



KNIT
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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Toddler's Baseball Jersey

Whether he's off to his first big league baseball game or dressing for a day at daycare, he'll be the best-dressed slugger in town! We've knit this cardigan with comfortable, easy-care yarn so he'll wear it often.

What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft®: 1 (2, 2, 2) balls 9440 Light Grey Heather **A**, 1 ball 4604 Navy **B**, 1 ball 4600 White **C**

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 5mm [US 8] and 4.5mm [US 7]

Stitch markers, four ¾" (19mm) buttons, yarn needle

GAUGE: 17 sts = 4" (10 cm); 23 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Stockinette st (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) with larger needles. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® Soft®, Art. E728 available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m), print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m), and heather 4oz (113g), 212 yd (194m) balls

SHOP KIT

Directions are for size 2 years.
Changes for sizes 4 years, 6 years, and 8 years are in parentheses.

To Fit Chest: 21 (23, 25, 27)"/53.5 (58.5, 63.5, 68.5) cm

Finished Chest: 25 (27, 29, 31)" (63.5 (68.5, 73.5, 78.5) cm)

Finished Length: 10½ (12¾, 13¾, 15½)" (26.5 (32.5, 35, 39.5) cm)

Special Stitches

pfb (Purl into front and back) = Purl next st but do not remove from needle, purl into back loop of same st and remove from needle.

ssk = Slip next 2 stitches, one at a time as if to knit, to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of sts, knit these sts together through back loop.

Stripe Pattern

*Work 8 rows with **A**, 2 rows with **B**; repeat from * for Stripe Pattern.

Notes

1. Body of jersey is worked in one piece, beginning at left edge.
2. Piece is divided at neck and Back and Front halves worked at the same time with separate balls of yarn. Roll **A** and **B** into two separate balls, if needed, before beginning.
3. The color is changed, as specified in Stripe Pattern, throughout the Body and Sleeves to create stripes.
4. Sleeves are worked separately and sewn to Body.
5. You may wish to use circular needles, working back and forth in rows as if working with straight needles, to accommodate the width of the Body fabric.

BODY

With larger needles and **A**, cast on 45 (54, 58, 66) sts, place a marker on needle, cast on 45 (54, 58, 66) more sts – 90 (108, 116, 132) sts. Slip marker as you come to it.

With **A**, work in Stockinette st (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) for 8 rows.

With **B**, work in Stockinette st for 2 rows. Continue to work in Stockinette st and change color as in Stripe Pattern until piece measures about 4 (3¾, 4¼, 4¾)" (10 (9.5, 11, 12) cm) from beginning, end with a wrong side row.

Divide at Neck

Notes

1. The piece is now divided to begin neck.
2. Continue to change color as in Stripe Pattern throughout remainder of Body

Row 1 (right side): Knit to marker for back, remove marker, join a 2nd ball of yarn, bind off next 2 sts, knit to end of row for left front—45 (54, 58, 66) back sts and 43 (52, 56, 64) left front sts.

Left Front and Back

Note: Left front and back are now worked at the same time using the separate balls of yarn.

Row 2: Purl to last 3 left front sts, p2tog, p1; Purl across back sts—42 (51, 55, 63) left front sts.

Row 3: Knit across back sts; Bind off first 2 left front sts, knit to end of left front sts—40 (49, 53, 61) left front sts.

Row 4: Purl to last 3 left front sts, p2tog, p1; Purl across back sts—39 (48, 52, 60) left front sts.

Repeat last 2 rows 0 (4, 2, 0) more times—39 (36, 46, 60) front sts.

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Row 5 (13, 9, 5): Knit across back sts; Bind off first 3 left front sts, knit to end of left front sts—36 (33, 43, 57) left front sts.

Row 6 (14, 10, 6): Purl to last 3 left front sts, p2tog, p1; Purl across back sts—35 (32, 42, 56) front sts.

Repeat last 2 rows 3 (1, 3, 5) more times—23 (28, 30, 36) sts left front sts.

Row 13 (17, 17, 17): Knit across back sts; Bind off all left front sts and fasten off 2nd ball of yarn.

Right Front and Back

Row 1 (right side): With 2nd ball of yarn, cast on 23 (28, 30, 36) sts for right front following the back sts remaining on needle—45 (54, 58, 66) back sts and 23 (28, 30, 36) right front sts.

Row 2: Purl to last 2 right front sts, pfb, p1; Purl across back sts—24 (29, 31, 37) right front sts.

Row 3: Knit across back sts; Cast on 3 sts at beginning of right front sts, knit to end of right front sts—27 (32, 34, 40) right front sts.

Repeat last 2 rows 3 (1, 3, 5) more times—39 (36, 46, 60) right front sts.

Row 10 (6, 10, 14): Purl to last 2 right front sts, pfb, p1; Purl across back sts—40 (37, 47, 61) right front sts.

Row 11 (7, 11, 15): Knit across back sts; Cast on 2 sts at beginning of right front sts, knit to end of right front sts—42 (39, 49, 63) right front sts.

Repeat last 2 rows 0 (4, 2, 0) more time(s)—42 (51, 55, 63) right front sts.

Row 12 (16, 16, 16): Purl to last 2 right front sts, pfb, p1; Purl across back sts—43 (52, 56, 64) right front sts.

Row 13 (17, 17, 17) (joining row): Knit across back sts; using the 2nd ball of yarn cast on 2 sts at beginning of right front sts, then using ball of yarn attached to back sts, knit to end of right front sts—45 (54, 58, 66) right front sts, 90 (108, 116, 132) total sts. Cut 2nd ball of yarn.

Work even in Stockinette st over all 90 (108, 116, 132) sts, and continue to change color as in Stripe Pattern, until piece measures about 4 (3¾, 4¼, 4¾)" (10 (9.5, 11, 12) cm) from back and right front joining row, end with a wrong side row. Bind off.

SLEEVES (make 2)

Body

With larger needles and **A**, cast on 13 (18, 18, 18) sts.

Work in Stockinette st and change color as in Stripe Pattern until piece measures about 10 (12, 13, 14)" (25.5 (30.5, 33, 35.5) cm) from beginning. Bind off.

Cuff

Row 1 (right side): With right side facing, larger needles and **C**, pick up and k42 (52, 56, 60) sts evenly spaced across one side edge of sleeve body—42 (52, 56, 60) sts.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3 (decrease row): K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1—40 (50, 54, 58) sts. Repeat last 2 rows 6 (10, 11, 12) more times—28 (30, 32, 34) sts.

Work even in Stockinette st until sleeve measures about 5½ (8, 9, 11)" (14 (20.5, 23, 28) cm) from beginning.

Work in Garter st (knit every row) until sleeve measures about 7 (10, 11, 13)" (18 (25.5, 28, 33) cm) from beginning. Bind off.

FINISHING

Body Edging

With right side facing, smaller needles and **A**, pick up and k54 (58, 60, 65) sts evenly spaced across lower edge of back.

Work in Garter st for about 1½ (2, 2, 2)" (4 (5, 5, 5)cm).

Bind off.

With right side facing, smaller needles and **A**, pick up and k27 (30, 32, 34) sts evenly spaced across lower edge of left front.

Work in Garter st for about 1½ (2, 2, 2)" (4 (5, 5, 5)cm).

Bind off.

Bind off. Repeat to work edging across lower edge of right front.

Center top of one sleeve on side edge of body and sew in place. Sew other sleeve, centered, to other side edge. Fold Body in half and sew side and sleeve seams.

Front bands and Neckband

With right side facing, smaller needles and **A**, pick up and k28 (34, 36, 40) sts evenly spaced across right front edge to beginning of neck shaping, 19 (22, 24, 29) sts across right neck edge, 26 (32, 32, 34) sts across back neck, 19 (22, 24, 29) sts across left neck edge, and 28 (34, 36, 40) sts across left front edge—120 (144, 152, 172) sts. Work in Garter st for 2 rows.

Buttonhole Row (wrong side): K2, [bind off 2 sts, k5 (7, 8, 9)] 3 times, bind off 2 sts, knit to end of row.

Next Row: [Knit to next set of bound-off sts, cast on 2 sts] 4 times, knit to end of row.

Next Row: Knit.

Bind off.

Sew buttons opposite buttonholes.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color **A**, Color **B**, Color **C** etc; **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 stitches together; **p** = purl; **p2tog** = purl next 2 stitches together; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the ***** as indicated.

See schematics on next page...

