

RED HEART GIRL'S SWEATER DRESS *Designed by Jodi Lewanda* | KNIT



KNIT | SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

ABBREVIATIONS

Beg = Beginning
Cont = Continue(ity)
Dec = Decreasing
K = Knit
K2tog = Knit next 2 stitches together
M1L = Make 1 stitch by picking up horizontal loop lying before next stitch and knitting into back of loop
M1R = Make 1 stitch by picking up horizontal loop lying before next stitch from back to front and knitting into front of loop.

P = Purl
P2tog = Purl next 2 stitches together
P2togtbl = Purl next 2 stitches together through back loops
Rem = Remaining
Rep = Repeat
St(s) = Stitch(es)
Ssk = Slip next 2 stitches knitwise one at a time. Pass them back onto left-hand needle, then knit through back loops together.

MATERIALS

Sizes	2	4	6	8	years
Red Heart® Super Saver Fair Isle™ (5 oz/141 g; 236 yds/215 m)	2	2	3	3	balls
Contrast A Fair Isle Derby (7251)	2	2	3	3	balls
Red Heart® Super Saver® (Solid: 7 oz/198 g; 364 yds/333 m)					
Contrast B Fair Isle Calm (0311)	1	1	1	1	ball

Size U.S. 7 (4.5 mm) knitting needles **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Stitch markers. Stitch holders.

SIZES

Finished chest measurement

2 yrs	23" [58.5 cm]
4 yrs	25" [63.5 cm]
6 yrs	27½" [70 cm]
8 yrs	29½" [75 cm]

Finished Length

2 yrs	18½" [47 cm]
4 yrs	20" [51 cm]
6 yrs	21" [53.3 cm]
8 yrs	22½" [57 cm]

GAUGE

18 sts and 24 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stocking stitch.

INSTRUCTIONS

The instructions are written for smallest size. If changes are necessary for larger sizes the instructions will be written thus (). When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. For ease in working, circle all numbers pertaining to your size.

BACK

With A, cast on **68 (72-78-82)** sts. Beg on WS, work 5 rows in garter stitch (knit every row).

Work 2 rows in stocking stitch (knit on RS, purl on WS), ending on a WS row.

Next row: (Decrease row). (RS). K1. ssk. Knit to last 3 sts. K2tog. K1. **66 (70-76-80)** sts.

Cont in stocking st and rep Decrease row every **8 (10-10-12)** rows 7 times more and **AT THE SAME TIME**, when piece measures **12 (13-13¾-14¾)" [30.5 (33-35-37.5) cm]**, change to B.

When all dec are complete, work even in stocking st until piece measures **13½ (14½-15¼-16½)" [34.5 (37-38.5-42) cm]**, ending on a WS row. **52 (56-62-66)** sts.

Note: The size you are making determines whether the yarn color change occurs before or after all decreases are complete.

Shape armholes: Cont with B, **1st row:** (RS). Cast off **4 (4-4-5)** sts. Knit to end of row. **48 (52-58-61)** sts.

2nd row: Cast off **4 (4-4-5)** sts. Purl to end of row. **44 (48-54-56)** sts.

3rd row: (Decrease row). K1. ssk. Knit to last 3 sts. K2tog. K1. **42 (46-52-54)** sts.

4th row: Purl. Rep 3rd and 4th rows 3 times more. **36 (40-46-48)** sts.

Work even in stocking st until armholes measure **4½ (5-5¼-5½)" [11.5 (12.5-13.5-14) cm]**, ending on a WS row.

Shape Back Neck and Shoulders

Mark center **20 (22-24-24)** sts.

1st row: (RS). Cast off **4 (4-6-6)** sts. Knit to first marker for right shoulder. Slip next **20 (22-24-24)** sts on st holder for back neck. Join another ball of B and knit to end of row for left shoulder. **4 (5-5-6)** sts for right shoulder and **8 (9-11-12)** sts for left shoulder.

2nd row: (WS). Cast off **4 (4-6-6)** sts. Purl across left shoulder. Cast off 1 st at right neck and then purl across right shoulder. **3 (4-4-5)** sts for right shoulder and **4 (5-5-6)** sts for left shoulder.

3rd row: Cast off rem **3 (4-4-5)** sts of right shoulder. Cast off 1 st at left neck and then knit across left shoulder. **3 (4-4-5)** sts for left shoulder.

4th row: Cast off rem **3 (4-4-5)** sts of left shoulder.

FRONT

Work same as Back until armholes measure **2½ (3-3¼-3½)" [6.5 (7.5-8.5-9) cm]**, ending on a WS row.

Shape Front Neck: Mark center **8 (10-12-12)** sts.

1st row: (RS). Knit to first marker for left shoulder. Slip next **8 (10-12-12)** sts on holder for front neck. Join another ball of B and knit to end of row for right shoulder. **14 (15-17-18)** sts rem for each shoulder.

2nd row: Purl. **3rd row:** Knit across left shoulder. Cast off 2 sts at neck edge of right shoulder and then knit to end of row.

4th row: Purl across right shoulder. Cast off 2 sts at neck edge of left shoulder and then purl to end of row. **12 (13-15-16)** sts rem for each shoulder.

5th and 6th rows: Rep 3rd and 4th rows once more. **10 (11-13-14)** sts rem for each shoulder.

7th row: Knit across left shoulder. Cast off 1 st at neck edge of right shoulder and then knit to end of row.

8th row: Purl across right shoulder. Cast off 1 st at neck edge of left shoulder and then purl to end of row. **9 (10-12-13)** sts rem for each shoulder.

9th to 12th rows: Rep 7th and 8th rows twice more. **7 (8-10-11)** sts rem for each shoulder.

Shape Shoulders

1st row: (RS). Cast off **4 (4-6-6)** sts. Knit across left shoulder. Knit across right shoulder.

2nd row: Cast off **4 (4-6-6)** sts. Purl across right shoulder. Purl across left shoulder. **3 (4-4-5)** sts rem for each shoulder.

3rd row: Cast off rem **3 (4-4-5)** sts of left shoulder. Knit across right shoulder.

4th row: Cast off rem **3 (4-4-5)** sts of right shoulder.

SLEEVES

With A, cast on **30** (**36-36-38**) sts. Work 3 rows in garter stitch.

Beg with knit row, work 2 rows in stocking st.

Increase row: (RS). K1. M1L. Knit to last st. M1R. K1. **32** (**38-38-40**) sts.

Rep Increase row every 6 rows **4** (**0-0-0**) times, then every 8 rows, **2** (**5-6-6**) times more and then every 10 rows **0** (**1-1-1**) time(s), **AT THE SAME TIME**, when piece measures **8** (**9½-10-11**)" [**20.5**, (**24-25.5-28**) cm], change to B. **44** (**50-52-54**) sts.

Work even in stocking st until piece measures **9½** (**11-11½-12½**)" [**24** (**28-29-32**) cm], ending on a WS row.

Shape Cap

1st row: (RS). Cast off **4** (**4-4-5**) sts. Knit to end of row. **40** (**46-48-49**) sts.

2nd row: Cast off **4** (**4-4-5**) sts. Purl to end of row. **36** (**42-44-44**) sts.

3rd row (decrease row): K1. ssk. Knit to last 3 sts. K2tog. K1. **34** (**40-42-42**) sts.

4th row: Purl.

5th to 18th (**22nd**, **24th**, **26th**) **rows:** Rep 3rd and 4th rows **7** (**9-10-11**) times more. **20** (**22-22-20**) sts.

Next row: (decrease row – RS). K1. ssk. Knit to last 3 sts. K2tog. K1. **18** (**20-20-18**) sts.

Next row: (decrease row – WS): P1. P2tog. Purl to last 3 sts. P2togtbl. P1. **16** (**18-18-16**) sts. Rep last 2 rows **1** (**1-1-0**) time(s) more. **12** (**14-14-16**) sts. Cast off rem sts.

FINISHING

Pin all pieces to measurements. Cover with a damp cloth leaving cloth to dry. Sew left shoulder seam.

Neck Edging

With RS facing and B, beg at right shoulder seam, pick up and knit 2 sts along right back, **K20** (**22-24-24**) across back neck sts. Pick up and knit 1 st along left back and 15 sts along left front, **K8** (**10-12-2**) across front neck sts. Pick up and knit 15 sts along right front. **61** (**65-69-69**) sts. Knit 4 rows (garter stitch). Cast off loosely.

Sew right shoulder seam.
Sew sleeves into armholes.
Sew sleeve and side seams.



