



Football Lovey



Materials

Yarn: Worsted weight yarn in choice of colors

Crochet Hooks: G, H

Miscellaneous: yarn needle, 2 safety eyes size 9mm, ½ yard of ¼" ribbon (optional)

Gauge: not important for this project

Please read over entire pattern before beginning. As with all Snappy Tots' patterns, email help is available. See end of pattern for contact information.

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Directions for Blanket

Note: Blanket section is made in three pieces, and then sewn together, starting with the ends.

Football Ends (make 2)

1. With H hook and brown yarn, ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 chains. Ch 1, turn.
 - 2-8. 2sc in same st, sc in each st across until 1 st remains, 2sc in last st, ch 1, turn. (17sts after row 8)
 9. Sc in each st to end of row, ch 1, turn.
 - 10-11. 2sc in same st, sc in each st across until 1 st remains, 2sc in last st, ch 1, turn. (21sts after row 11)
 12. Sc in each st to end of row, ch 1, turn.
 - 13-14. 2sc in same st, sc in each st across until 1 st remains, 2sc in last st, ch 1, turn. (25sts after row 14)
 15. 2sc in same st, sc in each st across until 1 st remains, 2sc in last st. Change to cream yarn. (27sts)
 16. Ch 1, turn. 2sc in same st, sc in each st across until 1 st remains, 2sc in last st. (29sts)
 17. Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to end of row.
 - 18-20. Ch 1, turn, sc in same st and in each st across until 1 st remains, 2sc in last st. (32sts after row 20)
 21. Change to brown yarn. Ch 1, turn, 2sc in same st, sc in each st across until 1 st remains, 2sc in last st. (34sts)
 - 22-26. Ch 1, turn, 2sc in same st, sc in each st across until 1 st remains, 2sc in last st. (44sts after row 26)
 27. Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to end of row.
 - 28-29. Ch 1, turn, 2sc in same st, sc in each st across until 1 st remains, 2sc in last st. (48sts after row 29)
- Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing to square. Set aside.



Center Square:

Note: There are many ways to start a granny square similar to this. Start with preferred method, continuing with pattern on round 2 if desired.

With H hook and brown yarn, ch 4, sl st in last ch to form a ring, do not pull closed.

1. *3dc in center of ring, ch 1*, repeat 3 more times, sl st to join.
2. Sl st to first corner sp. Ch 3, (dc2, ch1, dc3) in corner sp, *ch 1, (dc3, ch1, dc3) in next corner sp*, repeat two more times, ch1, sl st to join.
3. Sl st to first corner sp. Ch 3, (dc2, ch1, dc3) in corner sp,* ch1, 3dc in next sp from previous round, ch1, (dc3, ch1, dc3) in next corner sp*, repeat two more times, ch1, 3dc in next sp from previous round, ch 1, sl st to join.
4. Sl st to first corner sp. Ch 3, (dc2, ch1, dc3) in corner sp, **ch1, 3dc in next sp from previous round*, repeat for each sp until corner, ch1, (dc3, ch1, dc3) in corner sp**, repeat from ** to ** two more times, *ch 1, 3dc in next sp from previous round*, repeat for each sp until corner, sl st to join.
5. Repeat round 4 until sides of square measures same as long side of football end (approximately 12-13").
6. When desired size has been reached, finish off and weave in ends.

Football Assembly: Lay end on top of square, matching long edge to edge of center square. With yarn needle and yarn tail, sew pieces together. Match long edge of second football tip to edge of center square, directly across from first tip. Sew together as before. Unfold football shape.

With right side of football facing (seams are on wrong side now), attach brown yarn to any stitch along outside edge. With H hook, ch 1, sc evenly around football shape working (2sc, sc, 2sc) in each tip of football. Finish off and weave in ends.

Cream Lacing (center of football): with H hook and cream yarn, ch 34, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, *sc 5, ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs*, repeat until 4 chs remain, sc 3, 2sc in last ch. Working along back side of chain, sc 3, ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, *sc 5, ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs*, repeat to end of chain. Sc in each remaining ch after last repeat is complete. Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing lacing to blanket.

With yarn needle and yarn tail, sew “cream lacing” to center of football.

Embroidery: Add team or fan names to cream bands on football with yarn needle and yarn.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Football Player ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Player Head:

Face: With G hook and tan yarn (or color of choice for “skin”), ch 10, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch from hook.

1-7. Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to end of row.

Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing to hat. Set aside.

Top Stripe: With G hook and orange yarn (or color of choice), ch 27, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across.

1-2. Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to end of row.

Finish off, leaving a long tail for attaching to hat.

Head

Note: This starts at top of helmet and ends with skin color. Face and mask are made separately.

1. With G hook and navy blue yarn (or yarn color of choice), start with a magic circle of 6 sts (or preferred method for a starting a circle of 6 sc sts), place marker.

2. 2sc in each st to end of round. (12sts)

3. *sc, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round. (18sts)

4. *sc 2, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round. (24sts)

5. *sc 3, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round. (30sts)

6. *sc 4, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round. (36sts)

7. *sc 5, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round. (42sts)

8-14. Sc in each st to end of round.

15. *sc 5, sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (36sts)

16. *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (30sts)

17. Change to tan yarn (or yarn color of choice for skin). Working in BLO, *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (24sts)

Sew face square to head, with bottom edge lined up with last round of blue. Insert safety eyes. Stuff head up to current row. Stuff enough for a nice, solid, even, round shape but not too much that it shows through the stitches.



- 18 *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (18sts)
 19. *sc, sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (12sts) Finish stuffing.
 20. *sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (6sts) Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing opening closed.
 Pin top stripe in place. With yarn needle and yarn tail, sew along one side, across short end, along other side and across last end. Weave in ends.

Silver Trim: Attach grey yarn to bottom right corner of face square. Insert G hook in side of square and through st on head behind it. See photo, below left.

This step is worked around face square. Continue to sc through both layers along side of face. Sc in corner st, ch 1, sc in same st. Sc across top, (sc, ch 1, sc) in corner st, sc down side of face, (sc, ch 1, sc) in corner st, sc across bottom of face square.

In remaining loops of last blue round, sc in each st around to side of square. Finish off and weave in ends. See photo, below middle.

Mask:

1. Attach grey yarn to edge of face, approximately 2 rows from bottom edge. Sc in sts across front of face, using row line as a guide. Sl st into other side of face. Finish off and weave in ends.
2. Attach grey yarn to bottom edge of face 2 sts from bottom right corner. Sc in sts of face, connecting to top line of mask with a sl st. See photo, below middle. Finish off and weave in ends.
3. Repeat for second vertical bar. See photo, below, left.



Add black stitches under eyes with a yarn needle and black yarn.

Arms (make 2):

Note: Change colors and add stripes as desired.

1. Leave tail at beginning for attaching to head. "Arms" begin with the "shirt" section.
 With H hook and blue yarn (or yarn color of choice), start with a magic circle of 6 sts (or preferred method for a starting a circle of 6 sc sts), place marker.
2. 2sc in each st to end of round. (12sts)
3. Sc in each st to end of round.
4. *sc 2, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round. (16sts)
5. *sc 3, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round. (20sts)
- 6-10. Sc in each st to end of round.
11. In FLO, sl st in each st to end of round.
12. Change to tan yarn (or desired color for "skin"). Working in BLO of round 10, *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (16sts)
13. Sc in each st to end of round.
14. *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (12sts)
- 15-20. Sc in each st to end of round.



21. *2sc in next st, sc*, repeat to end of round. (18sts) Stuff arm.
 22-24. Sc in each st to end of round.
 25. *Sc2tog, sc*, repeat to end of round. (12sts)
 26. *Sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (6sts). Finish off, leaving a tail for closing gap.
 Weave yarn tail in and out of remaining stitches. Pull closed and secure. Weave in ends.

Assembly:

With yarn tails and yarn needle, sew head to center of blanket, then sew each arm to sides of helmet (near bottom edge). See photo above for placement.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **Cheerleader** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Note: Avoid adding pompoms if finished item will be used with babies and small children.

Head

Note: This starts at top of head (hair) and ends with face.

1. With G hook and yellow yarn (or yarn color of choice for hair), start with a magic circle of 6 sts (or preferred method for a starting a circle of 6 sc sts), place marker.
2. 2sc in each st to end of round. (12sts)
3. *sc, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round. (18sts)
4. *sc 2, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round. (24sts)
5. *sc 3, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round. (30sts)
6. *sc 4, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round. (36sts)
7. *sc 5, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round. (42sts)
8. Change to peach yarn (or yarn color of choice for skin). Working in BLO, sc in each st to end of round.
- 9-14. Sc in each st to end of round.
15. *sc 5, sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (36sts)
16. *sc 4, sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (30sts)
17. *sc 3, sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (24sts)

Insert safety eyes and stitch facial features with yarn needle and black yarn. Stuff head up to current row. Stuff enough for a nice, solid, even, round shape but not too much that it shows through the stitches.

- 18 *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (18sts)
19. *sc, sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (12sts) Finish stuffing.
20. *sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (6sts) Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing opening closed.

Edge of Hair: With G hook and yellow yarn (or yarn color of choice for hair), attach yarn to remaining loops of round 7. With top of head towards you, ch 1, sc in each st to end of round, sl st to join. Finish off and weave in ends.

Nose (optional): With G hook and peach yarn (or yarn color of choice), start with a magic circle of 4 sts (or preferred method for a starting a circle of 4 sc sts), join. Finish off, leaving a tail for sewing to head. With yarn needle and yarn tail, sew nose to face, allowing center to mound slightly.

Arms (make 2):

Note: Change colors and add stripes as desired.

1. Leave tail at beginning for attaching to head. "Arms" begin with the "shirt" section.
With H hook and blue yarn (or yarn color of choice), start with a magic circle of 6 sts (or preferred method for a starting a circle of 6 sc sts), place marker.
2. 2sc in each st to end of round. (12sts)
3. Sc in each st to end of round.
4. *sc 2, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round. (16sts)
- 5-10. Sc in each st to end of round.
11. In FLO, sl st in each st to end of round.
12. Change to peach yarn (or desired color for "skin"). Working in BLO of round 10, *sc 2, sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (12sts)
- 13-20. Sc in each st to end of round.
21. *2sc in next st, sc 2*, repeat to end of round. (16sts)
- 22-24. Sc in each st to end of round.
25. *Sc2tog, sc 2*, repeat to end of round. (12sts)
26. *Sc2tog*, repeat to end of round. (6sts). Finish off, leaving a tail for closing gap.

Weave yarn tail in and out of remaining stitches. Pull closed and secure. Weave in ends.

Braids (make 2): Cut 24 strands of yellow yarn (or color of choice for hair) approximately 10" long. Pull one set of ends through top of head, 1" from top center (see photo at right). Check placement with face. Braid strands. Tie a piece of matching yarn around strands, near bottom of braid to hold in place. Trim ends. Tie a piece of ¼" ribbon or matching yarn in a bow around top or bottom of braid. Repeat for second braid.

Hair Variations:

- ~ Attach ringlets or thin pompoms for "hair" instead of braids.
- ~ Add a few rounds of loop stitch along bottom edge of hair.

Pompoms (optional): Make 2 pompoms in choice of colors and attach one to end of each arm.

Assembly:

With yarn tails and yarn needle, sew head to center of blanket, then sew each arm to sides of head (near bottom edge). See photo above for placement.



Thank you Darlene Tasso for use of this photo.



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~~~~~ Suggestions ~~~~~

- ~ Attach football or cheerleader to other items, such as hats, pillows, bags, and water bottle holders.
- ~ Head alone makes a cute package tie or Christmas ornament.
- ~ Football player could also be turned into a hockey player.
- ~ Add team or fan name by stitching in colored bands on football with yarn and yarn needle (see photo below).



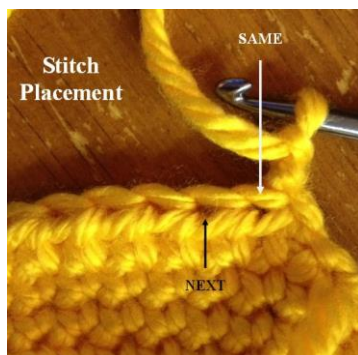
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~~~~~ Helpful Tips ~~~~~

Common Crochet Abbreviations	
Ch – chain	Sc2tog – decrease, single crochet 2 sts together
St - stitch	Dc2tog – decrease, double crochet 2 sts together
Sp – space; sps - spaces	Fp – front post
Sc – single crochet	Bp – back post
Hdc – half double crochet	Fpdc – front post double crochet
Dc – double crochet	Bpdc – back post double crochet
Beg - beginning	BLO – back loop only
Sl st – slip stitch	FLO – front loop only
Yo – yarn over	** - repeat instructions between, as many times as indicated



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