



Sweetie Pie Dress

Designed by Marilyn Coleman.

Directions are for 9-12 months; changes for 18 and 24 months are in parentheses.

RED HEART® “Soft Baby®”: 1 skein each **CA** and **CB**.

Color Combinations Shown:

- 7725 Pinkie **CA** and 7959 Giggle **CB**
- 7624 Lime **CA** and 7043 Tootsie Print **CB**
- 7822 Sky Blue **CA** and 7940 Cuddles Print **CB**

Crochet Hooks: 4mm [US G-6] and 5mm [US H-8].
Yarn needle; 4 snap sets; sewing needle and thread.

GAUGE: 18 sts = 4”; 24 rows = 4” in sc with smaller hook;
19 sts = 4”; 21 rows = 4” in skirt pat with larger hook.
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauges.

Finished Chest Measurement: 19 (20½, 22½”).

BODICE: With smaller hook and **CA**, ch 87 (95, 103).
Row 1 (RS): Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 85 (93, 101) sts.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each dc across and in top of ch-3; turn.
Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn.
Divide-Right Back: Ch 1, sc in first 18 (19, 20) sc; TURN. Continue in sc and dec 1 st at beg of next 2 RS rows – 16 (17, 18) sc. Work even until 3 (3½, 3¾)” above division, end wrong side row.
Shape Neck: Ch 1, sc in first 7 sc; TURN. Dec 1 st at beg of next 2 WS rows – 5 sc. Work 1 row. Fasten off.
Front: With WS facing, skip next 6 (8, 10) sc of last long row, join yarn and sc in next 37 (39, 41) sc; TURN. Dec 1 st each end of next 2 RS rows – 33 (35, 37) sc. Work even until 2¼ (2¾, 3)” above division, end WS row.
Shape Neck: Ch 1, sc in first 10 sc; TURN. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 5 rows – 5 sc. Work even until front measures same as right back. Fasten off.

With RS facing, skip center 13, (15, 17) sc, join yarn and sc in last 10 sc. Complete to correspond to first side.

Left Back: With WS facing, skip next 6 (8, 10) sc of last long row, join yarn and sc in last 18 (19, 20) sc. Dec 1 st at end of next 2 RS rows – 16 (17, 18) sc. Work even until 3 (3½, 3¾)” above division, end WS row. Fasten off. With RS facing, skip first 9 (10, 11) sc, join yarn and sc in last 7 sc. Dec 1 st at end of next 2 WS rows. Work 1 row. Fasten off.

SKIRT: With RS facing, smaller hook and **CB**, attach yarn at lower edge of bodice and work 85 (93, 101) sc across beg ch; turn.
Next Row: Ch 1, sc in first sc, * ch 1, sc in next sc; rep from * to last sc; sc in last sc – 168 (184, 200) sts. Change to larger hook.
Next Row: Ch 1, sc in first sc, * ch 1, skip next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp; rep from * to last sc; sc in last sc. Rep last row until skirt measures 10 (11, 12)”, end WS row, changing to **CA** in last sc; turn.
Edging: With **CA**, ch 1, sc in first sc, * ch 3, sc in ch-1 sp; rep from * to last sc; sc in last sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING: Sew shoulder seams. Sew back seam to within 1” of bodice.
Neck Edging and Snap Bands: With RS facing and smaller hook, attach **CA** at left back opening; ch 1, sc evenly up left back edge, around neck edge, and down right back edge working (sc, ch 2, sc) at corners; turn.
Next Row: Ch 1, sc in each sc to corner, (sc, ch 1, sc) in ch-2 sp, * ch 1, skip next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * to next ch-2 sp; (sc, ch 1, sc) in ch-2 sp; sc in each sc to end; turn.



Next Row: Ch 1, sc in each sc to corner, * sc in sp, ch 3, skip next sc; rep from * to next corner; sc in corner sp; sc in each sc to end. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Overlap bands at division and tack together. Sew snaps to back edges.

Armhole Edging: With RS facing and smaller hook, attach **CA** at underarm and work 1 rnd of sc evenly around; join with a sl st to first sc. Fasten off.

Heart Pocket: With smaller hook and **CA**, ch 6.
Row 1 (RS): 3 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, [sc in next ch, 3 sc in next ch] twice; turn – 11 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, 3 sc in first sc, [sc in next 4 sc, 3 sc in next sc] twice; turn – 17 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, 3 sc in first sc, [sc in next 7 sc, 3 sc in next sc] twice; turn – 23 sc.

Rows 4-7: Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in next 10 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in next 9 sc, skip next sc, sc in last sc; turn – 23 sc. At end of Row 7, mark first and last sts of row, do not turn; work sc evenly across shaped edge of heart to next marker, inc and dec as necessary across shaped edges to keep work flat; join with a sl st to first sc of Row 7. Fasten off leaving a long end for sewing. Place heart approximately 3" down from beg of skirt and sew lower edge of heart between markers to skirt.

Tie: With **CB**, ch 200, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off. Weave through dc row, beg and end at center front. Weave in ends.



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ABBREVIATIONS: **beg** = begin(ning); **CA, CB** = Color A, Color B; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **dec** = decrease; **inc** = increase; **mm** = millimeters; **pat** = pattern; **RS** = right side; **rep** = repeat; **rnd** = round; **sc** = single crochet; **sl** = slip; **sp** = space; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **WS** = wrong side; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times indicated.