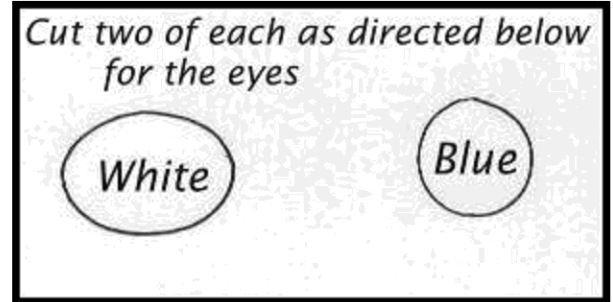




# EASTER BUNNY BASKET

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Created from a 3 liter soda bottle



## Supplies needed:

2 or 3 liter plastic soda (Coke) bottle  
Aluminum crochet hooks ~ Size F and J  
Hot Glue Gun  
Paper Punch and Sharpie Marker  
face

## Materials:

4 ply yarn ~ 4 oz. Main Color(MC) ~ 2 oz Contrast(CC)  
Small amount of felt for eyes ~ blue and White  
Polyester Stuffing or strips of Quilt batting for padding  
Pompoms: 1 black 1/2 inch for nose --- 2 white 1 inch for face  
  
1 white 2 inch for tail  
flower stamens for whiskers (optional)

With Sharpie, mark bottle 4 inches up from the bottom. Cut. Also cut one piece from below the shoulder of the bottle 1/2 inch wide for the handle.

Round the ends. With a paper punch, punch holes about 1/4 inch apart around the edge of the bottle and down the middle of the handle.

**HANDLE:** With MC and F hook, make 2 SC in each hole along first side, 8 SC in end hole, 2 SC in each hole along opposite side and 8 SC in second end hole. SL ST to join.

**BASKET:** With MC and F Hook, make 2 SC in each hole around, working clockwise. Join with SL ST. Change to J hook, turn and work counter clockwise. Mark beginning and work rest of basket without joining at ends of rounds.

1st Rnd: SC in each SC around.

2nd thru 12th Rnd: Working in back loop of stitch only, SC in each SC around.

**NOTE:** Pull work down to make sure it covers the bottle. If necessary, add additional rounds until it does.

At this point, pull work down over bottle and stuff lightly with polyester stuffing, or hold a few strips of Quilt Batting (cut about 4 inches by 16 inches) around the bottle as you pull the work down.

Next Rnd: (Work in both loops of stitch for remaining rnds) \*SC in first 3 STS. Skip 4th ST. Repeat from \* around,

Next Rnd: \*SC in first 2 STS. Skip 3rd ST. Repeat from \* around, continuing until opening is closed; then fasten off.

**EARS:** With MC and J hook, CH 13. DC in 4th chain from hook. DC in next 2 CH. HDC in next 3 CH. SC in next 3 CH. 3 SC in last CH. Working along opposite side of chain, 3 SC in same CH as last 3 SC, . SC in next 3 CH, HDC in each of the next 3 sts. DC in each of the next 3 sts, CH 2 and fasten off in same CH as last DC.

Repeat with MC for second ear . Also make 2 pieces with CC. Holding one of each color back to back with the CC facing you, using MC, crochet pieces together by making a SC through each st of both pieces. Stuff lightly.

Cut 2 eyes as per pattern above right.

Fasten 2 inch pompom to basket at beginning of Rnd 1. Glue ears upright over edge of basket opposite side from the tail. If you prefer, you may sew them in place. With a length of MC yarn, tie handle to basket positioning each end midway between ears and tail. Using photo as a guide, Glue face on front of basket. Add Easter grass to basket.