

Happy Baby

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★ *Suitable for Beginners.*

Directions are for newborn to 3 months; changes for 6 to 9, 12, and 18 to 24 months are in parentheses.

RED HEART® “Soft Baby”, Art. E705 (7 ounce solid/6 ounce multicolor skeins): **Set of Cardigan and Pants:** 4½ (5, 5¼, 5½) Ounces No. 7588 Lilac **CA**, 3¼ (3½, 3¾, 4) ounces No. 7624 Lime **CB**, and ¾ (1, 1¼, 1½) ounces No. 7958 Frolic **CC**.

Knitting Needles: U.S. Sizes 3 [3.25 mm] and 6 [4mm].
Cardigan: Three stitch holders; six ½" buttons; sewing needle and thread. **Pants:** One yard ½" elastic; sewing needle and thread. **Both:** Yarn needle.

GAUGE: 22 sts = 4"; 30 rows = 4" in St st on larger needles. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

To Fit Chest: 16 (18, 20, 22)".

Finished Chest Measurement: 19 (21, 23, 25)" – buttoned.

CARDIGAN

BACK: With smaller needles and **CA**, cast on 53 (57, 63, 69) sts. Work in ribbing as follows: **Row 1 (Right Side):** K1, * P1, K1; rep from * across. **Row 2:** P1, * K1, P1; rep from * across. Rep Rows 1 and 2 for 1¼", end Row 2.

Change to larger needles and **CB**, and work in St st, beg K row, until 8½ (9½, 10½, 12)" from beg, end P row.

Shape Shoulders: Bind off 15 (16, 18, 20) sts, K23 (25, 27, 29) including st on needle after bind-off and put these sts on a holder, bind off rem 15 (16, 18, 20) sts.

RIGHT FRONT: ** With smaller needles and **CA**, cast on 23 (25, 29, 31) sts. Work in ribbing same as back for 1¼", inc 1 (1, 0, 1) st on last row, end Row 2 – 24 (26, 29, 32) sts. **

Change to larger needles and **CB**, and work in St st, beg K row, until 7 (8, 9, 10½)" from beg, end K row.

Shape Neck: Work across first 18 (19, 21, 23) sts, turn and put rem 6 (7, 8, 9) sts on a holder. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 3 rows – 15 (16, 18, 20) sts. Work a few rows even until front measures same as back to shoulder, end P row. Bind off.

LEFT FRONT: Work same as right front from ** to **. Change to larger needles, **CC**, and St st, beg K row, and work Stripe pat of 4 rows **CC**, 4 rows **CB**. Complete to correspond to right front, reversing neck shaping by ending with a P row.

LEFT SLEEVE: *** With smaller needles and **CA**, cast on 27 (27, 29, 29) sts. Work in ribbing, same as back for 1¼", inc 4 (6, 6, 8) sts evenly spaced on last row, end Row 2 – 31 (33, 35, 37) sts. Change to larger needles, **CB**, and St st, beg K row, shaping sides by inc 1 st each end of 3rd

(3rd, 5th, 7th) row, then every 4 (4, 6, 8)th row until there are 41 (45, 47, 49) sts. Work even until 5 (6½, 7½, 9)" from beg, end P row. Bind off.

RIGHT SLEEVE: Work same as left sleeve EXCEPT work in Stripe pat same as for left front.

FINISHING-Neckband: Sew shoulder seams. With right side facing, smaller needles and **CA**, K6 (7, 8, 9) sts on holder at right front, pick up and K10 sts up right neck edge, K23 (25, 27, 29) sts from back holder, pick up and K10 sts down left neck edge, K6 (7, 8, 9) sts on holder at left front – 55 (59, 63, 67) sts. Work in ribbing same as back, beg Row 2, for 6 rows. Bind off loosely in ribbing.
Button Band: With right side facing, smaller needles and **CA**, pick up and K49 (55, 61, 69) sts across right front for girls or left front for boys. Work in ribbing same as for back, beg Row 2, for 6 rows. Bind off in ribbing.

Buttonhole Band: Mark positions for 6 buttonholes on rem front, the first and last ¼" from top and bottom edges, and 4 more evenly spaced between. Work same as button band until 2 rows of ribbing are completed.
Buttonhole Row: [Rib to marker, bind off 2 sts] 6 times, rib to end. **Next Row:** [Rib to bind-off, turn, cast on 2 sts, turn] 6 times, rib to end. Work 2 more rows in ribbing. Bind off as before. Sew buttons to button band to correspond to buttonholes.

Mark fronts and back ¾ (4, 4¼, 4½)" down from shoulder seams. Place center of sleeve top at shoulder seam and sew in place between markers. Sew side and sleeve seams.

PANTS

LEGS (Make 2): With smaller needles and **CB**, cast on 39 (43, 49, 55) sts. Work in ribbing, same as for cardigan back for 1¼", inc 5 sts evenly spaced on last row, end Row 2 – 44 (48, 54, 60) sts. Change to larger needles, **CA**, and St st, beg K row, shaping sides by inc 1 st each end of 5th row, then every 4 (4, 6, 8)th row until there are 58 (64, 68, 74) sts. Work even until 6½ (8, 9½, 10½)" from beg, end P row.

Shape Crotch: Bind off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows – 50 (56, 60, 66) sts. Work even until 1½ (15, 17½, 19)" from beg, end P row and dec 1 st on last row – 49 (55, 59, 65) sts. **Waistband:** Change to smaller needles and **CB** and work in ribbing as before for 1½". Bind off loosely in ribbing.

FINISHING: Sew center front and back seams; sew leg seams. Cut elastic to waist measurement plus ½"; overlap ends by ½" and sew ends together to form a circle. Fold ribbing in half to wrong side over the circle of elastic and sew in position.

ABBREVIATIONS: **CA, CB, CC** = Color A, Color B, Color C; **beg** = beginning; **K** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl; **pat** = pattern; **rep** = repeat; **St st** = Stockinette stitch (K 1 row; P 1 row); **st** = stitch; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

