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## Football Player

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Height: 19"

#### **MATERIALS**

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

- A: 1150-07 Cream 1 ball
- B: 1150-20 Navy 1 ball
- C: 1150-21 Ruby 1 ball
- D: 1150-10 Black 1 ball
- E: 1150-24 Seal 1 ball
- F: 1150-01 White 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 rows = 4" before stuffing Save time, check your gauge.

## Skills/techniques used in this pattern:

- Magic Ring.
- Chain and slip stitches.
- Single, half double and double crochet stitches.
- Front post single crochet.
- Front post 3 single crochet stitches together.
- Invisible single crochet decrease.
- Single crochet 2 stitches together.
- Seaming.
- Working in continuous and joined rounds.

## STITCH GUIDE

**Magic Ring:** Wrap yarn around your left middle finger twice, leaving a 6" tail. Insert hk under

both strands and pull up a lp. 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 hk in front Ip only of each of next 2 sts, yarn over and draw through both sts, yarn over and draw through 2 lps on hook (1 st dec'd)

**Fpsc (front post single crochet):** Insert hk from front to back to front around the post of the st and draw yarn through, yo and draw through 2 lps on hk.

## **Fpsc3tog** (front post 3 single crochet together):

\*Insert hk from front to back to front around the post of the next st and draw yarn through; rep from \* 2 more times, yo and draw through all lps on hk.

## **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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## Head

With A, create a Magic Ring.

**Rnd 1:** 5 sc in ring; do not join, work in continuous rnds – 5 sc.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around – 10 sc.

Rnd 3: \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 15 sc.

Rnd 4: \*Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from

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\* around - 20 sc.

Rnd 5: \*Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 25 sc.

Rnd 6: \*Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 30 sc.

Rnd 7: \*Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 35 sc.

Rnds 8-15: Sc in each st around.

Add safety eyes between Rnds 12-13 about 5 sts apart.

**Rnd 16:** \*Sc in next 5 sts, **inv-dec**; rep from \* around – 30 sc.

Rnd 17: \*Sc in next 3 sts, inv-dec; rep from \* around – 24 sc.

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

**Rnd 19:** \*Sc in next st, **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.

## Helmet

With B, create a Magic Ring.

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

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

Rnd 3: \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 18 sc.

Rnd 4: \*Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 24 sc.

Rnd 5: \*Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 30 sc.

Rnd 6: \*Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 36 sc.

Rnds 7-12: Sc in each st around

Note: The Helmet will be worked back and forth in rows to complete.

**Row 13:** Ch 1, sc in next 27 sts, leaving last 9 sts unworked, turn – 27 sc.

Rows 14-16: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 17: Ch 1, sl st in first st, sk 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk 2 sts, sl st in next st, sc in next 13 sts, sl st in next st, sk 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk 2 sts, sl st in last st, turn – 13 sc, 14 dc, 2 sl st.

Fasten off, join C.

**Row 18:** Ch 1, sl st in first st, **fpsc** across Row 17, ch 1, working in ends of rows as sts, sl st in next 4 sts, using last st, corner and next st on Rnd 12, **fpsc3tog**, sl st in next 7 sts, using next st, corner and st on side,

**fpsc3tog**, sl st in next 4 sts, ch 1, sl st to first st. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Thread tapestry needle with long end and sew Helmet to Head.

#### 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 D, create a Magic Ring.

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

Rnd 2: \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next sc; rep from \* around -9 sc.

Rnd 3: \*Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next sc; rep from \* around – 12 sc.

Rnds 4-8: Sc in each st around.

Note: The heel will be worked back and forth in rows.

**Row 1:** 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 – 3 sts. *Note: The top of Shoe into the Leg will be worked in joined rnds.* 

**Rnd 1:** Sc in the side of each of the next 3 rows, sc in next 6 sts across foot, sc in the side of each of the next 3 rows, join -12 sc.

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

Fasten off, join C.

Stuff Shoe.

## Sock and Leg 1

Continue from Shoe.

Rnds 3: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join – 12 sc.

**Rnds 4:** Ch 1, sc in each st around; do not join, work in continuous rnds.

Rnds 5-6: Sc in each st around.

Fasten off, join E.

Rnd 7: Sc in each st around.

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

Rnds 9-10: Sc in each st around.

Rnd 11: \*Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st; rep from \* around – 16 sc.

Rnd 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**

Rnd 1: Continue with Leg 2, sc in next 7 sts (Note: when



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working in the round, the first st will not be in the back center), 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 – 32 sc.

Rnds 2-6: Sc in each st around.

Fasten off.

**Rnd 7:** Join F in back center, ch 1, sc in each st around, join.

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

Rnd 9-12: Sc in each st around.

Rnds 13-20: (Note: place 2 sc evenly on each side of each Leg to make increases on the sides only.) Sc to first side of Leg, 2 sc in any stitch, sc around to opposite side of next Leg, 2 sc in any st, sc to first st – 2 sc inc'd each rnd, ending with 48 sts after Rnd 20.

**Rnd 21:** \*Sc in next 4 sts, **inv-dec**; rep from \* around – 40 sc.

**Rnd 22:** \*Sc in next 3 sts, **inv-dec**; rep from \* around – 32 sc.

Stuff Body firmly.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Sew top opening closed in a straight line.

Arms (make 2)

With A, 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 2 sts, sk 1 st; rep from \* around – 4 sc.

**Rnd 5:** \*Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st -6 sc.

Rnds 6-11: Sc in each st around.

Stuff lightly.

Fasten off, join B.

## Sleeve

**Rnd 12:** Sc in each st around, join.

Fasten off, join F.

**Rnd 13:** Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; do not join, work in continuous rnds – 12 sc.

Rnds 14-15: Sc in each st around.

**Rnd 16:** SI st in next 3 sts, dc in next 6 sts, sI st in next 3 sts.

**Rnd 17:** SI st in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 6 sts, hdc in next st, sI st in next st.

**Rnd 18:** SI st in next 2 sts, hdc in next 8 sts, sI st in next 2 sts.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Stuff Arm lightly and Sleeve firmly.

## **Face Guard**

With E, ch 14.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hk, sc in next 2 chs, ch 1, sk 1 ch, \*dc in next st, ch 1, sk 1; rep from \* 2 more times, sc in last 3 chs. Fasten off.

Use photo as a guide and sew to each side of Helmet.

Wrist Sweatbands (make 2)

With E, ch 4.

**Row 1:** Sc in  $2^{nd}$  ch from hk and in next 2 chs, turn -3

SC.

Rows 2-9: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Thread tapestry needle with long tail and sew Row 1 to Row 9 to join.

Slip over hand to fit on Arm.

#### **FINISHING**

Use photo as a guide:

Stitch on Nose with A.

Stitch 1 line under each eye with D.

Sew Hemet on Body.

Stitch laces on Shoes with F.

Stitch gap between Legs closed.

Sew Arms on body.

Stitch numbers on Body with C.

Weave in ends.

## **Abbreviations**

beg begin(ning)
ch chain

dc double crochetdec'd decreased

hdc half double crochet

hk hook
inc'd increased
lps loops
patt pattern
rem remain(ing)
rep repeat
rnd(s)

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
yo yarn over