

## Sweetie Pie Baby Vest

Vests are perfect for active babies, keeping them warm while arms are free to explore. This crocheted design is made with a subtly shaded yarn for easy-to-achieve style.

Designed by Darla J. Fanton.
Directions are for size 6 months. Changes for sizes 12 months, 18 months, and 24 months are in parentheses.

To Fit Bust/Chest: 17 (18, 19, 20)".
Finished Bust/Chest: 18 (20, 21, 22)".

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Dream Girl.
Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9].
Yarn needle.
GAUGE: 15 sts = 4"; 11 rows = 4" in pattern. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

## SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

BI-hdc = hdc in BACK LOOP ONLY of next st.
FI-hdc = hdc in FRONT LOOP ONLY of next st.
NOTE: Begin Front at same point in yarn color pattern as Back.

## BACK

Ch $36(40,42,44)$ sts.
Row 1: Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn - $34(38,40,42)$ sts.
Row 2: Ch 1, hdc, * bl-hdc, fl-hdc; repeat from * to last st, hdc; turn.
Rows 3-17 (18, 18, 20): Repeat Row 2.
Armholes-Row 18 (19, 19, 21): Ch 1, slip st in first 3 sts, hdc in next st, * fl-hdc, bl-hdc; repeat from * to last 4 sts, hdc in next st; turn, leaving remaining sts unworked - 28 $(32,34,36)$ sts.
Row 19 (20, 20, 22): Ch 1, hdc, * fl-hdc, bl-hdc; repeat from

* to last st, hdc; turn.

Rows 20-28 (21-30, 21-30, 23-33): Repeat Row 19 (20, 20, 22).
Shoulders/Back Neck-Row 29 (31, 31, 34): Ch 1, hdc in 1st $6(6,8,8)$ sts, slip st in next $16(20,18,20)$ sts, hdc in last $6(6,8,8)$ sts. Fasten off.

## FRONT

Work as for Back through Row 23 (25, 25, 27).
1st Shoulder/Neck-Row 24 (26, 26, 28): Ch 1, hdc, [fl-hdc, bl-hdc] $4(4,5,5)$ times; hdc in next st; turn - $10(10,12,12)$ sts.
Row 25 (27, 27, 29): Ch 1, slip st in 1st 2 sts, hdc in next st, * fl-hdc, bl-hdc; repeat from * to last st, hdc; turn - 8 (8, 10, 10) sts.

Row 26 (28, 28, 30): Ch 1, hdc, [fl-hdc, bl-hdc] 2 (2, 3, 3) times; hdc in next st; turn - 6, $(6,8,8)$ sts.
Rows 27-28 (29-30, 29-30, 31-33): Ch 1, hdc, * fl-hdc, blhdc; repeat from * to last st, hdc; turn.
Row 29 (31, 31, 34): Ch 1, hdc in each st across. Fasten off. 2nd Shoulder/Neck-Row 24 (26, 26, 28): Working on same row as 1st Shoulder/Neck, skip next $8(12,10,12)$ sts, join yarn, ch 1, hdc in same st as join, * fl-hdc, bl-hdc; repeat from * to last st, hdc; turn - $10(10,12,12)$ sts.

Row 25 (27, 27, 29): Ch 1, hdc, * fl-hdc, bl-hdc; repeat from * to last 3 sts, hdc; turn - $8(8,10,10)$ sts.

Row 26 (28, 28, 30): Ch 1, slip st in 1st 2 sts, hdc, * fl-hdc, bl-hdc; repeat from * to last st, hdc; turn $-6(6,8,8)$ sts.
Rows 27-28 (29-30, 29-30, 31-33): Ch 1, hdc, * fl-hdc, blhdc; repeat from * to last st, hdc; turn.
Row 29 (31, 31, 34): Ch 1, hdc in each st across. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Sew Shoulder and Side seams.
Neck Edging: With Right Side facing, join yarn in either Shoulder seam, ch 1, sc evenly around Neck edge. Fasten off.
Armhole Edging: Join yarn in Side seam, ch 1, sc evenly around Armhole. Fasten off.
Weave in ends.


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ABBREVIATIONS: $\mathbf{c h}=$ chain; hdc $=$ half double crochet; mm = millimeters; st(s) = stitch (es); [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.


