## Yarnspirations"

ORED
HEART
a
CROCHET SKILL LEVEL EASY

Designed by Skeinsnsticks Designs

## What you will need:

RED HEART ${ }^{\text {® }}$ Baby Hugs ${ }^{\text {™ }}$ Medium: $1(1,1,1)$ ball each of 4303 Shell A, and 4410 Dolphin B.

Susan Bates ${ }^{\text {® }}$ Crochet Hook: 5.5 mm [US I-9]

One 3/4" [19 mm] button, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 15 sts $=4^{\prime \prime}[10 \mathrm{~cm}]$; 11 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Hhdc (Herringbone half double crochet). CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

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

Finished Chest: $17(18,19,20)$ " [43 (45.5, $48.5,51$ ) cm ]
Finished Back Length: $103 / 4 / 411 / 4,113 / 4$, $\left.12 \frac{1}{4}\right)^{\prime \prime}[27.5(28.5,30,31) \mathrm{cm}]$

## Notes

1. Vest is made from 3 pieces: Back and two fronts.
2. Fronts are worked identically. Flip one front over before sewing shoulder seams.
3. Pieces are sewn together and a trim worked along front and neck edges to complete vest.

## Special Stitches

Hhdc (Herringbone half double
crochet) $=$ Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch and pull up a loop then draw it through the first loop on hook (2 loops remain on hook), yarn over and draw through both loops on hook. reverse sc (reverse single crochet) = Work single crochet in opposite direction from which you would usually work (left to right if you are righthanded, and right to left if you are lefthanded). This stitch is also known as crab stitch. It creates a rope-like twisted single crochet edging.

## Beg-Hhdc (Linked beginning

Herringbone half double crochet) $=$ Pull loop on hook up to slightly taller than the normal loop, ch 1, insert hook into the bottom bump of the ch just made and pull up a loop (2 loops on hook), insert hook into first stitch of row, yarn over and draw through all loops on hook.


## BACK

With A, ch 33 (35, 37, 39)
Row 1: Hhdc in 2 nd ch from hook and in each ch across-32 $(34,36,38)$ Hhdc. Rows 2-20 (20, 21, 22): Turn, Beg-Hhdc in first st, Hhdc in each st across.

## Shape Armholes

Row 1 (decrease row): Turn, slip st in first st, Hhdc in next st and each st across to last st; leave last st unworked-30 (32, 34, 36) Hhdc. Row 2: Turn, slip st in first st, Hhdc in next st and each st across to last


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Hhdc; leave last Hhdc and slip st unworked-28 (30, 32, 34) Hhdc.
Row 3: Turn, Beg-Hhdc in first st, Hhdc in each Hhdc across; leave the slip st unworked.
Rows 4-7 (8, 8, 9): Turn, Beg-Hhdc in first st, Hhdc in each st across.

## Divide for Neck

Dividing Row: Turn, Beg-Hhdc in first st, Hhdc in next $6(6,7,7)$ sts, slip st in next $14(16,16,18)$ sts, Hhdc in last 7 (7, $8,8)$ sts.

## First Shoulder

Row 1: Turn, Beg-Hhdc in first st, Hhdc in next $6(6,7,7)$ sts; leave remaining sts unworked for back neck and second shoulder-7 $(7,8,8)$ sts.
Row 2: Turn, Beg-Hhdc in first st, Hhdc n each st across.
Fasten off.

## Second Shoulder

skip the unworked slip sts of Dividing Row, join yarn in first unworked Hhdc following the slip sts.
Row 1: Beg-Hhdc in first st, Hhdc in each st across-7 (7, 8, 8) sts.
Row 2: Turn, Beg-Hhdc in first st, Hhdc in each st across.
Fasten off.

## FRONT (make 2)

With A, ch 14 (15, 16, 17)
Row 1: Hhdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across-13 $(14,15,16)$ Hhdc.
Rows 2-20 (20, 21, 22): Turn, Beg-Hhdc in first st, Hhdc in each st across.

## Shape Armhole

Row 1 (decrease row): Turn, slip st in first 2 sts, Hhdc in next st and each st across-11 $(12,13,14)$ Hhdc.

Row 2: Turn, Beg-Hhdc in first st, Hhdc in each Hhdc across; leave the slip sts unworked.
Rows 3-5: Turn, Beg-Hhdc in first st, Hhdc in each st across.

## Shape Neck and Shoulder

Row 1: Turn, slip st in first $2(3,3,3)$
sts, Hhdc in each st across-9 (9, 10, 11) Hhdc.
Row 2: Turn, Beg-Hhdc in first st, Hhdc in each Hhdc across; leave the slip sts unworked.
Row 3: Turn, slip st in first $2(2,2,3)$ sts, Hhdc in each st across-7 $(7,8,8)$ Hhdc. Row 4: Turn, Beg-Hhdc in first st, Hhdc in each Hhdc across; leave the slip sts unworked.
Next 1 (2, 2, 3) Rows: Turn, Beg-Hhdc in first st, Hhdc in each st across.
Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams.

## Edging

Join B in lower front corner to work up front edge.
Row 1: Work sc evenly up front edge, across back neck, and down next front edge.
Place a marker on front edge about $1^{\prime \prime}$ [ 2.5 cm ] below beginning neck shaping. Place the marker on the left front edge if vest is for a boy. Place the marker on the right front edge if vest is for a girl. Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to marker, ch 1, skip next sc (for buttonhole), sc in each st across.
Row 3: Ch 1, do not turn, work reverse sc in each st across.
Fasten off.
Block piece, if desired.

Sew side seams. Sew button to front edge, opposite buttonhole.
Weave in ends

## ABBREVIATIONS

$\mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}=$ Color A and Color B ; $\mathbf{c h}$
= chain; $\mathbf{s c}=$ single crochet; $\mathbf{s t}(\mathbf{s})=$ stitch(es).

See next page for schematics


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$13 / 4\left(13 / 4,2^{1 / 4}, 2^{1 / 4}\right)^{\prime \prime}$
[ $4.5(4.5,5.5,5.5) \mathrm{cm}]$

$13 / 4\left(13 / 4,2^{1 / 4}, 2^{1 / 4}\right)^{11}$
[4.5 $(4.5,5.5,5.5) \mathrm{cm}]$


