



KNIT  
SKILL LEVEL  
EASY

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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Soft®:** 2 (2, 3) balls  
4420 Guacamole A, 1 (1, 2) balls  
5142 Cherry Red B

**Susan Bates® Knitting Needles:**  
4.5mm [US 7] straight, 16" (40.6  
cm) circular and set of 4 double-  
pointed needles; 3.75 mm [US 5]  
straight and 16" (41 cm) circular  
needles

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:**  
4.25 mm [US G-6]

Stitch markers, yarn needle, three  
½" buttons

**GAUGE:** 20 sts = 4" (10 cm)  
and 28 rows = 4" (10 cm) in  
stockinette st using larger needles.  
**CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any  
size needles to obtain the gauge.



**RED HEART® Soft®,**  
Art. E728 available in  
solid color 5 oz (141 g),  
256 yd (234 m), print 4 oz (113 g),  
204 yd (187 m), and heather 4 oz  
(113 g), 212 yd (194 m) balls.

SHOP KIT



# Santa's Baby Elf

*Your little charmer will be ready for the  
holidays in this darling polka dot sweater with  
matching stocking hat. Knit them in red and  
green for a classic Christmas look or in any  
colors you wish—but be sure to take a photo  
of this memorable ensemble!*

Directions are for size 3 months. Changes for  
sizes 6 and 9-12 months are in parentheses.

**Finished Chest:** 20 (22, 24)" [51 (56, 61) cm].

**Finished Hat Circumference:** 13 (13½, 14½)"  
[33 (34, 37) cm].

## SWEATER

### Back

With larger needles and **B**, cast on 54 (58, 62)  
sts. Work in garter st (knit every row) for 5  
rows, ending with a wrong side row. Change  
to **A** and St st and work 6 (8, 10) rows.

**Next (decrease) row (right side):** K2, ssk, knit  
to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—2 sts decreased.  
Repeat decrease row every 8th row 4 (0,  
0) more times, then every 10th row 0 (4, 0)  
more times, then every 12th row 0 (0, 4) more  
times—44 (48, 52) sts.

Work even until piece measures 9½, (10,  
10½)" [24 (25, 27) cm], ending with a wrong  
side row.

### Shape Armholes

Bind off 3 (3, 3) sts at beginning of next  
2 rows —38 (42, 46) sts. Work even until  
armholes measure 3½ (4, 4½)" [9 (10, 11)  
cm], ending with a wrong side row. Bind off.

### Left Front

With larger needles and **B**, cast on 26 (30, 34)  
sts. Work in garter st for 5 rows, ending with  
a wrong side row. Change to **A** and St st and  
work 6 (8, 10) rows.

**Next (decrease) row (right side):** K1, ssk, knit  
to end—1 st decreased.

Repeat decrease row every 8th row 4 (0, 0)  
more times, then every 10th row 0 (4, 0) more  
times, then every 12th row 0 (0, 4) more  
times—21 (25, 29) sts.

Work even until piece measures 9½, (10,  
10½)" [24 (25, 27) cm], ending with a wrong  
side row.

### Shape Armholes

Bind off 3 (3, 3) sts at beginning of next row  
—18 (22, 26) sts. Work even until armholes  
measure 1½ (2, 2½)" [4 (5, 6) cm], ending  
with a right side row.

### Shape Neck

Bind off 4 (5, 6) sts at beginning of next row.  
Decrease 1 st at neck edge every other row 4  
(5, 6) times—10 (12, 14) sts.  
Work even until armholes measure 3½ (4,  
4½)" [9 (10, 11) cm], ending with a wrong side  
row. Bind off.

### Right Front

Work as for Left Front, reversing all shaping.

### Sleeves

With larger needles and **B**, cast on 36 (40,  
44) sts. Work 5 rows of garter st, ending with  
a wrong side row. Change to **A** and St st and  
work even until piece measures 5½ (6, 6½)"  
[14 (15, 16) cm], ending with a wrong side  
row. Bind off.

## FINISHING

Block pieces to measurements. Sew shoulder  
seams. Set in sleeves, sew side and sleeve  
seams.

### Neckband

With smaller needles and **B**, RS facing,  
beginning at Right Front neck, pick up and knit  
50 (54, 58) sts. Knit 7 rows. Work in St st for 6  
rows. Bind off.

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### Button Band

With smaller needles and **B**, RS facing, pick up and knit 55 (57, 59) sts along center Left Front. Knit 6 rows. Bind off.

### Buttonhole Band

With smaller needles and **B**, RS facing, pick up and knit 55 (57, 59) sts along center Right Front. Knit 2 rows.

**Next row (wrong side):** K3, yo, k2tog, \*k6, yo, k2tog; repeat from \* once, knit to end of row. Knit 3 rows. Bind off.

Weave in ends. Sew buttons opposite buttonholes.

### HAT

With smaller circular needle and **B**, cast on 64 (68, 72) sts. Place marker and join, being careful not to twist. Work in garter st (knit 1 round, purl 1 round) for 7 rounds. Change to larger circular needle and **A**. Work in St st until piece measures 8 (9, 10)" [20 (23, 25) cm].

### Shape Crown

**Note:** Change to double-pointed needles when necessary.

**Next (decrease) round:** \*K14 (15, 16), k2tog, place marker; repeat from \* around—4 sts decreased.

Work in St st for 4 rounds.

**Next (decrease) round:** \*Knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog; repeat from \* around—4 sts decreased.

Repeat last decrease round every 5 rounds until 8 sts remain. Cut yarn, draw through remaining sts, pull tight and secure.

## FINISHING

### Pompom

With **B**, make a pompom using a small piece of cardboard or pompom maker. Sew to tip of hat.

Crochet Circles (make 20 or number desired)  
With crochet hook and **B**, ch 4 and join into a ring.

**Round 1:** Ch 3 (counts as dc), 7 dc in ring, join with a slip st to beginning ch-3.

**Round 2:** Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in each dc around, join with a slip st. Fasten off.

Using photo as a guide, sew circles in place on sweater and hat as shown. Weave in ends.

### ABBREVIATIONS

ch= chain; dc = double crochet; k = knit; k2tog = knit two stitches together; p = purl; sl = slip; ssk = slip, slip, knit; St st = stockinette stitch; st(s) = stitch (es); yo = yarn over; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.

