



Let's Play Knit Vest

Knit a cute little vest for an active baby in easy-care yarn that mommy will love. Make one in each size and watch baby grow into each new size.

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

Finished Chest: 20 (22, 24, 28)".

Finished Length: 10 (11, 12, 14)".

RED HEART® "Soft Baby Steps®": 1 (2, 2, 3) balls 9932 Puppy Print.

Knitting Needles: 4.5mm [US 7] and 5mm [US 8].
Stitch holders, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 17 sts = 4"; 23 rows = 4" in St st using larger needle. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

ssk = slip next two stitches knitwise to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of sts, knit these sts together through back loop.

VEST

Back

With smaller needles, cast on 44 (48, 52, 60) sts. Work in K1, p1 rib for $\frac{3}{4}$ ", end with a wrong side row. Change to larger needles and work in St st until piece measures 5 (5½, 6, 6½)" from beginning, end with a wrong side row.

Shape Armholes

Bind off 2 sts at beginning of next 6 (6, 6, 8) rows, then 1 st at beginning of next 0 (2, 2, 2) rows – 32 (34, 38, 42) sts. Work even until Armhole measures 4½ (5, 5½, 6)", end with a wrong side row.

Shape Neck

Next Row (Right Side): K10 (10, 11, 11) sts, slip center 12 (14, 16, 20) sts to a stitch holder for Back Neck, join a second ball of yarn and knit to end of row – 10 (10, 11, 11) sts each side. Working both sides at same time with separate balls of yarn, decrease 1 st at each Neck edge once – 9 (9, 10, 10) sts each side. Work even until Armhole measures 5 (5½, 6, 6½)". Bind off.

Front

With smaller needles, cast on 44 (48, 52, 60) sts. Work as for Back until piece measures 2 rows before beginning of Armhole shaping, end with a wrong side row.

Shape Armholes and Neck

Next Row (Right Side): K21 (23, 25, 29) sts, slip center 2 sts to a stitch holder for Front Neck, join a second ball of yarn and work to end of row – 21 (23, 25, 29) each side. Working both sides at same time with separate balls of yarn, shape Armholes same as for Back. **AT SAME TIME**, decrease 1 st each Neck edge every other row 1 (1, 1, 4) times, then every 4th row 5 (6, 7, 6) times – 9 (9, 10, 10) sts each side.



Work even until Armhole measures same length as Back to Shoulder.
Bind off.

FINISHING

Sew left shoulder seam.

Neckband

With right side facing and smaller needles, join yarn at Neck edge of right shoulder, pick up and knit 2 sts down Back Neck edge, knit across 12 (14, 16, 20) sts from Back Neck stitch holder, pick up and knit 2 sts up Back Neck edge, pick up and knit 20 (20, 22, 24) sts down left Front Neck edge, place marker, k2tog from Front Neck stitch holder, pick up and knit 19 (21, 23, 25) sts up right Front Neck edge – 56 (60, 66, 74) sts.

Working in K1 p1 rib, work 1 row.

Decrease Row (Right Side): Work in K1, p1 rib to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, k1, ssk, work to end of row.

Repeat Decrease Row every other row until piece measures ¾".

Bind off in rib.

Sew right shoulder seam and Neckband.

Armhole Bands

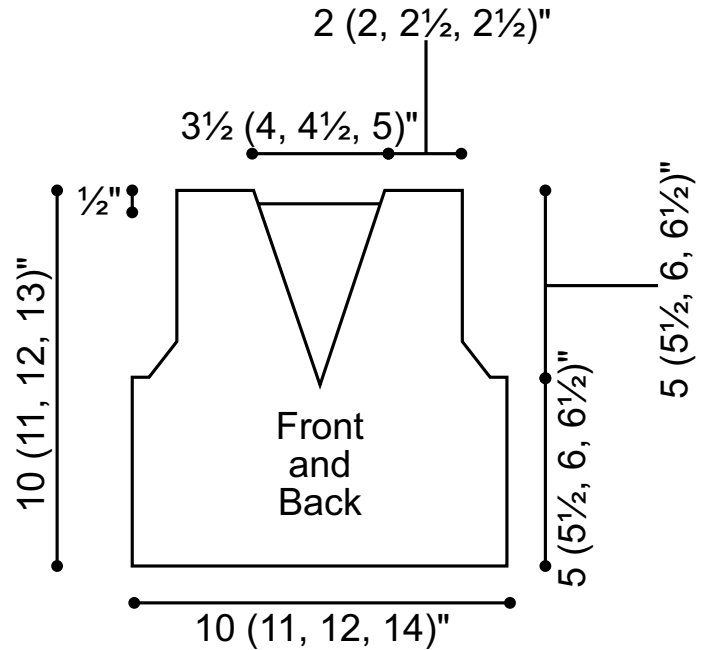
With right side facing and smaller needles, join yarn at Armhole edge and pick up and knit 48 (52, 56, 62) sts evenly around Armhole edge.

Work in K1, p1 rib for ¾".

Bind off in rib.

Repeat for opposite Armhole.

Sew side seams. Weave in ends.



RED HEART® “Soft Baby Steps®”, Art. E746 available in solid color 5 oz (142 g), 256 yd (234 m); multi color 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m) and smart print 3 Oz (85 g), 153 yd (140 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit 2 sts together; **mm** = millimeters; **p** = purl; **St st** = Stockinette stitch; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tog** = together.