



You're sure to be a winner with the sports fans in your life if you make them these jolly miniature shirts. Score even more points if you customize them in the colours of their favourite teams.

Sports shirt

Sizes

2½in (6.5cm) wide and 2¼in (5.5cm) high

You will need

Rico Essentials Cotton DK 100% cotton (142yds/130m per 50g ball):

1 ball in 02 Red (A)

1 ball in 90 Black (B) (for striped sports shirt variation)

Small amount in 80 White

3mm (UK11:US-) crochet hook

Tapestry needle

Embroidery thread in yellow and in contrasting colour of your choice

Small amount of polyester stuffing

Keyring or bag charm loop



Tension

6 sts and 7 rows to 1in (2.5cm) over dc using 3mm hook.

Use larger or smaller hook if necessary to obtain correct tension.

Special techniques

Double crochet (dc)

Increasing

Decreasing

Embroidery

Shirt (make 2)

Row 1: Using 3mm hook and A, ch 6 sts.

Row 2: Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc into each ch to end, turn (5 sts).

Row 3: Ch 1, dc2tog, 2 dc, 2 dc into last st, turn (5 sts).

Row 4: Ch 1, 2 dc into first st, 2 dc, dc2tog, ch 9.

Row 5: Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc



into each st to end, turn (13 sts).

Rows 6–13: Ch 1, dc into each st to end, turn (13 sts).

Row 14: Ch 1, dc2tog, 2 dc, 2 dc into next st, turn (5 sts).

Row 15: Ch 1, 2 dc into first st, 2 dc, dc2tog, turn (5 sts).

Row 16: Ch 1, dc into each st

to end, turn (5 sts). Fasten off and weave in ends.

Variation

You can change the look of your sports shirt by either adding a felt horizontal stripe or changing the colour of your yarn to create vertical stripes.

Striped shirt (make 2)

Row 1: Using 3mm hook and B, ch 6 sts.

Row 2: Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc into each ch to end, turn (5 sts).

Row 3: Change to A, ch 1, dc2tog, 2 dc, 2 dc into last st, turn (5 sts).

Row 4: Ch 1, 2 dc into first st, 2 dc, dc2tog, change to B, ch 9.

Row 5: Dc in 2nd ch from hook, dc into to end, turn (13 sts).

Rows 6–7: Change to A, ch 1, dc into each st to end, turn (13 sts).

Rows 8–9: Change to B, ch 1, dc into each st to end, turn (13 sts).

Rows 10–11: Change to A, ch 1, dc into each st to end, turn (13 sts).

Rows 12–13: Change to B, ch 1, dc into each st to end, turn (13 sts).

Row 14: Change to A, ch 1, dc2tog, 2 dc, 2 dc into next st, turn (5 sts).

Row 15: Ch 1, 2 dc into first st, 2 dc, dc2tog, turn (5 sts).

Row 16: Change to B, ch 1, dc into each st to, turn (5 sts). Fasten off and weave in ends.

Finishing

Decide which piece is the front and which is the back. Using white cotton, chain stitch (see page 150) along the shoulder of each sleeve. Chain stitch a small 'V' at the top of the front side for the collar. Using the same colour, chain stitch your favourite player's number on the back of the shirt. On the front, satin stitch (see page 151) a small square in yellow embroidery thread for the club badge. Using co-ordinating thread, sew both sides of the shirt together, leaving a small hole to fill with a little polyester stuffing. Then sew this hole together. Weave in the ends. Sew a keyring attachment firmly to the top of the sports shirt.

