

# Little Football

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This football is just the right size for those little guy's hands. And would make the perfect gift to give that precious little guy in your life who loves football. It works up in just an hour or two depending on your crochet speed.

## **Materials Needed:**

Worsted weight yarn. Red Heart Was used in the sample.

Color #328 Brown

Small amount White Worsted Weight Yarn

Leg section of a dark colored tube sock about 9" long.

yarn scraps or other stuffing that when stuffed tightly has some weight to it. Shredded rags for example or old nylon stockings.

Size H Hook

yarn Needle

**Yarn Thickness:** 4sc=1" **Gauge:** = 4dc per inch

Finished Size: =8" long 4" wide

Skill Level: Easy



First of all make the football form pillow insert. Cut an 8" section from the top part of an old dark colored sock. Gather up tightly, one end with the yarn needle and a piece of brown yarn and secure tigtly. Then stuff the tube with the stuffing and make sure it is stuffed tightly and evenly. Gather up the other end and secure tightly. Set the form aside.

## To make Football

With Brown Yarn

Row 1: Ch24. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch. 1 hdc in next 2 chs. 1 dc in next 2 chs, 1 tr in next 11 chs, 1 dc in next 2 chs, 1 hdc in next 2 chs, 1 sc in last 2 chs, Ch1 turn.

**Row 2-11:** se in 2ses, hdc in 2hdcs, dc in 2dcs, tr in 11 trs, dc in 2dcs, hdc in

2hdcs, sc in last 2 scs. Ch1, turn. Fasten off Brown leave an end at least 18" in length. This is to sew the football closed. Weave in the other end into work.

**Row 12:** Skip the first 9 sts. Tie white yarn on to tenth st. Ch3, tr in next 4 tr. Fasten off. Weave white ends into work.

#### Assembly

Where the long 18" end is, on the side, gather tightly working a running stitch through each row. Slip form into football and start to whip stitch the fooball closed working toward the white part. Catch the white part in and then sew the white and brown parts together along the 5 stitches then continue sewing the football shut.

Gather up the other end the same way you did the first end.

# **Stripes**

Tie white yarn on to the 2nd stitch to the right of the white spot on the football. Then work the following, using the pic as a guide, \*Ch3, slst to the next row bet stitches. Rep from \* around football. When you come back to where you started from, sl st to the first ch of the first ch3. Rep with other side of spot.

## X's across Spot

With a strand of white yarn about 18" long. First weave the yarn in to secure and bring up the yarn up at the top left corner of the spot bet stitches and work the X stitches across spot from left to right. Weave the end in and trim off excess yarn.

