



Mr. Touchdown

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

**Width** (end to end): 24½”

**Height:** 10”

## MATERIALS

**Premier® Yarns Parfait® XL** (100% Polyester; 7oz/200g, 87yds/80m)

- MC: 2050-07 Rust – 3 balls
- CC1: 2050-01 White – 1 ball
- CC2: 2050-16 Black – 1 ball

**Premier® Yarns Anti-Pilling Everyday® Bulky** (100% Anti-Pilling Acrylic; 3.5oz/100g, 87yds/80m)

- CC3: 1068-05 Black – 1 ball (*for eyes and mouth detail only*)

**Hook:** US Size L-11 (8 mm) and US Size J-10 (6 mm) *or sizes needed to obtain gauge*

**Notions:** Tapestry needle, 1 locking stitch marker, polyester stuffing

## GAUGE

8 sc x 7 rows = 4”

**Save time, check your gauge.**

## Skills/techniques used in this pattern:

- Single crochet and slip stitches.
- Increasing and decreasing.
- Applied crochet.
- Magic Ring.
- Seaming with mattress stich.
- Working flat and in continuous rounds.
- Working with textured yarn.

## 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. Chain 1 and begin working directly into center of ring. This

ring can be tightened later by pulling on the yarn tail.

**Surface Slip Stitch:** With CC1, make a slip knot and take it off hook. With slip knot held behind work, insert hook in space indicated from front to back. Pick up slip knot with hook and pull through to front of work. Gently pull strands downward so knot remains in back of work and loop remains in front of work. \*Insert hook in adjacent space and pull up a loop to front of work, pull through loop on hook; rep from \* to desired number of surface slip stitches. When each line of stitches is complete, cut yarn, fasten off, and pull the tail to the wrong side of the work through the same space that the last stitch was worked and weave in the end.

## PATTERN NOTES

Three Panels are crocheted flat, joined with mattress stitch and stuffed with polyester filling to create the Football. The lacing is made using surface slip stitches prior to seaming. The Shoe/Sock pieces are crocheted in rounds, stuffed with polyester filling and sewn onto the Football.

## FOOTBALL

**Panel** (*make 3*)

### Increase Section

With MC and larger hook, ch 3.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, sc in next ch, turn – 2 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1 (does not count as a st throughout), sc across, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, 2 sc in each st, turn – 4 sc.

**Row 4:** Rep Row 2.

**Row 5:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st to last

st, 2 sc in last st, turn – 2 sc inc'd.

Rep Rows 4-5 until st count reaches 20 sc, ending on a Row 5.

## Even Section

**Next 6 rows:** Ch 1, sc across, turn – 20 sc.

## Decrease Section

**Row 1:** Ch 1, sc2tog over first 2 sts, sc in each st to last 2 sts, sc2tog over last 2 sts, turn – 2 sc dec'd.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc across, turn.

Rep Rows 1-2 until 2 sc rem, ending on a Row 1.

## Border Section

**Rnd 1 (RS):** Sc in next 2 sc, do not turn, rotate piece and beg working into row ends, 40 sc across side edge of Panel, sl st in next 2 sts on opposite side of foundation ch, 40 sc across next side edge, join to beg sc with a sl st – 84 sts. Fasten off.

With CC1 and larger hook, using photo as guide, work horizontal rows of **Surface Slip Stitch** across center of one Panel to create the lacing. Using a tapestry needle, stitch the vertical laces over the **Surface Slip Stitch** rows.

## Shoes

### Toe

With CC2 and larger hook, make a **Magic Ring**.

**Rnd 1:** 6 sc into the ring, pm in last st worked. *Do not join, beg working in a spiral, moving marker up each rnd.*

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

## Foot

**Rnds 3-7:** Sc around.

## Heel Flap

**Row 1 (RS):** Sc in next 6 sc, remove marker and leave rem sts unworked, turn – 6 sc.

**Row 2 (WS):** Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across, do not turn. *Rotate piece and beg working row ends of Heel Flap.*

## Gusset

**Rnd 1:** 2 sc in row ends, sc in next 6 unworked sc of Foot, 2 sc in row ends of next side, sc in next 6 sc of Heel Flap, pm in last st worked – 16 sc. *Do not join, beg working in a spiral, moving marker up each rnd.*

**Rnd 2:** \*Sc2tog twice, sc in next 4 sts; rep from \* once more – 12 sc.

**Rnd 3:** Sc around.

**Rnd 4:** Sc around, join CC1, cut CC2.

## Socks

**Rnds 1-7:** With CC1, sc around. Fasten off, leaving a long tail to attach.

## Eyes (make 2)

With CC3 and smaller hook, make a **Magic Ring**

**Rnd 1:** 6 sc into the ring.

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each sc around – 12 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail to attach.

## Smile

With CC3 and smaller hook, ch 12. Fasten off, leaving a long tail to attach.

## FINISHING

Join sides of Panels together using mattress stitch and MC. Sew most of the seam, leaving several inches of one side unsewn. Stuff Football firmly then complete seam. With CC3, using photo as guide, sew Eyes and Smile in place. Sew Shoes in place using long tail of Socks. Weave in rem ends.

## Abbreviations

**beg** begin(ning)

**CC** contrasting color

**ch** chain

**dec('d)** decrease(d)

**inc('d)** increase(d)

**MC** main color

**pm** place marker

**rem** remain(ing)

**rep** repeat(ing)

**rnd(s)** round(s)

**RS** right side

**sc** single crochet

**sc2tog** single crochet 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)

**sl st(s)** slip stitch(es)

**st(s)** stitch(es)

**WS** wrong side