



Easy Knit Baby-to-Toddler Cardi

Make this wear-anywhere sweater in any color so that baby will always have the perfect layer to keep cozy and comfortable. We've included sizes 12 months to 4 years so you can make a new sweater as baby grows.

Designed by Red Heart Design Team.

Directions are for size 12 months. Changes for sizes 18 months, 24 months, and 4 years are in parentheses.

To Fit: 18 (19, 20, 23)"

Finished Chest: 23 (24, 25, 26)"

Finished Length: 11 (12, 13, 14)"

Red Heart® Baby TLC™: 3 (3, 5, 5) balls 5960 Strawberry Orange.

Knitting Needles: 5mm [US 8] straight needles, 5mm [US 8] circular needle 24" long
Stitch markers, one ¾" button, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 18 sts = 4"; 24 rows = 4" in St st (knit on Right Side, purl on Wrong Side). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

Special Stitch

M1 = Make 1 (Increase) – Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and work strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole, [knit or purl as indicated by pattern st].

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Back

Cast on 49 (53, 53, 59) sts.

Ribbing

Row 1 (Right Side): K1, *p1, k1; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 2 (Wrong Side): P1, *k1, p1: repeat from * to end of row.

Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 1" from beginning, end with a Wrong Side row.

Next Row (Right Side): Knit.

Next Row (Wrong Side): Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows, for St st (knit on Right Side, purl on Wrong Side), until piece measures 11 (12, 13, 14)" from beginning, end with a Wrong Side row. Bind off.

Left Front

Cast on 27 (27, 29, 29) sts.

Work same as back ribbing until piece measures 1" from beginning, end with a Wrong Side row.

Work even in Stockinette st until piece measures 8 (9, 10, 11)" from beginning, end with a Right Side row.

Shape Neck

Next Row (Wrong Side): Bind off 4 sts (neck edge), purl to end of row—23 (23, 25, 25) sts.

Next Row (Right Side): Knit.

Next Row: Bind off 2 sts, purl to end of row—21 (21, 23, 23) sts.

Next Row: Knit.

Repeat last 2 rows 2 (2, 3, 3) more times—17 sts.

Next Row: Bind off 1 st, purl to end of row—16 sts.

Next Row: Knit.

Repeat last 2 rows 2 (2, 1, 0) more time(s)—14 (14, 15, 16) sts remain.

Work even in St st, until piece measures same as back. Bind off.



Right Front

Cast on 27 (27, 29, 29) sts.
 Work same as back ribbing until piece measures 1" from beginning, end with a Wrong Side row.
 Work even in Stockinette st until piece measures 8 (9, 10, 11)" from beginning, end with a Wrong Side row.
Shape Neck
Next Row (Right Side): Bind off 4 sts (neck edge), knit to end of row—23 (23, 25, 25) sts.
Next Row (Wrong Side): Purl.
Next Row: Bind off 2 sts, knit to end of row—21 (21, 23, 23) sts.
Next Row: Purl.
 Repeat last 2 rows 2 (2, 3, 3) more times—17 sts.
Next Row: Bind off 1 st, knit to end of row—16 sts.
Next Row: Purl.
 Repeat last 2 rows 2 (2, 1, 0) more time(s)—14 (14, 15, 16) sts remain.
 Work even in Stockinette st, until piece measures same as back. Bind off.

Sleeves (Make 2)

Cast on 26 (28, 28, 30) sts.
 Work same as back ribbing until piece measures 1" from beginning, end with a Right Side row.
Next Row (Wrong Side): Purl.
Next Row: Knit.
Next Row: Purl.
Next Row: K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1—28 (30, 30, 32) sts.
 Repeat last 4 rows 9 (10, 11, 11) more times—46 (50, 52, 54) sts.
 Work even in Stockinette st until piece measures 8 (8½, 9, 10)" from beginning. Bind off.

FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams.
Neckband
Row 1: With Right Side facing and circular needle, beginning at right front edge, pick up and k59 (61, 63, 65) sts evenly spaced across neck edge.
Row 1 (Wrong Side): P1, *k1, p1: repeat from * to end of row.
Row 2 (Right Side): K1, *p1, k1; repeat from * to end of row. Repeat last 2 rows once more. Bind off in ribbing pattern.
Buttonband
 With Right Side facing, pick up and k41 (43, 47, 51) sts evenly spaced across right front edge. Work ribbing as for neckband. Bind off in ribbing pattern.
Buttonhole band
 With Right Side facing, pick up and k41 (43, 47, 51) sts evenly spaced across left front edge.
Row 1 (Wrong Side): Work Row 1 of neckband ribbing.
Row 2 (buttonhole row): K1, p1, yo, k2tog, k1, *p1, k1; repeat from * to end of row.
Rows 3 and 4: Work Rows 1 and 2 of neckband ribbing. Bind off in ribbing pattern.
 Place markers on side edges of fronts and back, 5 (5½, 5½, 6)" from shoulder seam. Sew top of sleeves between markers. Sew side and sleeve seams. Sew button to right front edge opposite buttonhole. Weave in ends.



Red Heart® Baby TLC™, Art 258 available in solid color 5 oz (141g), 258 yd (328m) and Multicolor 4 oz (113g), 242 yd (222m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: k = knit; k2tog = knit next 2 sts together; p = purl; yo = yarn over; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

