



## Checkers Sweater Set

*What little boy wouldn't look picture perfect in this spiffy set? Most of the sweater is worked in single crochet, and bands of double crochet in changing colors accent the design with a collegiate look for your favorite little man.*

Designed by Sharon Mann.

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

**Finished Chest:** 21 (22, 23, 24)".

**Finished Length:** 9½ (9¾, 10, 10¾)".

**Hat circumference:** 15½ (17)".

**RED HEART® "Baby Econo®"** 1 skein each of 1001 White **A**, 1802 Baby Blue **B**, and 1668 Serene Green **C**.

**Crochet Hook:** 5mm [US H-8].

Yarn needle, Three ½" buttons, Sewing needle and matching sewing thread.

**GAUGE:** 14 sc = 4"; 17 rows sc = 4". **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

**To change colors:** Work to last 2 loops on hook of working color, drop working color and pick up new color, pull new color through last 2 loops on hook. Sc rounds are worked in a spiral unless otherwise noted to join at end of round.

### HAT

With **A**, Ch 4, slip st in first ch to form a ring.

**Round 1:** Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 11 dc in ring, slip st in top of ch-3 – 12 dc.

**Round 2:** \*2 sc in next dc, repeat from \* around – 24 sc. Do not join, work in a spiral, marking last st with a split ring marker and move marker up as work progresses.

**Round 3:** \*Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, repeat from \* around – 36 sc.

**Round 4:** Sc in each sc around, slip st in first sc to join.

**Round 5:** Ch 3, dc in next sc, 2 dc in next sc, \*dc in next 2 sc, 2 dc in next sc, repeat from \* around, join with a slip st in top of ch-3 – 48 dc.

**Round 6:** Sc in each dc around.

**Round 7:** Ch 3, dc in next 6 sc, 2 dc in next sc, \*dc in next 7 sc, 2 dc in next sc, repeat from \* around, join with a slip st in top of ch-3 – 54 dc.

### Sizes 18 Months And 24 Months Only

**Round 8:** Ch 3, dc in next 7 sc, 2 dc in next sc, \*dc in next 8 sc, 2 dc in next sc, repeat from \* around, join with a slip st in top of ch-3 – 60 dc. Drop **A** to wrong side to be picked up later. Join **B**.

### All Sizes

**Round 8 (9):** With **B**, ch 3, dc in each st around, join with a slip st in top of ch-3. Drop **B**, join **C**.

**Round 9 (10):** With **C**, ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, \*With **A**, dc in next 3 dc, with **C**, dc in next 3 dc; repeat from \* to last 3 sts, with **A**, dc in last 3 sts, join with a slip st in top of ch-3.

**Round 10 (11):** Working with **A** over **C** sts and working with **B** over **A** sts to create a checkered pattern, ch 3, dc in each dc around, join with a slip st in top of ch-3.

**Rounds 11-12 (12-13):** With **C**, ch 3, dc in each dc around, join with a slip st in top of ch-3.

**Round 13 (14):** Ch 1, sc in each st around, join with a slip st in first sc.

**Round 14 (15):** Ch 3, dc in each st around, join with a slip st in top of ch-3.



**Round 15 (16):** Ch 1, sc in each st around, join with a slip st in first sc.  
Fasten off.

**Ear Flaps (Make 1 with B and 1 with C)**

Starting at top edge, ch 11.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across; turn – 10 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, skip next sc, sc in last sc; turn – 8 sc.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn.

**Rows 5-8:** Repeat rows 3-4 (twice) – 3 sc at end of last row.

**Row 9:** Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in next 2 sc; turn – 2 sc.

**Row 10:** Skip first sc, slip st in next sc, ch 31 for tie.  
Fasten off.

**FINISHING**

**Hat Construction**

Fold bottom of hat up ½” to right side for a brim. Sew flaps to inside of hat on opposite sides.

**Pom Pom**

Wrap **B** 30 times around 4 fingers of one hand. Slide loops off and tie at one end with a separate piece of yarn, cut loops at the other end. Wrap yarn around the top of the tassel several times and weave in ends. Tie pom-pom to the top of hat and trim ends to 1” long.

**SWEATER**

**Back**

With **B**, ch 23 (25, 27, 29).

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across; turn – 22 (24, 26, 28) sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each sc across to last st, 2 sc in last st, turn – 24 (26, 28, 30) sc.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in first sc, sc in each sc across; turn.

**Row 4-7:** Repeat rows 2-3 (twice) – 28 (30, 32, 34) sc at end of last row. Fasten off.

**Row 8:** Ch 5, with wrong side facing, sc in each sc across; ch 5; turn – 38 (40, 42, 44) sts.

**Row 9:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 ch, sc in each sc across, sc in each of next 5 ch; turn – 37 (39, 41, 43) sc.

**Row 10-12:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn.

**Row 13:** With **A**, ch 3, dc in next 2 sc, \*with **C**, dc in next 3 sc, with **A**, dc in next 3 sc; repeat from \* across to last 4 (0, 2, 4) sc; with **A**, dc in next 3 (0, 0, 3) dc, with next color in sequence, dc in last 1 (0, 2, 1) sc; turn.

**Row 14:** Working with **A** over **C** sts and working with **B** over **A** sts, to create a checker pattern, ch 3, dc in each dc across; turn.

**Row 15-37 (15-39, 15-41, 15-44):** With **C**, ch 1, sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

**Right Front**

With **B**, ch 11 (13, 15, 17).

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each st across; turn – 10 (12, 14, 16) sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across; turn – 11 (13, 15, 17) sc.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn.

**Row 4-5:** Repeat rows 2-3 – 12 (14, 16, 18) sc.

**Row 6:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across; turn – 13 (15, 17, 19) sc.

**Row 7:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn. Fasten off

**Row 8:** Ch 6, with wrong side facing, with **B**, starting on right-hand side, sc in each sc across; turn.

**Row 9:** Ch 1, sc in first sc, sc in each sc across, sc in each of next 6 ch sts; turn – 19 (21, 23, 25) sc.

**Rows 10-12:** Repeat row 3.

**Row 13:** With **A**, ch 3, dc in next 2 sc, \*with **C**, dc in next 3 sc, with **A**, dc in next 3 sc; repeat from \* across to last 4 (0, 2, 4) sc; with **A**, dc in next 3 sc, dc in last 1 (0, 2, 1) sc; turn.

**Row 14:** Working with **A** over **C** sts and with **B** over **A** sts, to create a checker pattern, ch 3, dc in each dc across; turn.

**Row 15-26 (15-28, 15-30, 15-32):** With **C**, repeat row 3.

**Row 27 (29, 31, 33):** Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, skip next sc, sc in last sc; turn – 18 (20, 22, 24) sc.

**Row 28 (30, 32, 34):** Ch 1, skip first st, sc in each sc across; turn – 17 (19, 21, 23) sc.

**Rows 29-32 (31-36, 33-40, 35-44):** Repeat rows 27-28 two (3, 4, 5) times – 13 sc.

Work 5 (3, 1, 0) rows even in sc. Fasten off.

**Left Front**

Work as for Right Front reversing all shaping and reversing placement of **B** and **C**.

**Right Sleeve**

With **A**, ch 22 (25, 28, 28).

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each st across; turn – 21 (24, 27, 27) sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 3, dc in each sc across; turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in each dc across; turn.

**Row 4:** Repeat row 2. Drop **A** to wrong side to be picked up later. Join **C**.

**Row 5-10:** With **C**, ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn.

**Row 11:** With **A**, ch 3, dc in next 2 sc, \*with **C**, dc in next 3 sts, with **A**, dc in next 3 sts; repeat from \* across; turn.

**Row 12:** Working with **A** over **C** sts and working with **B** over **A** sts, to create a checker pattern, ch 3, dc in each dc across; turn.



**Row 13:** Ch 1, sc in each dc across; turn.

**Row 14:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each sc across to last st, 2 sc in last st; turn – 23 (26, 29, 29) sc.

**Row 15-23 (15-25, 15-29, 15-29):** Ch 1, sc in each sc across. Fasten off

**Left Sleeve**

Work as for Right Sleeve, reversing placement of **B** and **C**.

**FINISHING**

Sew sleeves in place, matching center top of Sleeve to shoulder seam. Sew side and sleeve seams.

**Neck Edging**

**Row 1:** With right side facing join **B** at beginning of right front neck edge, ch 1, sc evenly to middle of neck in back, with **C**, sc evenly around to beginning of left front neck; turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, \*sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, repeat from \* around, changing to **B** in middle of the neck. Fasten off.

**Button Flaps**

**First Flap**

With wrong side facing, join **C** in end of row 26 (28, 30, 32) on right front edge.

**Row 1:** Ch 1, sc in first 4 sts down right side; turn

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in first sc, ch 2, skip next 2 sc, sc in last sc; turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in first sc, 2 sc in ch-2 space, sc in last sc. Fasten off.

**Second Flap**

With wrong side facing, join **C** in end of row 18 (20, 22, 24) on right front edge. Repeat rows 1-3 of First Flap.

**Third Flap**

With right side facing, join **C** in end of row 22 (24, 26, 28) on left front edge. Repeat rows 1-3 of First Flap.

With sewing needle and sewing thread, sew buttons to front edge opposite button flaps.

**Bottom Border**

With right side facing, join **C** in bottom left-hand corner of left front edge, ch 1, sc evenly around the bottom of left front, back and right front of the sweater, matching color to sweater body. Fasten off.

Weave in ends.



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**ABBREVIATIONS:** **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); \* **or** \*\* = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated; **[ ]** = work directions given in brackets the number of times specified.

