



Baby Candy Stripe Vest

Designed by Mary Jane Protus.

Directions are for size 6 months. Changes for sizes 12 months, 18 months, and 24 months are in parentheses.

To Fit Chest: 17 (18, 19, 20)"

Finished Chest: 18 (21, 22, 24)"

Finished Length: 10 (12, 13, 13½)"

RED HEART® "Holiday Yarn": 1 ball each 9090 Red/Red **A** and 0140 White/Silver **B**.

Crochet Hooks: One each 6mm [US J-10], and 5mm [US H-8] (for ties only).
Stitch marker, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 4 pattern repeats = 4"; 8 rows = 4", in pattern.
Note: One pattern repeat consists of one (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) group. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

NOTE: To change color, work last st of row until 2 loops remain on hook, drop old color, yarn over with new color and complete st. Carry color not in use up side of piece. Hide carried strands in seams or under edging.

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Back

Row 1 (Right Side): With larger hook and **A**, ch 42 (46, 50, 50); sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, *ch 1, skip next ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * across to last ch, sc in last ch, turn—19 (21, 23, 23) ch-1 spaces. Place a marker on this row to indicate Right Side.

Row 2: Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in first sc, skip first ch-1 space, *(sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-1 space, skip next ch-1 space; repeat from * across to last sc, sc in last sc, turn—10 (11, 12, 12) ch-2 spaces.

Row 3: Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in first sc, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each ch-2 space across to last ch-2 space, sc in last ch-2 space, turn. Change to **B**.

Rows 4 and 5: With **B**, repeat Row 3 twice. Change to **A**. Continue to alternate 2 rows with **A** and 2 rows with **B** throughout piece.

Repeat Rows 2–5 until piece measures 5½ (6½, 7, 7½)" from beginning; end with a Wrong Side row.

Shape Armholes

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 1, skip first sc, slip st in next 2 dc, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next 8 (9, 10, 10) ch-2 spaces, sc in next ch-2 space, turn; leave remaining sts unworked—8 (9, 10, 10) ch-2 spaces.

Row 2: Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in first sc, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each ch-2 space across to last ch-2 space, sc in last ch-2 space, turn.

Repeat Row 2 until armhole measures 4 (5, 5½, 5½)" end with a Wrong Side row.

Last Row (Right Side): Ch 2, (hdc, dc) in first sc, (sc, hdc, dc) in each ch-2 space across, dc in last sc. Fasten off.

Right Front

Row 1 (Right Side): With larger hook and **A**, ch 18 (22, 22, 26); sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, *ch 1, skip next ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * across to last ch, sc in last ch, turn—7 (9, 9, 11) ch-1 spaces. Place a marker on this row to indicate Right Side.

Row 2: Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in first sc, skip first ch-1



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space, *(sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-1 space, skip next ch-1 space; repeat from * across to last sc, sc in last sc, turn—4 (5, 5, 6) ch-2 spaces.

Continue same as back, working over the 4 (5, 5, 6) ch-2 spaces, until piece measures same as back to armhole; end with a Wrong Side row.

Shape Armhole and Neck

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in first sc, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each ch-2 space across to last 2 ch-2 spaces, sc in next ch-2 space, turn; leave remaining sts unworked—3 (4, 4, 5) ch-2 spaces.

Row 2: Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in first sc, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each ch-2 space across to last ch-2 space, sc in last ch-2 space, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, skip first sc, slip st in next 2 dc, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each ch-2 space across to last ch-2 space, sc in last ch-2 space, turn—2 (3, 3, 4) ch-2 spaces.

Repeat last 2 rows 1 (1, 1, 2) more times—1 (2, 2, 2) ch-2 spaces.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures same as back to last row; end with a Wrong Side row.

Last Row: Work Last Row of back. Fasten off.

Left Front

Work same as Right Front to armhole; end with a Wrong Side row.

Shape Armhole and Neck

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 1, skip first sc, slip st in next 2 dc, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each ch-2 space across to last ch-2 space, sc in last ch-2 space, turn—3 (4, 4, 5) ch-2 spaces.

Rows 2 and 3: Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in first sc, (sc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each ch-2 space across to last ch-2 space, sc in last ch-2 space, turn.

Row 4: Repeat Row 1—2 (3, 3, 4) ch-2 spaces.

Repeat last 2 rows 1 (1, 1, 2) more times—1 (2, 2, 2) ch-2 spaces.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures same as back to last row; end with a Wrong Side row.

Last Row: Work Last Row of back. Fasten off.

Tie (Make 2)

With smaller hook and **A**, ch 40. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing tie to vest.

Tassel: Cut 3 strands each of **A** and **B**, 5" long. Hold all 6 strands together and fold in half. Insert crochet hook in beginning end of tie and draw folded end of strands through to form a loop. Thread ends of strands through loop, and pull to tighten. Trim tassel.

FINISHING

Sew shoulder and side seams. Weave in ends.

Body Edging Round: With Right Side facing and larger hook, join **A** with sc in any lower, side seam; work *ch 1, sc in edge; repeat from * evenly spacing sts around all edges

of vest, and working (sc, ch 2, sc) in each corner; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Armhole Edging: With Right Side facing and larger hook, join **A** with sc in underarm seam, work *ch 1, sc in edge; repeat from * evenly spacing sts around armhole edge; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Sew one tie to each front, neck corner.



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ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B** = color A, B; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; () = work directions in parentheses into same st.

