



**‘CROCHETED BASKETS’: Double Stranded *Ra-Ra Raffia* Version**  
**Instructions for resizing your Churchmouse At Home ‘*Crocheted Baskets*’ pattern**  
**holding two strands of Wool and The Gang *Ra-Ra Raffia* together.**

*With your raffia held double, it's super simple to whip up a nice roomy basket. Store rolled hand towels, carry picnic goodies, or use it to corral your next project. Large slotted handles allow you to transport your things with ease!*

- Finished Size:** Approx. 12"/30.5cm across x 10"/25.5cm tall.
- Yarn:** 4 skeins of Wool and The Gang *Ra-Ra Raffia* (273 yds/250m each), held double throughout. Or approx. 1092 yds/1000m total of an equivalent worsted-weight raffia/paper yarn held double.
- Needles & Notions:** US J/9 (6mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge.  
Cocoknits Knitter's Block tiles (or a sturdy but bendable piece of cardboard approx. 44"/112cm for circumference and 14"/36cm tall to pin into) and T-Pins.
- Gauge:** Approx. 13–14 sc = 4"/10cm. Don't worry if your gauge varies a little as you work.
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*Please refer to the original pattern for complete instructions.*  
*Only changes are covered in this adaptation.*

*Tip: Raffia is a yarn with no bounce; pace yourself to avoid wrist fatigue. We find it handy to wrap our fingers with first-aid tape wherever the yarn rubs.*

- Base:** Holding two strands of raffia together throughout, begin base as directed in original pattern.  
Work through Round 22 of base. [132 sc]  
Work Turning Round as directed in original pattern.
- Body:** Repeat straight rounds as directed in original pattern, until piece measures approx. 8½"/21.5cm tall or approx. 1½"/4cm less than desired height (slotted handles will add approx. 1½"/4cm). Place marker to indicate beginning of round.
- Slotted handles:** Round 1: \*1 SC in next 50 sc, firmly Ch 22, skip 16 sc\*; repeat from \* \* one more time. [144 sts]  
Round 2: \*1 SC in next 50 sc, 1 SC into back bump of 22 chs\*; repeat from \* \* one more time. [144 sc]  
Continue to work 1 SC in each st around until piece measures 10"/25.5cm from turning round.

*Continued on reverse...*

**Finishing:** Finish as instructed on original pattern.

**Blocking:** Steam block as in original pattern.

For a crisper shape, stack a combination of various 10–12"/25–30cm plates or bowls into basket so that rim of bottom plate or bowl is upside down in the base and another rim is near the top. Slide blocking tiles or cardboard around the edges between structure and sides of basket. Pin into top edge of basket with a little vertical tension.