

Woolly World Cup



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whole family!

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Pattern Info

You will need...

1 x 100g ball black DK yarn

Oddments skin colour DK yarn

Oddments hair colour DK yarn

Yarn A Oddments in DK yarn of choice for Outfielder & Goalkeeper socks

Yarn B Oddments in DK yarn of choice for Outfielder & Goalkeeper sock top

Yarn C Oddments in DK yarn of choice for Outfielder & Goalkeeper shorts

Yarn D Oddments in DK yarn of choice for Outfielder shirt

Yarn E Oddments in DK yarn of choice for Outfielder shirt cuff

Yarn F Oddments in DK yarn of choice for Goalkeeper shirt

Yarn G Oddments in DK yarn of choice for Goalkeeper shirt stripe
Oddments of white DK yarn for Goalkeeper's gloves

A pair of 2¾mm needles

Toy stuffing

For the football and nets

Oddments of white/brown DK yarn

Flexible drinking straws

A pair of 2¾mm needles

Toy stuffing

**For where to buy, see page 91 of
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Tension

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension:

28 sts and 38 rows to measure 4x4in
(10x10cm) over st st using 2¾mm
needles



**Vary the skin
and hair
colours to
recreate your
favourite
players.**

Knit a pair or two of these woolly sportsmen to celebrate the World Cup! "It's the ideal way to combine your passion for knitting with football," says designer Clare Scope-Farrell.

The players are fairly quick to knit. "You can make one of the footballers in about a weekend," says Clare. Each player is knitted into a glove, medium in size, to fit as broad a range of people as possible. Clare hasn't forgotten the other sporting essentials, either: she's designed a little ball and knitted goals so you can play in teams with friends.

Given the British summer weather, these could be just what's needed when the family is going football crazy but it's too wet to kick a ball around outside. Simply set up your nets and host a family finger-footie championship!



Start knitting here

GLOVE FOOTBALLER LEGS (SAME PATTERN FOR EITHER LEFT- OR RIGHT-HANDED PUPPET)

Cast on 50 sts using black yarn and 2¾mm needles.

Rows 1-10 *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

Row 11 Knit.

Row 12 Purl.

Rows 13-24 Rep rows 11 and 12 a further six times.

Row 25 K12, m1, (K13, m1) twice, K to end. [53 sts]

Row 26 Purl.

Row 27 Knit.

Row 28 Purl.

Rows 29-30 Work as for rows 27 and 28.

Row 31 K13, m1, (K14, m1) twice, K to end. [56 sts]

Row 32 Purl.

Row 33 K22, m1, K12, m1, K to end. [58 sts]

Row 34 Purl.

Row 35 K22, m1, K14, m1, K to end. [60 sts]

Row 36 Purl.

Row 37 K22, m1, K16, m1, K to end. [62 sts]

Row 38 Purl.

Row 39 K1, m1, K4, m1, K5, (m1, K6) twice, m1, K18, (m1, K6) twice, m1, K5, m1, K4, m1, K1. [72 sts]

Knit tips

Vertical stripes can be knitted or Swiss darned in place – if you want to Swiss darn them, do this before making up.

THUMB

Row 40 P45, turn.

Row 41a K18, turn.

Row 42a P18, turn.

Rows 43a-58a Rep rows 41a and 42a a further eight times.

Row 59a K2tog 9 times. [9 sts in section]
Cut off yarn (leave sufficient to be able to sew up the thumb when making up), thread yarn through the 9 sts before sliding them off the knitting needle. Pull yarn up tightly, then sew the first stitch of the row to the last one. Turn your work. [54 sts rem as two groups of 27 on each needle]

PALM OF HAND

Row 40 (Continued) With the predominantly purl side of your work facing you, reattach the black yarn to the rem 27 sts on your left hand needle. P to end. [54 sts on needle]

Row 41 Knit across all sts.

Row 42 Purl.

Row 43 K1, m1, K5, (m1, K7) 6 times, m1, K to end. [62 sts]

Row 44 Purl.

Row 45 K1, m1, K6, (m1, K8) 6 times, m1, K to end. [70 sts]

Row 46 Purl.

Pattern Info

Abbreviations

cont	continue
K	knit
k2tog	knit 2 sts together
P	purl
p2tog	purl 2 sts together
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat
st(s)	stitch(es)
st st	stocking stitch

Row 47 K1, m1, K7,
(m1, K9) 6 times, m1, K to end. [78 sts]

Row 48 Purl.

INDEX FINGER

Row 49 K49, turn.

Row 50b P20, turn.

Row 51b Switch to skin colour yarn and fasten off black, K20, turn.

Row 52b P20, turn.

Row 53b K20, turn.

Row 54b P20, turn.

Rows 55b-60b Rep rows 53b and 54b a further three times.

Row 61b Switch to Yarn B and fasten off skin colour, K20, turn.

Row 62b K20, turn.

Row 63b P20, turn.

Row 64b K20, turn

Row 65b Switch to Yarn A and fasten off Yarn B, K20, turn.

Row 66b P20, turn.

Row 67b K20, turn.

Row 68b P20, turn.

Rows 69b-74b Rep rows 67b and 68b a further three times.

The legs are knitted as part of the glove, with shorts and boots added on later.

Row 75b Switch to black yarn and fasten off Yarn A, K20, turn.

Row 76b P20, turn.

Row 77b K20, turn.

Row 78b P20, turn.

Row 79b K2tog 10 times. [10 sts in section] Cut off yarn (leave sufficient to be able to sew up the finger tip when making up), thread yarn through the 10 sts before sliding them off the knitting needle. Pull yarn up tightly, then sew the first stitch of the row to the last one. [58 sts rem as 2 groups of 29 on each needle]

MIDDLE FINGER

Row 49 (Continued) With the predominantly knit side of your work facing you, reattach the black yarn to the 29 sts on your left hand needle. K10, turn.

Row 50c P20, turn.

Rows 51c-79c Work as for rows 51b - 79b.
[At the end of Row 79c, you should have 38 sts rem as two groups of 19 on each needle.]

RING FINGER

Row 49 (Continued) With the predominantly knit side of your work facing you, reattach the black yarn to the 19 sts on your left hand needle. K10, turn.

Row 50d P20, turn.

Row 51d K20, turn.

Row 52d P20, turn.

Rows 53d-74d Rep rows 51d and 52d a further 11 times.

Row 75d (K2tog) 10 times. [10 sts in section]
Cut off yarn (leave sufficient to be able to sew up the finger when making up), thread yarn through the 10 sts before sliding them off the knitting needle. Pull yarn up tightly, then sew the first stitch of the row to the last

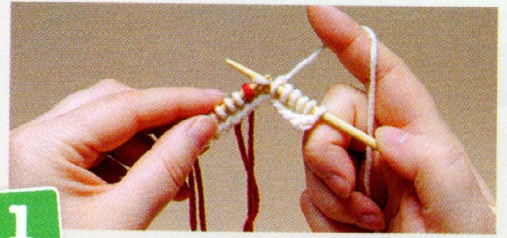
Sew the boots on carefully – you need to be able to ‘kick’ the ball!

Knit tips

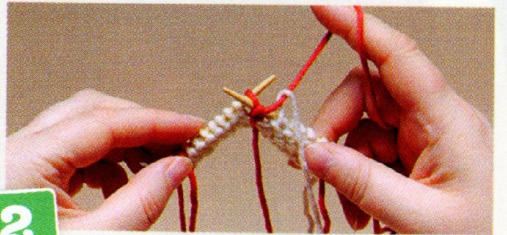
Don't overstuff the players. Use small amounts of toy stuffing, push in place with a pair of tweezers, then add more.

HOW TO... KNIT STRIPES

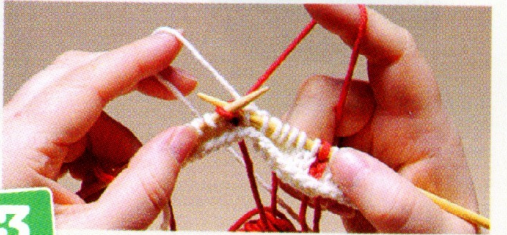
Adding vertical stripes.



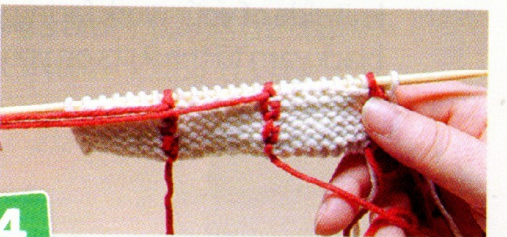
1 Cut lengths of yarn to use for the number of stripes you are working – one length for each stripe.



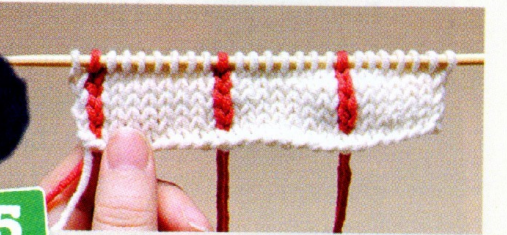
2 To make the stripes, wrap the contrast yarn round the main yarn as shown, on both knit and purl rows.



3 When the contrast stitch has been worked, take the main yarn across the back of the stitch.



4 On the back of your work you'll be able to see the yarn running up the knitting in neat lines.



5 When you've finished, the stripes should be even. Weave in all your loose ends before making up.



one. [18 sts rem as two groups of 9 on each needle]

LITTLE FINGER

Row 49 (Continued) With the predominantly knit side of your work facing you, reattach the black yarn to the 9 sts on your left hand needle. K to end.

Row 50e Purl across all sts.

Row 51e Knit.

Row 52e Purl.

Rows 53e-66e Rep rows 51e and 52e a further seven times.

Row 67e (K2tog) 9 times. [9 sts rem]
Cut off yarn (leave sufficient to be able to sew up the finger and side of the hand when making up), thread yarn through these final 9 sts before sliding them off the knitting needle. Pull yarn up tightly, then sew the first stitch of the row to the last one.

OUTFIELDER SHORTS, SHIRT AND HEAD

RIGHT-HANDED PUPPET

Cast on 12 sts using Yarn C and 2¼mm needles.

Row 1 Purl.

Rows 2-3 Knit.

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 Cast on 25 sts at beg of row, purl these 25 sts, then turn. [37 sts in total]

Row 6 Knit to end.

Row 7 K25, turn.

Row 8 Purl to end.

Row 9 Cast on 12 sts at beg of row, purl these 12 sts, then turn. [49 sts in total]

Row 10 Knit to end.

Row 11 K12, turn.

Row 12 Purl to end.

Row 13 Knit. You're working across the entire row from here and for all rows onwards.

Row 14 Purl.



Rows 15-20 Rep rows 13 and 14 a further 3 times.

Rows 21-22 Knit.

Row 23 Cast off 25 sts purlwise at beg of row, P to end. [24 sts]

Row 24 Switch to Yarn D and fasten off Yarn C, purl.

Row 25 (K2tog, K4) 4 times. [20 sts]

Row 26 Purl.

Row 27 Knit.

Row 28 Purl.

Row 29-40 Rep rows 27 and 28 a further 6 times.

Row 41 (K2tog, K4) 3 times, k2tog. [16 sts]

Row 42 (P2tog, P5) twice, p2tog. [13 sts]

Row 43 Switch to skin colour yarn and fasten off Yarn D, K1, m1, K5, m1, K6, m1, K1. [16 sts]

Row 44 Purl.

Row 45 K1, m1, K3, (m1, K4) 3 times. [20 sts]

Row 46 Purl.

Row 47 K1, m1, K to last st, m1, K1. [22 sts]

Row 48 Purl.

Row 49 Knit.

Row 50 Purl.

Row 51-54 Rep rows 49 and 50 twice.

Row 55 K2tog, K to last 2, k2tog. [20 sts]

Row 56 (P2tog, P4) 3 times, p2tog. [16 sts]

Row 57 (K2tog, K5) twice, k2tog. [13 sts]





*Stuff the feet firmly
so they kick well –
spongy feet will
mean softer kicks!*

Cast off purlwise.

OUTFIELDER ARMS (MAKE TWO)

Cast on 8 sts using Yarn D and 2¾mm needles.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 K1, m1, K to last st, m1, K1. [10 sts]

Rows 3-8 Rep rows 1 and 2 a further three times. (Disregard end of row stitch count until the end of row 8, at which point you should have 16 sts on your needle)

Row 9 Purl.

Row 10 Knit.

Rows 11-20 Rep rows 9 and 10 a further five times.

Row 21 Switch to Yarn E and fasten off Yarn D, purl.

Row 22 Purl.

Row 23 Knit.

Row 24 Purl.

Row 25 Switch to skin colour yarn and fasten off Yarn E, purl.

Row 26 Knit.

Row 27 Purl.

Row 28 Knit.

Row 29 P3, p2tog, P6, p2tog, P to end. [14 sts]

Row 30 K3, k2tog, K5, k2tog, K to end. [12 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

HAIR

Cast on 24 sts using hair colour yarn and 2¾mm knitting needles.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 P18, turn.

Row 5 Slip 2, K8, turn.

Row 6 Slip 2, P to end.

Cast off.



BOOTS (MAKE TWO)

Cast on 26 sts using black yarn and 2¾mm needles.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K12, k2tog, K to end. [25 sts]

Row 4 P12, p2tog, P to end. [24 sts]

Row 5 K10, (k2tog) twice, K to end. [22 sts]

Row 6 P9, (p2tog) twice, P to end. [20 sts]

Cast off.

GOALKEEPER SHORTS, SHIRT AND HEAD

LEFT-HANDED PUPPET

When fully assembled, the goalkeeper's outfit features 3 pinstripes on the chest and 2 on each sleeve. If you find it easier, you can use individual strands of Yarn G to work each stripe – a 75cm length for each stripe should be quite sufficient. Whatever method you

use, don't forget to cross Yarns F and G over each other on the wrong (predominantly purl) side when changing colours.

Cast on 12 sts using Yarn C and 2¾mm needles.

Row 1 Knit.

Rows 2 & 3 Purl.

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 Cast on 25 sts at beg of row, knit these 25 sts, then turn. [37 sts in total]

Row 6 Purl to end.

Small areas like the socks are great for using up scraps of yarn.





Your outfielder needs to be on your stronger hand, so if you're right-handed, put the goalkeeper on your left glove.

Row 7 P25, turn.

Row 8 Knit to end.

Row 9 Cast on 12 sts at beg of row, knit these 12 sts, then turn. [49 sts in total]

Row 10 Purl to end.

Row 11 P12, turn.

Row 12 Knit to end.

Row 13 Purl. You're working across the entire row from here and for all rows onwards.

Row 14 Knit.

Rows 15-20 Rep rows 13 and 14 a further three times.

Rows 21-22 Purl.

Row 23 Cast off 25 sts knitwise at beg of row, K to end. [24 sts]

Row 24 Switch to Yarn F and fasten off Yarn C, K6, (switch to Yarn G, K1, switch to Yarn F, K5) 3 times.

Row 25 (P2tog, P3, switch to Yarn G, P1, switch to Yarn F) 3 times, p2tog, P to end. [20 sts]

Rows 26-41 Starting with a K row, work these rows as st st, maintaining the 3 single-stitch striped pattern.

Row 42 K2tog, K3, (switch to Yarn G, K1, switch to Yarn F, k2tog, K2) 3 times. [16 sts]

Row 43 P3, (switch to yarn G, P1, switch to Yarn F, p2tog, P1) twice, switch to Yarn G, P1, switch to Yarn F, p2tog, P to end. [13 sts]

Row 44 Switch to skin colour yarn and fasten off Yarn F. Work this row in the following way while fastening off the strand(s) of Yarn G as you go: K1, m1, K5, m1, K6, m1, K1. [16 sts]

Row 45 Purl.

Row 46 K1, m1, K3, (m1, K4) 3 times. [20 sts]

Row 47 Purl.

Row 48 K1, m1, K to last st, m1, K1. [22 sts]

Row 49 Purl.

Row 50 Knit.

Row 51 Purl.

Rows 52-55 Rep rows 50 and 51 a further two times.



work right (predominantly knit) side out. If you're making a goalkeeper, securely sew in and fasten off all of the loose ends of yarn G on the wrong (predominantly purl) side of the shirt and arms.

With the wrong (predominantly purl) side facing outwards, fold the shorts in half and sew up $\frac{3}{4}$ of the side seam of the shorts (the remainder of this seam fits between the middle and ring finger of your glove). Sew up the crotch of the shorts and then turn work right side out.

The puppets are constructed so that the player's face and chest lie on the back of the wearer's hand. If you're making a right-handed puppet, place the glove on a flat surface so that the fingers are pointing towards you and the thumb is pointing to the right. (The reverse applies for left handed puppets.) With the player's face facing upwards, fit the shorts over the index/middle fingers of the glove then sew all of the waistband (front and back) plus the open side seam of the shorts to the glove. Line up the top of the footballer's head with row 11 of the glove, then stitch all of the edges of the head and one side of the shirt to the glove.



Knit tips



Stuff the head and shirt lightly then sew up the rem open seam of the shirt.

Add definition to the player's neck by running a length of skin colour yarn through the sts of the first row of the player's head then drawing up and stitching down to shape the neck. Now do this again with the last line of, the shirt in matching yarn.

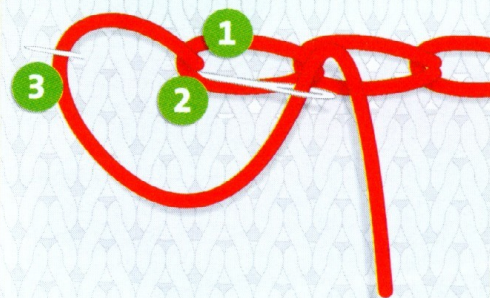
Moving on to the player's arms, with the wrong (predominantly purl) side facing outwards, stitch the first and last sts of the

Use matching yarn and small stitches when sewing the footballer to the glove (see photo on page 7).

HOW TO... EMBROIDER

Chain stitch is used for details on the footballers' faces.

Chain stitch

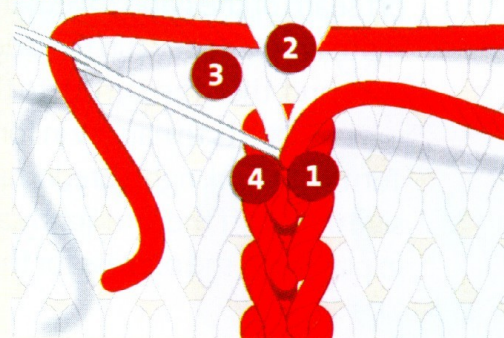


A series of loops, chain stitch is used for the eyes and mouths of the footballers. Come out of the fabric at 1, where you want to begin, and leaving a loop, go back down again in the same hole at 2. Bring the needle out again at 3, keeping the thread under the needle. Repeat. Make a small stitch over the last loop to secure it.

HOW TO... SWISS DARN

Add vertical stripes using this method if you prefer.

Vertical



Work from bottom to top, bringing the needle out at the base of the stitch at 1. Take the needle behind the top of the 'V', in at 2 and out at 3. Take the needle down at 4 (where it came out at 1) and bring it up at 5, at the base of the stitch above. Continue in this way up the line of knitted stitches.



cast off seam of his hand together. Now fold the arm flat so that the side seam lies in the middle of one side. Stitch the flattened cast off seam of the hand together then, using matching yarn, sew up the side seam of first the hand, then the arm up to the point at which it starts to narrow in for the shoulder. Turn your work right (predominantly knit) side out, stuff the arm lightly and then stitch in place. Rep the process for the other arm.

With the cast on seam lying against the glove and the right (knit) side facing outwards, fit the player's hair to his head and stitch in place. Use black yarn to embroider the player's features on his face using chain stitch (see page 13).

With the wrong (purl) side facing outwards, fold the boots in half, stitch the side seams together then the original cast on seam. Turn work right (knit) side out, stuff the toecap and then fit to the player's leg. Sew the cast off seam of each boot to rows 75b and 75c of the glove respectively (usually the topmost black row of each foot unless your player has entirely black socks). Fasten off all loose ends securely and your player is ready to take to the field!

Want to make a left-handed Outfielder puppet? Just use the Goalkeeper shorts, shirt and head pattern but work the shirt in Yarn D only rather than using Yarns F and G.



Want to make a right-handed Goalkeeper puppet? Use rows 1-23 of the Outfielder shorts, shirt and head pattern, then work the next rows as following:

Row 24 Switch to Yarn F and fasten off Yarn C, P6, (switch to Yarn G, P1, switch to Yarn F, P5) 3 times.

Row 25 (K2tog, K3, switch to Yarn G, K1, switch to Yarn F) 3 times, k2tog, K to end. [20 sts]

Rows 26-40 Starting (and ending) with a purl row, work these rows as st st, maintaining the 3 single-stitch striped pattern.

Row 41 (K2tog, K2, switch to Yarn G, K1, switch to Yarn F) 3 times, k2tog, K to end. [16 sts]

Row 42 P2tog, P2, (switch to Yarn G, P1,

switch to Yarn F, p2tog, P1) twice, switch to Yarn G, P1, switch to Yarn F, P to end. [13 sts]

Row 43 Switch to skin colour yarn and fasten off Yarn F. Work this row in the following way while fastening off the strand(s) of Yarn G as you go: K1, m1, K5, m1, K6, m1, K1. [16 sts]

Rows 44-57 Work as for Outfielder, shorts, shirt and head.

Cast off.

Fasten off the neck tightly to ensure it stays in place.



Team live up...





Use white straws for the goal stiffeners or try making a frame from barbecue skewers for greater strength.

FOOTBALL

Cast on 11 sts using white yarn and 2¼mm needles.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 K1, *m1, k1; rep from * to end. [21 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 K1, *m1, k2; rep from * to end. [31 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 K1, *m1, k3; rep from * to end. [41 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

Row 8 Knit.

Row 9 Purl.

Row 10 Knit.

Row 11 P1, *p2tog, P2; rep from * to end. [31 sts]

Row 12 Knit.

Row 13 P1, *p2tog, P1; rep from * to end. [21 sts]

Row 14 Knit.

Row 15 P1, *p2tog; rep from * to end. [11 sts]

Cast off.





TO MAKE UP

Run a length of yarn through the sts of the cast off seam of the football, sew the first stitch of the seam to the last one and draw up tightly. With the wrong (purl) side facing outwards, sew up three-quarters of the side seam and then turn right side out. Stuff the football, then complete the remainder of the side seam. Run the yarn through the sts of the cast on seam, draw up tightly and sew the first stitch of the seam to the last one. Fasten off securely to complete the football.

GOALS FRONT LEGS AND CROSSBAR/BASE SUPPORT (MAKE TWO)

Cast on 7 sts using white yarn and 2¼mm needles.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Rows 3-192 Work as for rows 1 and 2.

Cast off.



Get the ball as round as possible so it plays like a real football.

CORNER KICK!

BACK LEGS (MAKE TWO)

Cast on 7 sts using white yarn and 2¾mm needles.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Rows 3-76 Work as for rows 1 and 2.

Cast off.

NET

The texture of the knitted nets is worked over multiples of three stitches, using a

combination of casting off slipped stitches then replacing them by wrapping yarn around your right-hand needle. Please use the following technique where you are directed to do so by the term SL3W2:

SL3W2 Slip 2, pass first slipped stitch over second and allow to drop off right-hand needle, slip a third stitch, pass second slipped stitch over third and allow to drop off right-hand needle. Pass third slipped stitch back to the left-hand needle. Wrap your yarn

Did you know...



England's greatest moment in football came in 1966 when they won the World Cup.

England play all their home international matches at the new Wembley Stadium, which was opened in 2007.



ENGLAND

IRELAND



Did you know...



Ireland's traditional football strip is a green shirt with white shorts.

The Republic of Ireland made its international football debut in the 1924 Olympics as the Irish Free State, beating Bulgaria 1-0.





Did you know...



Scotland were the first winners of the British Home Championships in 1883-4.

Scotland's joint record international goal scorers are Kenny Dalglish and Denis Law, with 30 goals each.



SCOTLAND

WALES



Did you know...



Wales will play England in qualifying group G for the Euro 2012 tournament.

Welsh playing legend John Charles scored 15 goals for his country, but is also a legend in Italy, scoring 93 times in 150 games for Juventus between 1957-62.



Did you know...



In 2001 the Australian 'Socceroos' (the team's official nickname) beat American Samoa 31-0, a world record for international games.

Australia's 31-0 win over American Samoa broke their own record of 22-0 set just two days earlier against Tonga.



AUSTRALIA

FRANCE



Did you know...



French record cap (appearances) holder Lilian Thuram scored only two goals for his country, both in the 1998 World Cup semi-final against Croatia, which they won 2-1 after being 1-0 down.

France went on to win the 1998 World Cup final, beating Brazil 3-0 to win their only World Cup so far.

HOLLAND



Did you know...



Between 1950-1990, Germany had both East and West national teams. West Germany was more successful.

German international Gerd Müller scored an amazing 68 goals in 62 games for West Germany 1966-74.

GERMANY

Did you know...



The Dutch national side first came to prominence in the early 1970s, playing a style of game that was branded 'Total Football'.

Holland finished runners-up in the 1974 and 1978 World Cups, but won the 1988 European Championships.



ITALY

Did you know...



Italy is the most successful European country internationally, having won four World Cups, a total only bettered by Brazil's five.

The Italian national side are nicknamed the Azzurri because of the azure blue shirts the team wear.

Did you know...



When Brazil won the World Cup in Mexico in 1970, they were allowed to keep the Jules Rimet Trophy, as they were the first country to win it three times.

Brazil's leading scorer with 77 goals is Pelé, regarded by many as the greatest player ever. His full name is Edison Arantes do Nascimento.



BRAZIL