

# The Perfect Whirl

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The Perfect Whirl basket came to life when I wanted a basket to have my Whirl skeins in to avoid the yarn to tangle. The basket is crocheted with single crochets and slip stitches with two different thicknesses of cotton yarn. The slip stitches not only give the basket a nice look but also makes it extra sturdy. I have made the basket in three different sizes using different numbers of threads and the size of the medium basket fits a Whirl skein perfectly.

All three sizes are made with the same pattern but with different number of threads and different crochet hook sizes.



### Small basket: (No. 1 in the picture)

The body of the basket is crocheted with **one thread** of Scheepjes Cahlista and the slip stitches with **one thread** of Scheepjes Catona.

**Size:** Approx 9 cm in diameter and 6 cm in height.

**Hook:** 3.0 mm and 4.0 mm.

**Yarn:** Approx 25 gram Scheepjes Cahlista color 526 and 5 gram Scheepjes Catona color 402.



### Medium basket: (No. 2 in the picture)

The body of the basket is crocheted with **two threads** of Scheepjes Cahlista and the slip stitches with **two threads** of Scheepjes Catona.

**Size:** Approx 14 cm in diameter and 9 cm in height.

**Hook:** 5.0 mm and 6.0 mm.

**Yarn:** Approx 60 gram Scheepjes Cahlista color 526 and 12 gram each of Scheepjes Catona color 402 and 408.

### Large Basket: (No. 3 in the picture)

The body of the basket is crocheted with **three threads** of Scheepjes Cahlista and the slip stitches with **three threads** of Scheepjes Catona.

**Size:** Approx 16 cm in diameter and 10 cm in height.

**Hook:** 6.0 mm and 7.0 mm.

**Yarn:** Approx 120 gram Scheepjes Cahlista color 526 and 15 gram each of Scheepjes Catona color 179, 395 and 392.

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The basket in the first page is medium sized and I used two strands of Scheepjes Cahlista color 526 and Scheepjes Catona color 189 and 413 to for the slip stitches.

### Abbreviations, US terms:

**Ch** – chain

**Ss** – slip stitch

**Sc** – single crochet

**Inv join** – invisible join \*



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Stitches marked with a \* are described in my [Stitch Guide](#) always available on my [blog](#).

### Tips:

- This pattern is **worked in a spiral**. Use a marker to identify the first stitch of the row.
- Stitches between ( ) are repeated as many times as indicated after the parenthesis.
- Stitches between | | shows how many stitches you should have after completing the row.

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**Pattern:**

**Row 1:**

Use Scheepjes Cahlista and your bigger hook.  
(Small: 1 thread, medium: 2 threads, large: 3 threads).

Ch1 (does not count as a stitch) and 6 sc in a magic ring.  
|6 sc|



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**Row 2:**

(2sc in next sc) 6 times. |12 sc|



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**Row 3:**

(2sc in next sc, 1sc in next sc) 6 times. |18 sc|



**Row 4:**

1sc in next sc, (2sc in next sc, 1sc in next 2 sc) 5 times. 2sc in next sc, 1sc in next sc.  
|24 sc|

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**Row 5:**

(2sc in next sc, 1sc in next 3 sc) 6 times. |30 sc|

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**Row 6:**

1sc in next 2 sc, (2sc in next sc, 1sc in next 4 sc) 5 times. 2sc in next sc, 1sc in next 2 sc.  
|36 sc|

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**Row 7:**

(2sc in next sc, 1sc in next 5 sc) 6 times. |42 sc|

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**Row 8:**

1sc in next 3 sc, (2sc in next sc, 1sc in next 6 sc) 5 times. 2sc in next sc, 1sc in next 3 sc.  
|48 sc|

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**Row 9:**

(2sc in next sc, 1sc in next 7 sc) 6 times. |54 sc|

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Now it's time to start making the slip stitches that run on top of the single crochets you have made.

Remove your hook and place a marker in the loop.

## Slip stitches:

Use Scheepjes Catona and your smaller hook. Mind your tension when working the slip stitches (Small: 1 thread, medium: 2 threads, large: 3 threads).

Join the Catona yarn with a ss in the first sc in row 1 by inserting the hook in the sc and pick up the yarn from the back side. Crochet 1 ss in each sc to the last sc made. Remove your hook and place a marker in the loop.

Don't worry if your basket has the shape of a bowl, it will correct itself when you have made more rows.



Row 10–16:

Pick up the Cahlista yarn and use your bigger hook.

1sc in next 54 sc. |54 sc|

For the sake of simplicity, I recommend following up with slip stitches about every two rows.

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Row 17:

1sc in next 52 sc. Ch1, finish off with inv join in the first sc of the row. Cut yarn.  
|52 sc, 1 ch, inv join|



Slip stitches:

Pick up the Catona yarn and use your smaller hook.

1ss in each sc. The last ss is made in the ch1 made at the end of row 17. Cut yarn and fasten ends.

