **Tips for a Strong and Safe Crochet Moses Basket**

- Use **thick, high-quality cotton cord**
- Keep stitches tight and consistent

- Check the base regularly for stability
- Always use under adult supervision
- Add a firm mattress that fits snugly inside

These tips are especially important if you plan to share this pattern on your crochet blog, where readers may use it for baby gifts or nursery decor.