





KNIT SKILL LEVEL **EASY**

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What you will need:

RED HEART* Baby Hugs Medium ™: 2 (2, 3, 3) balls 4909 Ladybug A, 1 ball 4001 Frosting B

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 5.5mm [US 9]

Susan Bates® split lock stitch markers

Stitch holders, three ³/₄" (2 cm) buttons, sewing needle and matching thread, spare needle for three-needle bindoff, yarn needle

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4" (10 cm); 32 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Garter st. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® Baby Hugs™ Medium, Art E404 Oeko-Tex

Certified 100% Acrylic baby yarn available in 4.5 oz (127 g) 247 yds (225 m) balls

SHOP KIT





This cute cardigan style sweater is easy to knit in garter stitch. Contrast stripes are added for style and the hood is attached for quick changing weather. Knit it with this tested yarn to help ensure baby's comfort.

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

Finished Chest: 20 (22, 24, 26)" (51 (56, 61, 66) cm)

Finished Length: 10½ (12, 13½, 15)" (26.5 (30.5, 34.5, 38) cm)

SPECIAL STITCHES

M1 (Make 1) = Increase 1 st by picking up the strand between sts, twisting it into a loop, and knitting (or purling) it

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

Three-Needle Bind-off: Hold both pieces to be joined in your left hand, needles parallel to each other, one in front of the other, with right sides facing each other. Hold a third, empty needle in your right hand. Insert right needle knitwise into the first st on both front and back needles, and knit them together. Work the next pair of sts the same way, then pass first st on right needle over second st. Continue in this manner until all sts have been bound off.

BACK

With **A**, cast on 40 (44, 48, 52) sts and work in Garter st (knit every row) for 8 rows, beginning on right side.

Knit 4 rows with ${\bf B}$, 2 rows with ${\bf A}$, and 4 rows with ${\bf B}$.

Knit evenly with $\bf A$ until piece measures $10\frac{1}{2}$ (12, $13\frac{1}{2}$, 15)" (26.5 (30.5, 34.5, 38) cm).

Cut yarn and place all sts on a holder.

LEFT FRONT

With **A**, cast on 23 (25, 27, 29) sts and work in Garter st for 8 rows, beginning on right side.

Knit 4 rows with **B**, 2 rows with **A**, and 4 rows with **B**.

For Boys' Version Only

Knit evenly with $\bf A$ until piece measures $5\frac{1}{2}$ (7, $8\frac{1}{2}$, 10)" (14 (18, 21.5, 25.5) cm), ending with a wrong-side row. Make Buttonholes

Next row (buttonhole row, right side):

Knit to last 3 sts, yo, k2tog, k1.

Make a buttonhole the same way every 8 rows twice more – 3 buttonholes made.

For Both Girls and Bovs

Knit evenly with $\bf A$ until piece measures $8\frac{1}{2}$ (10, $11\frac{1}{2}$, 13)" (21.5 (25.5, 29, 33) cm), ending with a right-side row.

Neck Shaping

Next 4 rows:

Row 1: (wrong side): Bind off 8 sts, knit to end – 15 (17, 19, 21) sts.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: K2tog, knit to end - 14 (16, 18, 20) sts.

Row 4: Knit.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 only 4 more times – 10 (12, 14, 16) sts.

Knit evenly across remaining 10 (12, 14, 16) sts until piece measures same as back in length.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail, and place all sts on a holder.

RIGHT FRONT

With **A**, cast on 23 (25, 27, 29) sts and work in Garter st for 8 rows, beginning on right side.

Knit 4 rows with **B**, 2 rows with **A**, and 4 rows with **B**.

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For Girls' Version Only

Knit evenly with $\bf A$ until piece measures $5\frac{1}{2}$ (7, $8\frac{1}{2}$, 10)" (14 (18, 21.5, 25.5) cm), ending with a wrong-side row. Make Buttonholes

Next row (buttonhole row, right side):

K1, k2tog, yo, knit to end.

Make a buttonhole the same way every 8 rows twice more – 3 buttonholes made.

For Both Girls and Boys

Knit evenly with $\bf A$ until piece measures $8\frac{1}{2}$ (10, $11\frac{1}{2}$, 13)" (21.5 (25.5, 29, 33) cm), ending with a wrong-side row.

Neck Shaping

Next 4 rows:

Row 1: (right side): Bind off 8 sts, knit to end – 15 (17, 19, 21) sts.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: K2tog, knit to end – 14 (16, 18, 20) sts.

Row 4: Knit.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 only 4 more times - 10 (12, 14, 16) sts.

Knit evenly across remaining 10 (12, 14, 16) sts until piece measures same as back in length.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail, and place all sts on a holder.

Shoulder Seaming

Join Fronts to Back at shoulders using three-needle bind-off and working from the outside (shoulder edge) inward. Leave center 20 sts on back on holder for hood.

SLEEVES

Place a marker at outer edge of fabric 4½ (5, 5½, 6)" (11.5 (12.5, 14, 15) cm) below shoulder on both back and fronts – 4 markers placed.

With **A** and right side facing, pick up and knit 36 (40, 44, 48) sts between markers, and work in Garter st for 7 (5, 7, 7) rows.

Next row (decrease row, right side): K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 - 34 (38, 42, 46) sts.

Repeat this decrease every 8 (6, 8, 8) rows 5 (7, 7, 9) more times, and at the same time when sleeve measures 4 (5, 6, 8)" (10 (12.5, 15, 20.5) cm), and beginning on a right side row, work 4 rows with **B**, 2 rows with **A**, and 4 rows with **B**.

Complete sleeve shaping with **A** and continue evenly until sleeve measures 6 (7, 8, 10)" (15 (18, 20.5, 25.5) cm) – 24 (24, 28, 28) sts at cuff.

Bind off all sts.

Work other sleeve the same.

HOOD

With **A**, and beginning and ending 1" (2.5 cm) (4 sts) from inner front edges, pick up and knit 12 sts up right front neck edge, k20 from back holder, then pick up and knit 12 sts down left front neck edge - 44 sts.

Row 1 (wrong Side): K22, M1 and mark st just made, k22 - 45 sts.

Row 2: Knit to marked st, M1, k1, M1, knit to end - 47 sts.

Row 3: Knit.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 only 7 (8, 9, 10) more times – 61 (63, 65, 67) sts. Knit evenly until hood measures $7\frac{1}{2}$ (8, $8\frac{1}{2}$, 9)" (19, (20.5, 21.5, 23) cm), ending with a wrong side row.

Slide half the sts to a spare needle, and seam top of hood using 3-needle bind off, ending with lone center st.

FINISHING

Sew side and sleeve seams. Sew buttons opposite buttonholes.

Weave in all loose ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B = Color A, Color B; dec = decrease;
k = knit; k2tog = knit next 2 sts together;
st(s) = stitch (es); yo = yarn over.

See next page for schematics













