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RED HEART

KNIT
SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft Essentials Stripes™: 3 (3, 4, 4) balls
Jungle Stripe 7935

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 5mm [US 8] and 6mm [US 10]

Yarn needle, four 1⅛" (27mm) buttons, sewing needle and thread for attaching buttons

GAUGE: 14 sts = 4" (10 cm); 18 rows = 4" (10 cm) in St st on larger needles. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge given.**

5 BULKY

RED HEART® Soft Essentials Stripes™, Art. E857 available in 4 oz (113 g), 110 yd (101 m) balls

SHOP KIT

Soft Essentials Knit Baby Cardigan

Keep baby cozy in this classic cardigan. Soft Essentials yarn has a great hand and works up quickly. We love this cardigan so much we made a crochet version too! Search for LM5610 to find it.

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

To fit chest: 17 (18, 19, 20)"
[43 (46, 48, 51) cm]
Finished Chest: 20 (21¼, 25, 27½)"
[51 (54, 63, 70) cm]
Finished Length: 11¼ (13, 14¼, 15)"
[29 (33, 36, 38) cm]

NOTES
This cardigan is worked in five pieces from the bottom up and seamed. Button bands and neckline are knit at the same time directly onto the seamed garment.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS
Kfb: knit into the front and back of the stitch (increase 1)
Ptbl: purl the stitch through the back loop
Ktbl: knit the stitch through the back loop

BACK
With smaller needles, cast on 34 (38, 42, 46) sts.
Set-Up Row: K2, *p2, k2; repeat from * across.
Row 1 (Right Side): P2, *k2, p2; repeat from * across.
Row 2: K2 *p2, k2; repeat from * across.
Repeat Rows 1-2 two (two, two, four) times.

Change to larger needles.
Row 1 (Right Side): Knit across.
Rows 2-5: Knit across.
Row 6: Purl across.
Row 7: Knit across.
Row 8: Purl across.
Repeat Rows 1-8 five (six, seven, seven) times.
Next Row: Knit across.
Bind off all sts. Break yarn, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail.

LEFT FRONT
With smaller needles, cast on 14 (14, 18, 22) sts.
Set-Up Row: K2, *p2, k2; repeat from * across.
Row 1 (Right Side): P2, *k2, p2; repeat from * across.
Row 2: K2 *p2, k2; repeat from * across.
Repeat Rows 1-2 two (two, two, four) times.

Change to larger needles.
Row 1 (Right Side): Knit across.
Rows 2-5: Knit across.
Row 6: Purl across.
Row 7: Knit across.
Row 8: Purl across.
Repeat Rows 1-8 two (three, four, four) times.

Shape Front Slope
Row 1 (Right Side): Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 — 13 (13, 17, 21) sts.
Rows 2-4: Knit across.
Row 5: Repeat Row 1 — 12 (12, 16, 20) sts.
Row 6: Purl across.
Row 7: Knit across.
Row 8: Purl across.
Repeat Rows 1-8 two times — 8 (8, 12, 16) sts.
Next Row: Knit across.
Bind off all sts. Break yarn, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail.

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RIGHT FRONT

With smaller needles, cast on 14 (14, 18, 22) sts.
Set-Up Row: K2, *p2, k2; repeat from * across.
Row 1 (Right Side): P2, *k2, p2; repeat from * across.
Row 2: K2 *p2, k2; repeat from * across.
Repeat Rows 1-2 two (two, two, four) times.

Change to larger needles.
Row 1 (Right Side): Knit across.
Rows 2-5: Knit across.
Row 6: Purl across.
Row 7: Knit across.
Row 8: Purl across.
Repeat Rows 1-8 two (three, four, four) times.

Shape Front Slope

Row 1 (Right Side): K1, ssk, knit to end of row — 13 (13, 17, 21) sts.
Rows 2-4: Knit across.
Row 5: Repeat Row 1 — 12 (12, 16, 20) sts.
Row 6: Purl across.
Row 7: Knit across.
Row 8: Purl across.
Repeat Rows 1-8 two times — 8 (8, 12, 16) sts.
Next Row: Knit across.
Bind off all sts. Break yarn, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail.

SLEEVES (make 2)

With larger needles, cast on 18 (20, 20, 22) sts.

Size 6 months only:
Row 1 (Right Side): K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 — 20 sts.
Rows 2-8: Knit across.
Repeat Rows 1-8 three times.

Repeat Row 1 once more — 28 sts.
Knit 5 rows.

Size 12 months only:
Row 1 (Right Side): K1, kfb, knit across to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 — 22 sts.
Rows 2-9: Knit across.
Repeat Rows 1-9 three times.
Repeat Row 1 once more — 30 sts.
Knit 7 rows.

Size 18 months only:
Row 1 (Right Side): K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 — 22 sts.
Rows 2-7: Knit across.
Repeat Rows 1-7 five times.
Repeat Row 1 once more — 34 sts.
Knit 6 rows.

Size 24 months only:
Row 1 (Right Side): K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 — 24 sts.
Rows 2-9: Knit across.
Repeat Rows 1-9 five times.
Repeat Row 1 once more — 36 sts.
Knit 3 rows.

All sizes:
Bind off all sts. Break yarn, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail.

FINISHING

With yarn needle sew shoulder seams, side seams, and sleeve seams. Sew sleeves to body.

Neck Edging & Buttonhole Band

With smaller needles and Right Side facing, join yarn at lower corner of Right Front.
Pick up and knit 87 (105, 117, 129) sts evenly along Right Front, Back Neck, and Left Front.

Set-Up Row: Ptbl 3, *ktbl 3, ptbl 3; repeat from * across.
Row 1 (Right Side): K3, *p3, k3; repeat from * across.
Row 2: P3, *k3, p3; repeat from * across.
Repeat Rows 1-2 one (one, two, two) time(s).
Buttonhole Row 1 (Right Side): Work in K3, P3 rib pattern to last 24 sts, *bind off next 3 purl sts, k3; repeat from * 3 (3, 3, 3) times.
Buttonhole Row 2: *P3, cast on 3 sts over buttonhole bind-off of previous row; repeat from * 3 (3, 3, 3) times, work in K3, P3 rib pattern as established to end of row.
Repeat Rows 1-2 two (two, three, three) times.
Repeat Row 1 once more.
Bind off all sts purlwise. Break yarn, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail.

Weave in all loose ends. Mark button placement in corresponding purl rib welts on the Right Front button band. Sew buttons in place using sewing needle and thread. Block as desired.

ABBREVIATIONS

k = knit; **k2tog** = knit the next 2 sts together; **mm** = millimeters; **p** = purl; **ssk** = slip, slip, knit; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **St st** = Stockinette stitch; **yo** = yarn over; * = rep whatever follows the * as indicated

See next page for schematic and alternate photo

LEFT FRONT

11¼ (13, 14¼, 15)" [29 (33, 36, 38) cm]

4 (4, 5¼, 6)" [10 (10, 13, 15) cm]

8½ (9, 10¼, 11)" [22 (23, 26, 28) cm]

SLEEVE

6½ (7½, 9, 10½)" [17 (19, 23, 27) cm]

5½ (6, 6, 6½)" [14 (15, 15, 17) cm]

BACK

11¼ (13, 14¼, 15)" [29 (33, 36, 38) cm]

10 (11¼, 12½, 13½)" [25 (29, 32, 34) cm]