



# Crochet Counting Fish Toy

Designed by Joyce Nordstrom.

**Pail is approximately 9" high and 11" across. Fish are approximately 6" long and 3" high.**

**RED HEART® "Sport":** 1 Skein each No. 904 Jockey Red MC, No. 230 Yellow CA, No. 687 Paddy Green CB, No. 254 Pumpkin CC, and No. 1 White CD [2 1/2 oz (70 g), 240 yd (219 m)].

**Crochet Hook:** 4mm [US G-6].  
Yarn needle, small amount stuffing material.

**GAUGE:** 15 sts = 4"; 7 rows = 4" in dc. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

## FISH

(Make 2 pieces each CA, CB, CC, and CD): Ch 10.

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 9 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1; [draw up a lp in next st] twice, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook – sc dec made; sc in next 5 sc, sc dec over last 2 sc; turn – 7 sc.

**Rows 3 and 4:** Ch 1, sc dec over first 2 sc, sc to last 2 sc; sc dec; turn – 3 sc at end of Row 4.

**Row 5:** Ch 2, hdc in first sc, 3 hdc in next sc, hdc in last sc; turn – 5 hdc.

**Row 6:** Ch 2, hdc in first 2 hdc, 3 hdc in next hdc, hdc in last 2 hdc; turn – 7 hdc.

**Row 7:** Ch 2, working in back lps only, hdc in first 3 hdc, 3 hdc in next hdc, hdc in last 3 hdc; turn – 9 hdc.

**Row 8:** Ch 2, working in front lps only, hdc in first 4 hdc, 3 hdc in next hdc, hdc in last 4 hdc; turn – 11 hdc.

**Row 9:** Ch 2, working in back lps only, hdc in first 5 hdc, 3 hdc in next hdc, hdc in last 5 hdc; turn – 13 hdc.

**Row 10:** Ch 2, working in front lps only, hdc in first 6 hdc, 3 hdc in next hdc, hdc in last 6 hdc; turn – 15 hdc.

**Row 11:** Ch 2, working in back lps only, skip first hdc; [yo and draw up a lp in next st] twice, yo and draw through all 5 lps on hook – hdc dec made; hdc in next 4 hdc, 3 dc in next hdc, hdc in next 4 hdc, skip next hdc, hdc dec over last 2 hdc – 13 sts; turn.

**Row 12:** Ch 2, working in front lps only, skip first hdc, hdc dec, hdc in next 3 sts, 3 dc in next dc, hdc in next 3 sts, skip next hdc, hdc dec; turn – 11 sts.

**Row 13:** Ch 2, working in back lps only, skip first hdc, hdc dec, hdc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in next dc, hdc in next 2 sts, skip next hdc, hdc dec; turn – 9 sts.

**Row 14:** Ch 2, working in front lps only, skip first hdc, hdc dec, hdc in next st, 3 dc in next dc, hdc in next st, skip next hdc, hdc dec; turn – 7 sts.

**Row 15:** Ch 1, working in back lps only, skip first st, sc dec, 3 sc in next dc, skip next st, sc dec; turn – 5 sts.

**Row 16:** Ch 1, skip first st, sl st in next sc, 3 sc in next sc, skip next st, sl st in last sc. Fasten off.

With wrong sides tog, sew 2 matching pieces tog, stuffing lightly before closing seam.

## FISHING PAIL

With MC, ch 4; join with a sl st to form a ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 3, 15 dc in ring; join with a sl st in top of ch-3 – 16 sts.

**Rnd 2:** Working in back lps only, ch 3, dc in same st as joining, [2 dc in next dc] 15 times; join – 32 sts.

**Rnd 3:** Working in back lps only, ch 3, dc in same st as joining, dc in next st, [2 dc in next st, dc in next st] 15



times; join – 48 sts.

**Rnd 4:** Working in back lps only, ch 3, dc in same st, dc in next 2 dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc] 15 times; join – 64 sts.

**Rnd 5:** Working in back lps only, ch 3, dc in each dc around; join.

**Rnd 6:** Ch 3, dc in each dc around inc 4 sts evenly spaced; join – 68 sts. Fasten off.

**Rnd 7:** With wrong side facing, attach CA in any st; ch 1, sc in each st around; join in first sc; TURN.

**Rnd 8:** Working in back lps only, ch 2, skip first sc, hdc in each sc around; join in top of ch-2; TURN.

**Rnd 9:** Ch 1, sc in each st around; join; TURN. Fasten off.

**Rnds 10 and 11:** With right side facing, join MC in any sc and rep Rnd 6 – 76 sts at end of Rnd 11. Fasten off.

**Rnds 12-14:** With CB, rep Rnds 7-9.

**Rnds 15 and 16:** With MC, rep Rnd 6 – 84 sts at end of Rnd 16. Fasten off

**Rnds 17-19:** With CC, rep Rnds 7-9.

**Rnds 20 and 21:** With MC, rep Rnd 6 – 92 sts at end of Rnd 21. TURN at end of Rnd 21; do not fasten off.

**Rnds 22 and 23:** Working in back lps only, ch 1, sc in each st around; join to first sc; TURN. Fasten off.

## Handle

**With MC, ch 56.**

**Row 1 (Wrong Side):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across changing to CA in last sc; turn – 55 sc.

**Row 2:** With CA, ch 1, working back lps only, sc in each sc across; turn.

**Row 3:** Rep Row 2 changing to MC in last sc.

**Rows 4 and 5:** With MC, rep Rows 2 and 3. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Sew each end of the handle to opposite sides of the pail.

With CA and wrong side facing, sl st loosely in front lps across handle and top of pail. Rep for other side of handle and pail. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**beg** = beginning; CA, CB, **etc** = color A, B, etc; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **dec** = decrease; **hdc** = half double crochet; **inc** = increase; **lp(s)** = loop(s); **MC** = main color; **mm** = millimeters; **rep** = repeat; **rnd** = round; **sc** = single crochet; **sl** = slip; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **tog** = together; **yo** = yarn over; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.



**RED HEART® “Sport”, Art. E289**  
2.5 oz (70 g), 240 yd (219 m) skeins.