



**SHOP KIT** 



# **Easy Tunisian Baby Vest**

You may know this technique as the Afghan Stitch. But whatever you call it, this Tunisian Crochet vest will keep baby comfy and warm, even if the thermostat is turned down. You'll love the softness of this fleecy yarn!

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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)".

**RED HEART® "Buttercup™":** 2 (2, 3, 3) Balls 4271 White Multi.

Tunisian Crochet Hook: 9mm [M-13]. Split-ring stitch marker, yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 9 sts = 4"; 7 rows = 4" in tss. **CHECK YOUR** GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

## **SPECIAL ABBREVIATION**

Tss (Tunisian Simple Stitch) = insert hook under next vertical bar, yo and draw through, keep loop on hook. **Dec** = insert hook under next 2 vertical bars, yo and draw through both bars, keep loop on hook.

#### NOTES

Always skip first vertical bar of row; that st is already on

Work final pick-up st of each row by inserting hook under both front and back vertical strands.

## **VEST**

#### **Back**

Leaving an 18" tail for seaming, ch 20 (22, 24, 25) sts. Row 1 (Right Side): Working in back loops only, pick up loop in 2nd ch from hook, \* pick up loop in next ch; repeat from \* across - 20 (22, 24, 25) loops on hook; DO NOT turn; yo and draw through 1 loop, \* yo and draw through 2 loops; repeat from \* across; 1 loop remains on hook.

Row 2: Tss across; DO NOT TURN; yo and draw through 1 loop, \* yo and draw through 2 loops; repeat from \* across; 1 loop remains on hook.

Rows 3-10 (10, 11, 12): Repeat Row 2.

## **Shape Armholes**

Row 11 (11, 12, 13): Slip st in next 2 sts, tss across to last 2 sts, leave last 2 sts unworked – 16 (18, 20, 21) loops on hook; DO NOT turn; yo and draw through 1 loop, \* yo and draw through 2 loops; repeat from \* across; 1 loop remains on hook.

Rows 12-17 (12-19, 13-20, 14-22): Repeat Row 2.

#### **Shape Shoulders and Neck**

Row 18 (20, 21, 23): Tss in next 3 (3, 4, 4) sts, slip st in next 10 (12, 12, 13) sts, tss in last 2, (2, 3, 3) sts - 6 (6, 8,





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8) loops on hook total; DO NOT turn; yo and draw through 1 loop, [yo and draw through two loops] 2 (2, 3, 3) times – 1 loop remains for Left Shoulder, 3 (3, 4, 4) loops remain for Right Shoulder.

**Left Shoulder Bind-off:** Slip st across. Fasten off. **Right Shoulder:** Slide remaining sts to end of hook, draw new yarn through 1 loop, \*yo, draw through 2 loops; repeat from \* across, 1 loop remains on hook.

Right Shoulder Bind-off: Repeat same as Left Shoulder.

### **Front**

Work same as Back through Row 14 (16, 16, 18).

## **Shape Shoulders and Neck**

Row 15 (17, 17, 19): Tss in next 5 (5, 5, 6) sts, slip st in next 6 (8, 10, 9) sts, tss in last 4 (4, 4, 5) sts – 10 (10, 10, 12) loops on hook total; DO NOT turn; yo and draw through 1 loop, [yo and draw through 2 loops] 4 (4, 4, 5) times – 1 loop remains for Right Shoulder, 5 (5, 5, 6) loops remain for Left Shoulder.

Place remaining loop for Right Shoulder on st marker; using a separate ball of yarn for Left Shoulder, draw new yarn through 1 loop, \* yo and draw through 2 loops; repeat from \* across, 1 loop remains on hook.

Row 16 (18, 18, 20): For Left Shoulder, tss across to last 2 sts, dec; for Right Shoulder, place loop from marker on hook, dec, tss across – 4 (4, 4, 5) loops for each shoulder; DO NOT turn; yo and draw through 1 loop, \* yo and draw through 2 loops; repeat from \* until 1 loop remains for Right Shoulder, place loop on marker; with second ball of yarn, yo and draw through 1 loop, \* yo and draw through 2 loops; repeat from \* across–1 loop remains on hook.

For 6 month, 12 month, and 24 month ONLY Row 17 (19, 21): Repeat Row 16 (18, 20)–3 (3, 4) sts for each shoulder.

## For all sizes

Row 18 (20, 19, 22): Working each shoulder separately, tss across; DO NOT turn; yo and draw through 1 loop, \* yo and draw through 2 loops; repeat from \* across.

For 18 month and 24 month ONLY Row 20 (23): Repeat last row 2 (1) times.

**Left Shoulder Bind-off and Joining:** With wrong sides of Front and Back together, \*insert hook in next st of Front and in corresponding bind-off st of Back, yo and draw through all 3 loops; repeat from \* across. Fasten off.

**Right Shoulder Bind-off and Joining:** Place loop from marker on hook and repeat same as Left Shoulder.

## **FINISHING**

## Join Sides

With beginning tail and wrong sides together, slip st through row ends from foundation ch to Armhole. Fasten off.

Repeat for other side. Weave in all ends.



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**ABBREVIATIONS: ch** = chain; **mm** = millimeters; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **yo** = yarn over; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* **or** \*\* = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated.

