

## Infant Santa Suit \& Hat

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Instructions are for size Small (up to 3 months); changes for Medium (up to 6 months), Large (up to 9 months) and Extra Large (up to 12 months) are in parentheses.

Finished Chest Measurement: 22 (23, 24, 25)".
Hat Circumference: $1411 / 2(151 / 2,161 / 2,17)$ ".
RED HEART® "Soft Yarn": $2(2,3,3)$ balls 9925 Really Red A; 1 ball each 4614 Black B and 4601 Off White C.

Crochet Hook: 5.5 mm [US I-9].
Yarn needle; sewing needle and thread; seven $5 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ black buttons.

GAUGE: 14 sts $=4^{\prime \prime} ; 15$ rows $=4^{\prime \prime}$ in sc. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

## Special Abbreviations

inc (increase) $=2 \mathrm{sc}$ in next sc.
dec (decrease) = draw up a loop in next 2 sc, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

## SANTA SUIT

Left Leg-Cuff
With B, ch 15 (15, 17, 17).
Row 1 (Right Side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn - $14(14,16,16)$ sc.

Rows 2 and 3: * Ch 1, inc in first sc, sc in each sc to last sc, inc in last sc; turn - $18(18,20,20)$ sc at end of Row 3.

Sizes Small and Medium Only-Row 4: Repeat Row 2 changing to $\mathbf{A}$ in last sc - 20 sc . Cut $\mathbf{B}$.

Sizes Large and Extra Large Only-Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each sc across changing to A in last sc; turn. Cut B.

All Sizes-Next Row: Ch 1, sc in each sc to last sc, inc in last sc; turn - 21 sc.
Repeat last row $15(17,19,21)$ more times - $36(38,40$, 42) sc. Fasten off.

## Right Leg

Work the same as for the Left Leg except do not fasten off.

## Join Legs for Body

Continuing on Right Leg, ch 1, sc in each sc across, ch 3, with right side facing, sc in each sc across Left Leg; turn.

Next Row: Ch 1, sc in each sc and each ch across; turn $75(79,83,87)$ sc.
Work even in sc for $11(12,13,14)$ more rows changing to $\mathbf{B}$ in last sc of last row. For Belt with B work 4 rows even in sc changing to $\mathbf{A}$ in last sc of last row. With $\mathbf{A}$ work 13 (14, 15,16 ) more rows even end by working a wrong side row.

## Divide for Fronts and Back Right Front

Ch 1, sc in first $16(17,18,19)$ sc; turn. Work even in sc on these sts for $15(17,19,21)$ more rows. Fasten off.
Shape Neck: Skip first $8(8,9,9) \mathrm{sc}$, join $\mathbf{A}$ in next sc; ch 1, sc in same sc and in each sc across; turn.
Next Row: Ch 1, sc in $6(6,7,7)$ sc, dec. Fasten off.

## Back

With right side facing, skip next 4 sc of last long row; join A in next sc; ch 1 , sc in same sc and in next $34(36,38,40)$
sc; turn - $35(37,39,41)$ sc. Work even in sc on these sts for $17(19,21,23)$ more rows. Fasten off.

## Left Front

With right side facing skip next 4 sc of last long row; join A in next sc; ch $1, \mathrm{sc}$ in same sc and in each sc to end; turn $-16(17,18,19)$ sc. Work even in sc for $15(17,19,21)$ more rows.
Shape Neck: Ch 1, sc in first $8(8,9,9)$ sc; turn.
Next Row: Ch 1, dec, sc in last $6(6,7,7)$ sc. Fasten off.

## Assembly

Sew shoulder seams across $8(8,9,9)$ sts. Sew inseam of Legs, leaving the 3 sc of crotch free.

## Front Bands

Row 1: With right side facing, join $\mathbf{C}$ at corner of Left Front; ch 1, work sc evenly down Left Front, across the 3 sts at crotch and up the Right Front; turn.
Row 2: Mark positions for 7 evenly-spaced buttonholes. Ch 1, sc in each sc to marker working dec at each inside corner at crotch, [ch 3, skip 2 sc, sc to next marker] 6 times, ch 3, skip 2 sc, sc in each sc to end; turn.
Row 3: Ch 1, [sc in each sc to ch-3 space, 2 sc in ch-3 space] 7 times, sc in each sc to top of Right Front dec as before at crotch to keep work flat; do not turn, but pivot to work collar.

## Collar

Row 1: Ch 1, work sc evenly across neck edge and across bands; turn.
Rows 2-5: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn. Fasten off.

## Sleeves

Round 1: With right side facing, join $\mathbf{A}$ at center of armhole; ch 1 , work $35(39,43,47)$ sc evenly spaced around armhole; join with a slip st to first sc; turn.

Round 2: Ch 1, dec at each end of round; join; turn - 33 (37, 41, 45) sc.
Repeat last round $1(2,2,3)$ times more $-31(35,37,39)$ sc.
Next Decrease Round: Ch 1, dec at each end of round; join; turn

Next 2 Rounds: Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join; turn.
Sizes Small and Medium Only: Repeat last 3 rounds until 19 sc remain changing to $\mathbf{C}$ in last sc of last round. Cut A. Work 2 rounds even. Repeat Decrease Round - 17 sc. Work 1 round even. Fasten off.

Sizes Large and Extra Large Only: Repeat last 3 rounds until 21 sc remain. Work 1 round even changing to $\mathbf{C}$ in last sc. Cut A. Work 1 round even. Repeat Decrease Round - 19 sc. Work 2 rounds even. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends. Sew on buttons opposite buttonholes.

## HAT

Round 1: With A, ch 2; 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with a slip st to first sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, [inc] 3 times; join - 6 sc.
Round 3: Ch 1, [sc in next sc, inc] 3 times; join - 9 sc.
Round 4: Ch 1, [sc in next $2 \mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{inc}] 3$ times; join - 12 sc .
Round 5: Ch 1, [sc in next $3 \mathrm{sc}, \mathrm{inc}] 3$ times; join - 15 sc .
Round 6: Ch 1, [sc in next 4 sc, inc] 3 times; join - 18 sc.
Rounds 7-17 (7-18, 7-19, 7-20): Continue in this manner, increasing 3 sc every round and working one more sc between increases until there are $51(54,57,60)$ sc.

Rounds 18-26 (19-30, 20-34, 21-38): Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join. Change to $\mathbf{C}$ in last sc of last round. Cut A. With C, work 5 rounds even in sc. Fasten off.

## Ball Adornment

Round 1: With C, ch 2; 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with a slip st to first sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, [inc] 3 times; join - 6 sc.
Round 3: Ch 1, [inc] 6 times; join - 12 sc.
Round 4: Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join.
Round 5: Ch 1, [dec] 6 times; join - 6 sc. Stuff ball with extra C yarn to make it puffy.

Round 6: Ch 1, [dec] 3 times; join - 3 sc. Fasten off.
Attach Ball Adornment to tip of hat. Weave in ends.

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ABBREVIATIONS: A, B, C = color A, B, C; ch = chain; dec = decrease; $\mathbf{m m}=$ millimeters; $\mathbf{s c}=$ single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); yo = yarn over; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.


Join here for Buttonband for right-handers; the opposite side for left-handers.

Diagram after stitching inseams and shoulders.
$22(23,24,25) "$
Diagram showing the garment, before folding over the legs and stitching the inseams and shoulders.

