



Basketball Player

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Height 19"

MATERIALS

Premier® Yarns Parfait® Chunky (100% polyester; 3.5oz/100g, 131yds/120m)

- A: 1150-10 Black – 1 ball
- B: 1150-01 White – 1 ball
- C: 1150-16 Toffee – 1 ball
- D: 1150-40 Cornflower – 1 ball
- E: 1150-29 Mustard – 1 ball

Hook: US Size J-10 (6 mm) *or size needed to obtain gauge*

Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch markers, stuffing, 2 – 12 mm safety eyes

GAUGE

12 sc x 13 rnds = 4" before stuffing

Save time, check your gauge.

Skills/techniques used in this pattern:

- Magic Ring.
- Chain and slip stitches.
- Single and double crochet stitches.
- Invisible single crochet decrease.
- Working in the back and front loops.
- Seaming.
- Working in continuous and joined rounds.

STITCH GUIDE

Magic Ring: Wrap yarn around your left middle finger twice, leaving a 6" tail. Insert hook under both strands and pull up a loop. Ch 1 and beg working directly into center of ring. This ring can be tightened later by pulling on the yarn tail.

inv-dec (invisible single crochet decrease):

Insert hook in front lp only of each of next 2 sts, yarn over and draw through both sts, yarn over and draw through 2 lps on hk (1 st dec'd)

PATTERN NOTES

When working in continuous rounds, place a marker in first stitch to indicate beginning of the round. Move marker up as each round begins. Join with slip stitch to first stitch. To change yarn color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete the stitch.

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Shoe

Note: The Shoe is worked in the round until Rnd 8 and then worked back and forth in rows to create the heel. To finish Shoe, work in rounds around opening to finish and then create the Leg. Read through pattern before continuing.

With A, create a **Magic Ring**.

Rnd 1 (RS): Beg at toe, 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds – 6 sc.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around – 12 sc.

Rnds 3-6: Sc in each st around.

Row 1 (Heel): Sc in next 6 sts, turn, leaving remaining sts unworked – 6 sc.

Rows 2-3: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 4: Sc2tog 3 times, sl st to first st to join, turn – 3 sts.

Rnd 1 (Top of Shoe into Leg): Working in ends of rows on RS, ch 1, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next 6 sts across foot, working in ends of rows, sc in next 3 sts, join – 12 sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join. Fasten off, join B in back loop.

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Stuff Shoe.

Sock and Leg 1

Continue from Shoe.

Rnd 3: Working in the blo, ch 1, sc in each st around, join – 12 sc.

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in each st around; join.

Fasten off, join C.

Rnds 5-7: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 8: *Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around – 14 sc.

Rnds 9-12: Sc in each st around.

Fasten off.

Stuff Leg.

Leg 2

Rep same as Shoe, Sock and Leg 1. Do not fasten off.

Stuff Leg.

Body

(Note: When working in the round, the first st will not be in the back center)

Rnd 1: Continue with Leg 2, sc in next 7 sts, sc in inside st of Leg 1, sc in each st around Leg 1, sc in next unworked st of Leg 2, sc in each remaining st; do not join, work in continuous rnds – 28 sc.

Rnds 2-5: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 6: Sc in each st around, join.

Rnd 7: Ch 1, working in the blo, sc in each st around, join.

Rnd 8: Ch 1, sc in each st around; do not join, work in continuous rnds.

Rnds 9-18: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 19: *Sc in next 5 sts, **inv-dec**; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Rnd 20: *Sc in next 4 sts, **inv-dec**; rep from * around – 20 sc.

Rnd 21: *Sc in next 3 sts, **inv-dec**; rep from * around –

16 sc.

Rnd 22: *Sc in next 2 sts, **inv-dec**; rep from * around – 12 sc.

Rnd 23: Sc in each st around.

Stuff Body firmly.

Neck Stabilizer

Note: This is created to stabilize the Head. It will look like a cone but will be a support inside the head. The Head will be crocheted directly on the front loops of Rnd 24.

Rnd 24: Working in the blo, sc in each st around, join.

Rnd 25: Ch 1, sc in each st around; do not join, work in continuous rnds.

Rnds 26-32: Sc in each st around.

Stuff firmly.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Thread tapestry needle and close last rnd.

Head

With Body right side up and back facing, join C in center back of Neck Stabilizer in front loop of Rnd 24.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, join – 24 sc.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, *sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around; do not join, work in continuous rnds – 30 sc.

Rnds 4-13: Sc in each st around.

Add safety eyes between Rnds 10-11 about 5 sts apart.

Rnd 14: *Sc in next 3 sts, **inv-dec**; rep from * around – 24 sc.

Rnd 15: *Sc in next 2 sts, **inv-dec**; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Rnd 16: *Sc in next st, 2 **inv-dec**; rep from * around – 12 sc.

Stuff Head firmly.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Thread long tail in tapestry needle and weave in and out of last rnd sts. Pull tight to close and secure.

Shorts

Rnd 1: With Shoe up and back facing, join D in back center in front lps of Body on Rnd 7 of, ch 1, sc in each lp around, join – 28 sc.

Rnds 2-7: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join.

Leg Opening 1

Rnd 1: Ch 1, *sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * one more time, leaving rem unworked, join to first st – 16 sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each st around; do not join, work in continuous rnds.

Rnds 3-4: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 5: Sc in each st around, join.

Fasten off, join E.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join.

Fasten off.

Leg Opening 2

Rnd 1: Join D in next unworked st on Rnd 7 of Shorts, ch 1, *sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * one more time, join.

Rep Rnds 2-6 same as Leg Opening 1.

Fasten off.

Head Sweatband

With D, ch 34.

Rnd 1: Dc in 4th ch from hk and in each ch across, join – 32 dc.

Fasten off.

Trim

Note: Work Rnd 1 the same on top and bottom of Head Sweatband.

Rnd 1: Join E, ch 1, sl st in each st around, join.

Fasten off.

Sew on Head.

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Arms (make 2)

With C, create a **Magic Ring**.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds – 6 sc.

Rnds 2-3: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 4: *Sc in next st, sk 1 st; rep from * around – 3 sc.

Rnd 5: 2 sc in each st around – 6 sc.

Rnd 6: *Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from * around – 8 sc.

Rnds 7-19: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 20: **Inv-dec** 4 times – 4 sc.

Fasten off, join B.

Jersey Front

With D, ch 18.

Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hk and in each ch across, turn – 17 sc.

Rows 2-14: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 15: Ch 1, sl st in next 3 sts, sc in next 11 sts, turn, leaving rem 3 sts unworked – 11 sc.

Row 16: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, turn – 9 sc.

Rows 17-18: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 19: *Note: This row begins and ends by creating the front shoulder sections.* Ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hk and in next 2 chs, sc in each st across, ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hk and in next 2 chs, join with sl st to last sc.

Fasten off.

Jersey Back

With D, ch 18.

Rep Rows 1-14 same as Jersey Front.

Row 15: Ch 1, sl st in next 2 sts, sc in next 13 sts, turn, leaving rem 2 sts unworked – 13 sc.

Row 16: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog, turn – 11 sc.

Row 17: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog, turn – 9

sc.

Rows 18-19: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Fasten off.

Jersey Assembly

Lay RS together and sew sides, leaving Armholes unsewn. With RS facing, sew front shoulder sections to back. Fasten off.

Jersey Trim

Armholes

Rnd 1: Join E at bottom of Armhole seam, ch 1, sl st in each st around, join.

Fasten off. Rep on opposite side.

Neck

Rnd 1: Join E at back center of Jersey, ch 1, sl st in each st around, join.

Fasten off.

Bottom Trim

Rnd 1: Join E at side seam of bottom of Jersey, ch 1, sl st in each st around, join.

Fasten off.

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With F, create a **Magic Ring**.

Rnd 1: 8 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds – 8 sc.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around – 16.

Rnds 3-7: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 8: **Inv-dec** 8 times – 8 sc.

Stuff firmly.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Thread tapestry needle with long tail and close Rnd 8.

Thread tapestry needle with A and stitch on details

using photo as a guide.

FINISHING

Using photo as a guide:

Stitch on nose with C and Mouth with A.

Sew arms on body.

Thread tapestry needle and use embroidery running stitch to stitch on numbers.

Stitch gap between legs closed.

Sew Basketball on side under Arm.

Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

beg	begin(ning)
blo	back loop only
ch	chain
cont	continue
dc	double crochet
dec'd	decreased
hdc	half double crochet
hk	hook
inc'd	increased
lps	loops
patt	pattern
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sc	single crochet
sc2tog	single crochet the next 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)
sp(s)	space(es)
st(s)	stitch(es)
sl st	slip stitch
WS	wrong side
yo	yarn over