



KNIT  
SKILL LEVEL  
INTERMEDIATE

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## What you will need:

### RED HEART® Buttercup®:

1 (2, 2, 2, 2) balls 4270 White  
**A**, 1 (1, 2, 2, 2, 2) balls 4721  
Ballet Slipper **B**, and 1 ball  
4512 Pool **C**

### Susan Bates® Knitting

**Needles:** 6.5mm [US 10½],  
plus one extra needle for  
three-needle bind off

2 stitch holders, yarn needle

**GAUGE:** 11 sts = 4" [10 cm];  
17 rows = 4" [10 cm] in St st.

**CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use  
any size needles to obtain the  
gauge given.



**RED HEART®**  
**Buttercup®**, Art  
N396 available in  
1.76 oz (50 g), 63 yd (57 m)  
balls

SHOP KIT



# Sweet Stripes Tunic

Made in soft and fluffy Buttercup yarn, this tunic will be loved by little girls everywhere! Switch up the stripe colors to her favorites to be sure to make a top she'll want wear all the time.

Directions are for children's size 2.  
Changes for sizes 4, 6, 8, and 10 are in parentheses.

**To Fit Chest:** 22 (24, 26, 28, 30)" [56 (61, 66, 71, 76) cm]

**Finished Chest Measurement:** 23 (25, 27, 29, 31)" [58.4 (63.5, 68.5, 73.5, 78.7) cm]

**Length:** 14 (15, 17, 18, 20)" [35.5 (38, 43, 45.7, 50.8) cm]

## NOTES

Work Buttercup® yarn loosely, especially cast on and bind off rows.

Work first two rows in K1, P1 rib, if desired, to create a hem.

## Special Technique

**3-Needle Bind-Off =** Hold needles of stitches to be seamed parallel and with Right Sides together. With 3rd needle knit together first stitch from each needle, \*knit together next stitch from each needle, pass first stitch over 2nd stitch and off right needle; repeat from \* until all stitches have been knit from the 2 parallel needles and only one stitch remains on the right needle. Fasten off.

## Special Abbreviations

**ssk (slip, slip, knit) =** slip next two stitches knitwise to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of sts, knit these sts together through back loop.

## VEST Back

With **B**, cast on 30 (34, 36, 38, 42) sts.

**Work 10 (10, 12, 12, 14) rows in St st in the following order: B, A, C, A, B, A.**

AT THE SAME TIME, work until piece measures 9½ (10, 12, 12½, 14)" [24 (25.4, 30.4, 31.75, 35.5) cm].

Bind off 2 (3, 3, 3, 4) sts at beginning of next two rows – 26 (28, 30, 32, 34) sts.

**Next Right Side row:** K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 24 (26, 28, 30, 32) sts.

Repeat this row on next 2 (3, 3, 3, 4)

Right Side rows – 20 (20, 22, 24, 24) sts.

## Shape Back Neck

**When 8 (8, 10, 10, 12) rows have been worked in final A repeat:**

**Next row:** K5 (5, 6, 6, 6) sts, bind off next 10 (10, 10, 12, 12) sts, k5 (5, 6, 6, 6) sts.

**Next row:** Purl across, working each shoulder with separate balls of yarn. Place shoulder sts on st holders.

## Front

With **B**, cast on 30 (34, 36, 38, 42) sts.

**Work 10 (10, 12, 12, 14) rows in St st in the following order: B, A, C, A, B, A.**

AT THE SAME TIME, work until piece measures 9½ (10, 12, 12½, 14)" [24 (25.4, 30.4, 31.75, 35.5) cm].

Bind off 2 (3, 3, 3, 4) sts at beginning of next two rows – 26 (28, 30, 32, 34) sts.

**Next Right Side row:** K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 24 (26, 28, 30, 32) sts.

Repeat this row on next 2 (3, 3, 3, 4)

Right Side rows – 20 (20, 22, 24, 24) sts.

Work in St st until piece measures 10 (11, 13, 14, 16)" [25.5 (28, 33, 35.5, 40.5) cm], ending with a Wrong Side row.

## Shape Front Neck

**Row 1:** K6 (6, 7, 7, 7), bind off center 8 (8, 8, 10, 10) sts, k6 (6, 7, 7, 7) sts.

**Row 2:** Purl across, working each shoulder with separate balls of yarn.

**Row 3 (dec):** On first set of shoulder sts, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1; on second set of shoulder sts, k1, ssk, knit to end of row – 5 (5, 6, 6, 6) sts each shoulder.

Work even until Front is same length as Back.

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## FINISHING

Join shoulders with 3-needle bind off.  
Sew side seams. Weave in all loose ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B, C** = Colors A, B, C; **K** = knit; **k2tog** = knit the next 2 sts together; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = Purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es);  
**St st** = Stockinette stitch; \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.

