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# What you will need:

RED HEART® Amore™: 7 (8, 9, 10, 11, 11, 12) balls 6387 Serene

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5mm [US H-8]

Stitch markers, yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 22 sts = 51/4" [13.5] cm]; 12 rows = 4" [10 cm] in V-stitch pattern. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® available in 3.5oz

Amore™, Art E876 (100 g), 198 yd (181 m) balls

Make the Grade **Crochet Tunic** This cozy sweater is crocheted with

amazingly soft yarn that is comfortable to wear on your most testing days. Each piece is a simple rectangle, so there is no tricky shaping.

Directions are for size X-Small; changes for sizes Small, Medium, Large, 1X, 2X and 3X are in parentheses.

Finished Bust: 32 (36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56)" [81.5 (91.5, 101.5, 112, 122, 132, 142)

Finished Length: 26 (26½, 27, 27, 27½, 27½, 28)" [66 (67.5, 68.5, 68.5, 70, 70, 71) cm1

### Notes

- 1. Tunic is worked in 4 pieces: Back, front, and two sleeves.
- 2. Each piece is worked, back and forth in rows, beginning with a single crochet lower band. After the lower band is complete, the body of each piece is worked in a V-st pattern.

### **Special Stitches**

scV-st (single crochet V-stitch) = (Sc, ch 2. sc) in indicated stitch or space. dcV-st (double crochet V-stitch) = Work 2 dc in indicated stitch or space.

## **BACK**

Ch 68 (76, 84, 92, 100, 108, 118). Lower Band

Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across-67 (75, 83, 91, 99, 107, 117) sc.

Rows 2-4: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

# **Body** (V-st pattern)

Row 5 (right side): Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), turn, dcV-st in next st. \*skip next st. dcV-st in next st: repeat from \* to last st, dc in last st-33 (37, 41, 45, 49, 53, 58) dcV-sts and 1 dc at the beginning and end of the row. Row 6: Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, scV-st in space between the 2 dc of each dcV-st

across, sc in top of beginning ch-3-33 (37, 41, 45, 49, 53, 58) scV-sts and 1 sc at the beginning and end of the row.



Row 7: Ch 3, turn, dcV-st in ch-2 space of each scV-st across, dc in last st. Repeat Rows 6 and 7 until piece measures about 26 (26½, 27, 27, 27½, 27½, 28)" [66 (67.5, 68.5, 68.5, 70, 70, 71) cm] from beginning, ending with a Row 6. Fasten off.

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# **FRONT**

Work same as back.

# **SLEEVES (make 2)**

Ch 64 (68, 68, 72, 72, 76, 76).

### **Lower Band**

Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—63 (67, 67, 71, 71, 75, 75) sc. Rows 2-4: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

## **Body** (V-st pattern)

Row 5 (right side): Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), turn, dcV-st in next st, \*skip next st, dcV-st in next st; repeat from \* to last st, dc in last st—31 (33, 33, 35, 35, 37, 37) dcV-sts and 1 dc at the beginning and end of the row.

Row 6: Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, scV-st in space between the 2 dc of each dcV-st across, sc in top of beginning ch-3—31

(33, 33, 35, 35, 37, 37) scV-sts and 1 sc at the beginning and end of the row.

Row 7: Ch 3, turn, dcV-st in ch-2 space of each scV-st across, dc in last st.

Repeat Rows 6 and 7 until piece measures about 16½" [42 cm] from beginning, ending with a Row 7.

Fasten off.

## **FINISHING**

Sew shoulder seams for about 4 ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ , 5, 6,  $6\frac{1}{2}$ , 7,  $7\frac{1}{2}$ )" [10 (11.5, 12.5, 15, 16.5, 18, 19) cm], leaving center open for neck. Place markers on side edges of front and back about  $7\frac{1}{2}$  (8, 8,  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $8\frac{1}{2}$ , 9, 9)" [19 (20.5, 20.5, 21.5, 21.5, 23, 23) cm] from shoulder seams. Sew tops of sleeves between markers. Sew side and sleeve seams. Weave in ends.

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

ch = chain; dc = double crochet; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.





