



# Baby's Holiday Vest and Socks

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**Vest Sizes:** 6 (12, 18, 24) months  
**Finished Chest:** 20 (22, 24½, 27)"  
**Length:** 10 (11, 12, 13)"

**Sock Sizes:** S (M, L)  
**Finished Foot Length:** 3½ (4, 4½)"

**RED HEART® "Heart and Sole®":** 2 (3, 3, 4) skeins 3973 Christmas.

**Knitting Needles:** Vest - 3.25mm [US 3] straight and 16" circular and 3.5mm [US 4] straight. **Socks** - 3.25mm [US 3] and 3.5mm [US 4] double pointed needles. Stitch holders, stitch markers, yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 28 sts and 36 rows = 4" in St st on size US 4 (3.5mm) needle. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needle to obtain the gauge given.**

## Special Abbreviation:

**SSK (slip, slip, knit)** = Slip next 2sts knitwise, one at a time, onto right needle; insert point of left needle into fronts of these 2 stitches and knit them together from this position.

## VEST

### Back

With smaller needles, cast on 70 (78, 86, 94) sts.

**Next row (WS):** (P2, k2) across row, ending with p2.

**Next row:** (K2, p2) across row, ending with k2. Repeat last 2 rows for ¾ (¾, 1, 1)", ending with a WS row.

Change to larger needles and work in St st until back measures 5 (5½, 6, 6½)", ending with a WS row.

**Shape Armhole:** Bind off 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows, 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows, 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows and 1 st at beginning of next 4 rows [44 (52, 60, 68) sts]. Work even in St st until armhole measures 4½ (5, 5½, 6)", ending with a WS row.

**Shape Back Neck:** K13 (15, 17, 19) sts, slip center 18 (22, 26, 30) sts on holder, attach another ball of yarn and knit remaining 13 (15, 17, 19) sts. Working both sides at the same time, dec 1 st at each neck edge every row 3 times [10 (12, 14, 16) sts]. Work even until armhole measures 5 (5½, 6, 6½)". Bind off.

### Front

With smaller needles, cast on 70 (78, 86, 94) sts. Work same as for Back until 2 rows before armhole shaping.

**Neck Shaping (RS):** K34 (38, 42, 46), slip next 2 sts onto a holder or safety pin. Join second ball of yarn and knit remaining 34 (38, 42, 46) sts. Working both sides at the same time, shape as Back for armholes AND AT THE SAME TIME dec 1 st at each neck edge every 3rd row 11 (13, 15, 17) times [10 (12, 14, 16) sts]. Work even until piece measures same as Back to shoulders. Bind off.



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**Finishing**

Sew shoulders seams.

**Knit armhole bands:** With smaller needles and RS facing, pick up 74 (82, 90, 98) sts. Work p2, k2 rib as for bottom of vest for  $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Bind off in rib.

**Neckband:** With smaller circular needle and RS facing, starting at right shoulder seam, pick up 4 sts down right back neck, knit across 18 (22, 26, 30) sts on holder, pick up 4 sts up left back neck, 38 (42, 46, 50) sts down left front neck, k2 sts at bottom of front neck, placing a marker between the two sts, then pick up 38 (42, 46, 50) sts up right front neck edge [104 (116, 128, 140) sts]. Place different color marker on needle to note beginning of round. Working in the round, work k2, p2 rib around entire neck.

**Next round:** Work in rib to 2 sts before marker at bottom of neck, k2tog, slip marker, ssk, work in rib to end of round. Next round: Work in rib. Repeat the last 2 rounds until neck band measures  $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Bind off in rib. Sew side seams. Weave in ends.

**SOCKS**

With smaller double-pointed needles, cast on 32 (36, 40) sts loosely. Divide sts onto 3 needles. Place marker at beginning of round and join, being careful not to twist. Work in k2, p2 rib for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  (3,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ )", changing to larger needles on last row.

**Heel flap:** On next needle, slip sts so that there are 16 (18, 20) sts on first needle and rest of stitches divided between 2nd and 3rd needles for instep. Working only on the needle with 16 (18, 20) sts, work heel flap as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** (Slip 1, k1) to end.

**Row 2 (WS):** Slip 1, purl to end.

Repeat last 2 rows for a total of 16 (18, 20) rows, ending with Row 2.

**Turn heel**

**Row 1 (RS):** Slip 1, k8 (10, 10), ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** Slip 1, p3 (5, 3), p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 3:** Slip 1, k4 (6, 4), ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 4:** Slip 1, p5 (7, 5), p2tog, p1, turn.

Continue in this manner until all the sts on the ends of the needle have been worked [10 (12, 12)] sts. End with a WS row.

**Pick up sts for gusset:** Knit 5 (6, 6) sts of heel. Using free needle, knit across remaining 5 (6, 6) sts of heel and with same needle, pick up 9 (9, 11) sts along edge of heel flap (needle 1). Slip 16 (18, 20) instep sts onto 1 needle

and knit across (needle 2). With free needle, pick up 9 (9, 11) along edge of heel flap and knit next 5 (6, 6) sts of heel (needle 3). Starting at center of heel, there are 14 (15, 17) sts on needle 1, 16 (18, 20) sts on needle 2, and 14 (15, 17) sts on needle 3.

**Gusset**

**Round 1:** Knit.

**Next round:** Knit to last 3 sts of needle 1, k2tog, k1; k16 (18, 20) sts of needle 2, k1, ssk, knit to end of needle 3. Repeat the last 2 rounds until there are 8 (9, 10) sts on needles 1 and 3, and 16 (18, 20) sts on needle 2 [32 (36, 40) sts]. Work even until foot measures 3 ( $3\frac{1}{2}$ , 4)" or  $\frac{1}{2}$ " less than desired total length.

**Toe**

**Next round:** (K2, k2tog) around [24 (27, 30) sts]. Knit 1 round.

**Next round:** (K1, k2tog) around [16 (18, 20) sts]. Knit 1 round.

**Next round:** K2tog around [8 (9, 10) sts]. Cut yarn and thread tail through remaining sts and pull. Fasten off. Weave in ends.



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**ABBREVIATIONS:** k = Knit; **K2tog** = Knit next 2 sts together; mm = millimeters; p = Purl; **P2tog** = purl next 2 sts together; **RS** = Right side; **St** = Stockinette stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); **tog** = together; **WS** = Wrong side; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* or \*\* = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated.

