



Crochet Counting Fish Toy

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EASY

Designed by Joyce Nordstrom.

Pail is approximately 9" high and 11" across. Fish are approximately 6" long and 3" high.

RED HEART® "Sport": 1 Skein each No. 904 Jockey Red **MC**, No. 230 Yellow **CA**, No. 687 Paddy Green **CB**, No. 254 Pumpkin **CC**, and No. 1 White **CD** [2 1/2 oz (70 g), 240 yd (219 m)].

Crochet Hook: 4mm [US G-6].

Yarn needle, small amount stuffing material.

GAUGE: 15 sts = 4"; 7 rows = 4" in dc. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

FISH (Make 2 pieces each CA, CB, CC, and CD): Ch 10.

Row 1 (Right Side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 9 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1; [*draw up a lp in next st*] twice, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook – **sc dec** made; sc in next 5 sc, sc dec over last 2 sc; turn – 7 sc.

Rows 3 and 4: Ch 1, sc dec over first 2 sc, sc to last 2 sc; sc dec; turn – 3 sc at end of Row 4.

Row 5: Ch 2, hdc in first sc, 3 hdc in next sc, hdc in last sc; turn – 5 hdc.

Row 6: Ch 2, hdc in first 2 hdc, 3 hdc in next hdc, hdc in last 2 hdc; turn – 7 hdc.

Row 7: Ch 2, working in **back lps only**, hdc in first 3 hdc, 3 hdc in next hdc, hdc in last 3 hdc; turn – 9 hdc.

Row 8: Ch 2, working in **front lps only**, hdc in first 4 hdc, 3 hdc in next hdc, hdc in last 4 hdc; turn – 11 hdc.

Row 9: Ch 2, working in **back lps only**, hdc in first 5 hdc, 3 hdc in next hdc, hdc in last 5 hdc; turn – 13 hdc.

Row 10: Ch 2, working in **front lps only**, hdc in first 6 hdc, 3 hdc in next hdc, hdc in last 6 hdc; turn – 15 hdc.

Row 11: Ch 2, working in **back lps only**, skip first hdc; [*yo and draw up a lp in next st*] twice, yo and draw through all 5 lps on hook – **hdc dec** made; hdc in next 4 hdc, 3 dc in next hdc, hdc in next 4 hdc, skip next hdc, hdc dec over last 2 hdc – 13 sts; turn.

Row 12: Ch 2, working in **front lps only**, skip first hdc, hdc dec, hdc in next 3 sts, 3 dc in next dc, hdc in next 3 sts, skip next hdc, hdc dec; turn – 11 sts.

Row 13: Ch 2, working in **back lps only**, skip first hdc, hdc dec, hdc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in next dc, hdc in next 2 sts, skip next hdc, hdc dec; turn – 9 sts.

Row 14: Ch 2, working in **front lps only**, skip first hdc, hdc dec, hdc in next st, 3 dc in next dc, hdc in next st, skip next hdc, hdc dec; turn – 7 sts.

Row 15: Ch 1, working in **back lps only**, skip first st, sc dec, 3 sc in next dc, skip next st, sc dec; turn – 5 sts.

Row 16: Ch 1, skip first st, sl st in next sc, 3 sc in next sc, skip next st, sl st in last sc. Fasten off.

With wrong sides tog, sew 2 matching pieces tog, stuffing lightly before closing seam.

FISHING PAIL: With **MC**, ch 4; join with a sl st to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, 15 dc in ring; join with a sl st in top of ch-3 – 16 sts.

Rnd 2: Working in **back lps only**, ch 3, dc in same st as joining, [2 dc in next dc] 15 times; join – 32 sts.

Rnd 3: Working in **back lps only**, ch 3, dc in same st as joining, dc in next st, [2 dc in next st, dc in next st] 15 times; join – 48 sts.

Rnd 4: Working in **back lps only**, ch 3, dc in same st, dc in next 2 dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc] 15 times; join – 64 sts.

Rnd 5: Working in **back lps only**, ch 3, dc in each dc around; join.

Rnd 6: Ch 3, dc in each dc around inc 4 sts evenly spaced; join – 68 sts. Fasten off.

Rnd 7: With **wrong side facing**, attach **CA** in any st; ch 1, sc in each st around; join in first sc; TURN.

Rnd 8: Working in **back lps only**, ch 2, skip first sc, hdc in each sc around; join in top of ch-2; TURN.

Rnd 9: Ch 1, sc in each st around; join; TURN. Fasten off.

Rnds 10 and 11: With right side facing, join **MC** in any sc and rep Rnd 6 – 76 sts at end of Rnd 11. Fasten off.

Rnds 12-14: With **CB**, rep Rnds 7-9.

Rnds 15 and 16: With **MC**, rep Rnd 6 – 84 sts at end of Rnd 16. Fasten off.

Rnds 17-19: With **CC**, rep Rnds 7-9.

Rnds 20 and 21: With **MC**, rep Rnd 6 – 92 sts at end of Rnd 21. TURN at end of Rnd 21; do not fasten off.

Rnds 22 and 23: Working in **back lps only**, ch 1, sc in each st around; join to first sc; TURN. Fasten off.

Handle: With **MC**, ch 56.

Row 1 (Wrong Side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across changing to **CA** in last sc; turn – 55 sc.

Row 2: With **CA**, ch 1, working **back lps only**, sc in each sc across; turn.

Row 3: Rep Row 2 changing to **MC** in last sc.

Rows 4 and 5: With **MC**, rep Rows 2 and 3. Fasten off.

FINISHING: Sew each end of the handle to opposite sides of the pail. With **CA** and wrong side facing, sl st loosely in front lps across handle and top of pail. Rep for other side of handle and pail. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS: **beg** = beginning; **CA, CB**, etc = color A, B, etc; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **dec** = decrease; **hdc** = half double crochet; **inc** = increase; **lp(s)** = loop(s); **MC** = main color; **mm** = millimeters; **rep** = repeat; **rnd** = round; **sc** = single crochet; **sl** = slip; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **tog** = together; **yo** = yarn over; [**]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

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