



## Knit Baby Ruffles Dress

Directions are for size 18 months; changes for sizes 24, 36, and 48 months are in parentheses.

RED HEART® “Soft Baby®”: 1 skein each 7680 New Mint **CA** and 7737 Powder Pink **CB**

**Knitting Needle:** 4mm [US 6].  
Stitch holder, yarn needle, 2 buttons, sewing needle and thread.

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

**To Fit Chest:** 20 (22, 24, 26)”.

**BACK-Lower Ruffle:** \*\* With **CA**, cast on 110 (120, 130, 140) sts. Join **CB** and Knit 2 rows. With **CA**, Knit 2 rows. With **CB**, Knit 2 rows. Cut **CB**. Continue with **CA** only in St st, beg K row, until approximately 3 (3½, 4, 4½)” from beg, end P row.

**Last Row:** \* K2tog; rep from \* across – 55 (60, 65, 70) sts. \*\*

Work even for 2¼ (2¾, 3¼, 3¾)”, end K row. Put sts on a holder.

**Center Ruffle:** With **CB**, cast on 110 (120, 130, 140) sts. Join **CA** and Knit 2 rows. With **CB**, Knit 2 rows. With **CA**, Knit 2 rows. Cut **CA**. Continue with **CB** only in St st, beg K row, until approximately 3 (3½, 4, 4½)” from beg, end P row.

**Last Row:** \* K2tog; rep from \* across – 55 (60, 65, 70) sts.

**Join Lower and Center Ruffles:** Transfer sts of lower ruffle from holder to the extra needle. With wrong sides facing you and lower ruffle closest to you, hold center ruffle behind lower ruffle and Purl 1 st from each needle together at the same time across the row – 55 (60, 65, 70) sts.

Work even for 2¼ (2¾, 3¼, 3¾)”, end K row. Put sts on a holder.

**Top Ruffle:** Work same as lower ruffle from \*\* to \*\*. Join to assembled ruffles as before, holding top ruffle behind assembled ruffles.

**Shape Armholes:** Bind off 6 (6, 8, 8) sts at beg of next 2 rows – 43 (48, 49, 54) sts.

**Next Row:** K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K to last 3 sts; K2tog, K1.

**Next Row:** Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 1 (1, 2, 2) more times – 39 (44, 43, 48) sts.

**Divide for Neck/Tabs:** K1, sl 1, K1, pssso, K6 (7, 7, 8), K2tog, turn and put remaining sts on a holder. Dec 1 st at each end of every row until 6 sts remain. Bind off. (**Note:** Straps will be sewn to these tabs on Back; buttons will be sewn to these tabs on Front.)

With right side facing, join yarn and bind off center 17 (20, 19, 22) sts, K1, pass the first st on right needle over the K st, K6 (7, 7, 8), K2tog, K1. Complete to correspond to first side.

**FRONT:** Work same as Back.



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**STRAPS (Make 2):** With **CA**, cast on 26 (30, 32, 34) sts.

With **CB**, Knit 2 rows.

With **CA**, Knit 2 rows making buttonhole on 2nd row by Knitting to the last 4 sts; yo, K2tog, K2.

With **CB**, Knit 2 rows.

With **CA**, Knit 1 row. Bind off with **CA**.

**FINISHING:** Sew side and ruffle seams. Sew closed ends (NOT the buttonhole ends) of straps to back tabs. Sew buttons to front tabs.



**RED HEART® “Soft Baby®”,** Art.E705  
solids - 7 oz, 575 yds; prints, multis &  
twinkles - 6 oz, 430 yds

**ABBREVIATIONS:** **CA, CB** = Colors A, B; **beg** = beginning;  
**dec** = decrease; **K** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl;  
**pssso** = pass the slipped st over; **rep** = repeat; **sl** = slip;  
**st(s)** = stitch(es); **St st** = Stockinette stitch (Knit on right side row; Purl on wrong side row.); **tog** = together;  
**yo** = yarn over; \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.