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RED HEART

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INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Baby TLC™: 2 (2, 2) balls 5960 Strawberry Orange OR 2 (2, 2) balls 5932 Baseball

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 4mm [US G-6]

Split-ring stitch markers, three 3/8" (9.5 mm) buttons, yarn needle

GAUGE: 19 sts = 4"[10 cm]; 9 rows = 4" [10 cm] in double crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

3 LIGHT

RED HEART® Baby TLC™, Art 258 available in solid color 5 oz (141g), 358 yd (328m) and Multicolor 4 oz (113g), 242 yd (222m) balls

SHOP KIT

Twin Sweater Set

Almost too cute for words, this darling set of sweater and cap will keep your little one cozy. Crossed stitches make it interesting to crochet while adding a designer touch.

Directions are for size newborn. Changes for sizes 6 months and 12 months are in parentheses.

To Fit Chest: 15 (17, 18)", [38 (43, 45.7) cm]
Finished Chest: 17 (18½, 20)", [43 (47, 51) cm]
Finished Length: 9 (11, 12)", [23 (28, 30.4) cm]
Finished Cap Circumference: 14 (16, 18)", [35.5 (40.6, 45.7) cm]

Special Stitches
dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together) = [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.
X-dc2 (crossed double crochet, worked over 2 stitches) = Skip next stitch, dc in next stitch, ch 1, dc in skipped stitch.
X-dc3 (crossed double crochet, worked over 3 stitches) = Skip next 2 stitches, dc in next stitch, ch 1, dc in first of the 2 skipped stitches.

Notes
1. Cap is worked in joined rounds from top of cap down to brim.
2. Sweater is worked back and forth in rows beginning at neck edge.
3. Sweater is worked down to underarms. Stitches are then skipped for armholes and underarm chains attached.
4. Lower section of sweater is worked from underarms down to lower edge.
5. Sleeves are worked directly into armholes formed by skipped stitches and underarm chains.

CAP
Beginning at top of cap, ch 4.
Round 1 (Right Side): Work 11 dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc); join with slip st in top of beginning ch—12 dc.

Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in same st as join, 2 dc in each dc around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—24 dc.
Round 3: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next dc, *2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—36 dc.
Round 4: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 2 dc, *2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—48 dc.
Round 5: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 3 dc, *2 dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—60 dc.
Round 6: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 11 dc, *2 dc in next dc, dc in next 11 dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—65 dc.

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Sizes 6 months (12 months) Only
Round 7: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 12 dc, *2 dc in next dc, dc in next 12 dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—70 dc.
Round 8: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 13 dc, *2 dc in next dc, dc in next 13 dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—75 dc.

Size 12 months Only
Round 9: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 14 dc, *2 dc in next dc, dc in next 14 dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—80 dc.
Round 10: Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 15 dc, *2 dc in next dc, dc in next 15 dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—85 dc.

All Sizes
Next 4 Rounds: Ch 3, dc in each st around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.

Brim
Round 1 (Right Side): Ch 3, beginning in same st as join, X-dc2, *X-dc3, X-dc2; repeat from * to last 2 dc, X-dc3; join with slip st in first dc—13 (15, 17) X-dc.
Rounds 2–4: Ch 3, turn, *dc in 2nd dc of next X-dc, ch 1, dc in first dc of same X-dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.
Round 5 (Wrong Side): Do not turn, slip st in next dc, (slip st, ch 1, sc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 space, (sc, ch 3, dc) in each ch-1 space around; join with slip st in first sc.
Fasten off and weave in ends. Fold brim over.

SWEATER
Beginning at neck edge, ch 29.
Row 1 (Right Side): Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), 2 dc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch, 2 dc in each of next 2 ch, dc in next 14 ch, 2 dc in each of next 2 ch, dc in next 2 ch, 2 dc in each of last 2 ch—34 dc.
Note: In the next row, markers are placed to indicate four increase locations. In following rows, increases (2 dc) are worked in the stitches on each side of each increase location marker. The markers should be placed between the 2-dc groups and moved up as each row is worked. You may find it easiest to use a length of yarn as a marker and weave the length up between the 2-dc groups as you work each row.
Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn, dc in first dc, *2 dc in each of next 2 dc, place a marker between the two 2-dc groups, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc, place a marker between the two 2-dc groups**, dc in next 16 dc; repeat from * to ** once, 2 dc in top of beginning ch—44 dc.
Row 3: Ch 3, turn, dc in first dc, *dc in each dc to 1 dc before next marker, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc; repeat from * 3 more times, dc in each dc to turning ch, 2 dc in top of turning ch—54 dc.

Shape Front Neck
Attach Front Neck Foundation Chain: Drop loop from hook and place loop on stitch marker or safety pin. With a separate length of yarn, join yarn with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 of Row 3, ch 5 (for front neck ch). Fasten off. Return dropped loop (at end of Row 3) to hook.
Row 4: Ch 7, turn, dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped 3 ch count as first dc) and in next 3 ch, *dc in each dc to 1 dc before next marker, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc; repeat from * 3 more times, dc in each dc to front neck ch, dc in each ch of front neck ch—72 dc.

Rows 5–10 (12, 14): Ch 3, turn, skip first dc, *dc in each dc to 1 dc before next marker, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc; repeat from * 3 more times, dc in each dc to turning ch, dc in top of turning ch—120 (136, 152) dc.

Attach Underarm Chains
Drop loop from hook and place loop on stitch marker or safety pin. With a separate length of yarn, join yarn with slip st in dc immediately before first marker, ch 4 (for underarm ch), skip all sts to 2nd marker (for armhole), slip st in dc immediately following 2nd marker. Fasten off. Repeat to attach an underarm ch between the 3rd and 4th markers.
Note: There should be 18 (20, 22) sts before the first underarm chain (for front), 36 (40, 44) sts between the two underarm chains (for back), and 18 (20, 22) sts following the 2nd underarm chain (for other front) for a total of 72 (80, 88) sts and two ch-4 underarm chains. Return dropped loop (at end of last row) to hook.

Lower Body

Next Row (Right Side): Working in all front and back sts, and underarm chains, skipping the armhole sts, ch 3, turn, beginning in first dc, [X-dc2] 0 (2, 4) times, *X-dc3, X-dc2; repeat from * across to last 0 (4, 8) sts, [X-dc2] 0 (2, 4) times (last dc of last X-dc2 is worked in top of turning ch), dc once more in top of turning ch—32 (36, 40) X-dc.
Next Row: Ch 3, turn, *dc in 2nd dc of next X-dc, ch 1, dc in first dc of same X-dc; repeat from * across, dc in top of turning ch. Repeat last row until lower body measures 4½ (5½, 6)", [11.4 (14, 15.2) cm] from underarm, end with a Wrong Side row.
Last Row (Wrong Side): Ch 1, turn, (sc, ch 3, dc) in first dc, (sc, ch 3, dc) in each ch-1 space across, sc in top of turning ch. Fasten off.

SLEEVES (make 2)

Round 1 (Right Side): With Right Side facing, and working across other side of underarm ch, join yarn with slip st in first ch of underarm ch, ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in next 3 ch, dc in each of the skipped armhole sts; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—28 (32, 36) dc.
Round 2: Ch 3, turn, dc in each dc around; join with slip st in top of turning ch.
Repeat last round until sleeve measures 3 (4, 5)", [7.6 (10, 12.7) cm] from underarm, end with a Right Side round.
Next Round (Right Side): Do not turn, ch 3, beginning in first dc, *X-dc2; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of turning ch—14 (16, 18) X-dc.
Last Round: Do not turn, slip st in next dc, (slip st, ch 1, sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-1 space, (sc, ch 3, sc) in each ch-1 space around; join with slip st in first sc.
Fasten off.

FINISHING

Buttonhole Band

Row 1 (Right Side): With Right Side facing, join yarn with slip st in beginning of right front edge, ch 1, work sc evenly spaced across edge. Place 3 markers for button placement evenly spaced across right front edge between neck edge and beginning of lower body.
Row 2: Ch 1, turn, [sc in each sc across to next marker, ch 2, skip next 2 sc (for buttonhole] 3 times, sc in each remaining sc across.
Row 3: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc and ch across. Fasten off.

Buttonband

Row 1 (Right Side): With Right Side facing, join yarn with slip st in beginning of left front edge, ch 1, work sc evenly spaced across edge.
Rows 2 and 3: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

Neck Edging

Row 1 (Right Side): With Right Side facing, join yarn with slip st at beginning of neck edge, sc evenly spaced across neck edge. Fasten off.

Outer Edging

Round 1 (Right Side): With Right Side facing, join yarn with slip st to work across right front edge and neck edge. If you are right-handed, this means you will join in lower right front corner. If you are left-handed, this means you will join in left front corner of neck edge. Ch 1, (sc, ch 3, dc) in same place as join, *skip next 2 sc, (sc, ch 3, dc) in next sc; repeat from * across right front edge and neck edge, ending with sc in last sc. Fasten off.

Sew buttons to buttonband, opposite buttonholes. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

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

4½ (5½, 6)"
[11.4 (14, 15.2) cm]

9" [23 cm]

3 (4, 5)"
[7.6 (10, 12.7) cm]

6 (6½, 7½)"
[15 (16.5, 19) cm]

4½ (5½, 6)"
[11.4 (14, 15.2) cm]

17 (18½, 20)"
[43 (47, 50.8) cm]