



First Steps Hoodie

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Directions are for size 3-6 months. Changes for sizes 12 months, 18 months and 24 months are in parentheses.

Finished Chest: 22, (24, 26, 28)''

Finished Length: 11 (12, 13, 14)''

RED HEART® "Soft Baby Steps®": 3 balls 9980 Princess Smart Print.

Knitting Needles: 4.5mm [US 7], 5mm [US 8] **Circular Needles:** 4.5mm [US 7], 5mm [US 8], 24'' long. Stitch holders, Yarn needle, Pompom maker.

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4''; 24 rows = 4'' in Stockinette stitch.
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the specified gauge.

Stitch Definition

Seed Stitch

Row 1 (Right Side): [K1, p1] across.

Row 2: [P1, k1] across.

Repeat Rows 1-2 for Seed st.

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Back

With smaller needles, cast on 44 (48, 52, 56) sts.

Work in Seed st for 4 rows, end with a wrong side row.

Change to larger size needles and work in St st until piece measures 11 (12, 13, 14)'', end with a wrong side row.

Next Row: Bind off 13 (14, 15, 16) sts, knit center 18 (20, 22, 24) sts and slip to a stitch holder, bind off remaining sts.

Front

Work as for Back until piece measures 8 (9, 10, 11)'' from beginning, end with a wrong side row.

Shape Neck

Next Row (Right Side): K20 (22, 24, 26) sts, k2tog, join second ball of yarn, k2tog, work across row.

Working both sides at same time with separate balls of yarn, dec 1 st at neck edge every row 8 (9, 10, 11) times – 13 (14, 15, 16) sts each side.

Work until piece measures same length as Back to Shoulders.

Bind off.

Sleeves

With smaller needles, cast on 24 (24, 28, 28) sts.

Work in Seed St for 8 rows, end with a wrong side row.

Change to larger needles and St st, inc 1 st each side every other row 6 (8, 8, 10) times – 36 (40, 44, 48) sts.

Work even until piece measures 6 1/2 (7 1/2, 8 1/2, 10 1/2)'' from beginning.

Bind off.

FINISHING

Sew Shoulders.

Hood

With right side facing and smaller circular needle, join yarn at Right Front neck edge, pick up and knit 14 sts along Front Neck edge to Back Neck, work 18 (20, 22, 24) sts from Back Neck stitch holder, pick up and knit 14 sts along Left Front Neck edge – 46 (48, 50, 52) sts.



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Switch to larger needles.
Work in St st until Hood measures 10 (10½, 11, 11½)".
Bind off.
Fold Hood in half along bind-off edge and sew together.

Edging

With right side facing and smaller needle, pick up and knit 86 (90, 94, 98) sts around front edge of Hood.
Work in Seed St for 4 rows.
Bind off.

Measure and mark 4½ (5, 5½, 6)" down from Shoulders on Front and Back. Sew top of Sleeves between markers.
Sew side and Sleeve seams.
Weave in ends.

Make pompom and sew to tip of Hood.



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ABBREVIATIONS: **dec** = decrease; **inc** = increase;
K = knit; **k2tog** = knit 2 together; **mm** = millimeters;
P = purl; **St st** = Stockinette stitch; **st(s)** = stitch(es);
[] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

