



Cozy Crewneck

If you are anxiously waiting for baby to arrive, there's no better way to relax and spend some productive time than knitting! Here is an easy sweater to knit for a baby—and using easy-care yarn makes it a breeze for a new mama.

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Directions are for size 12 months; changes for 18 and 24 months are in parentheses.

Finished Chest: 23 (25, 27)
Finished Length: 11 (12, 13)

RED HEART® Plush Baby: 2 (2, 3) balls 9940 Grapemint.

Knitting Needles: 5mm [US 8] straight needles, and 4.5mm [US 7] circular needle 12" long or a set of double-pointed needles (for collar)
Stitch holder, stitch marker, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4"; 22 rows = 4" in Stockinette stitch (knit on Right Side, purl on Wrong Side) with larger needles.
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needle to obtain the gauge.

Special Stitches

M1 = Make 1 (Increase) – Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and knit strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole.

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

SWEATER

Back

With larger needles, cast on 46 (50, 54) sts.
Work in Stockinette st (knit on Right Side, purl on Wrong Side) until piece measures 11 (12, 13)" from beginning, end with a Wrong Side row. Bind off.

Front

Work same as back until piece measures 9 (9½, 10)", end with a Wrong Side row.

Shape Neck

Row 1 (Right Side): K15 (17, 19), slip next 16 sts to holder (for front neck), join 2nd ball of yarn and k15 (17, 19)—15 (17, 19) sts on each side of neck.

Work both sides at the same time using separate balls of yarn.

Row 2: Purl across all sts of first side; purl across all sts of 2nd side.

Row 3 (decrease): Knit to last 3 sts of first side, k2tog, k1; on 2nd side, k1, ssk, knit to end of row—14 (16, 18) sts on each side.

Repeat last 2 rows 2 more times—12 (14, 16) sts on each side.

Work even in Stockinette st on remaining sts until piece measures same as back, end with a Wrong Side row. Bind off.

Sleeves (make 2)

With larger needles, cast on 28 (30, 32) sts.
Work even in Stockinette st until piece measures 2" from beginning, end with a Wrong Side row.

Next Row (increase): K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1—30 (32, 34) sts.

Next 3 Rows: Work even in Stockinette st for 3 rows.
Repeat last 4 rows 3 (4, 7) more times—36 (40, 48) sts.
Work even in Stockinette st until piece measures 7½ (8½, 11½)" from beginning, end with a Wrong Side row. Bind off.





FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams.

Collar

With Right Side facing and smaller circular needle, beginning at right shoulder, pick up and k22 sts across back neck, pick up and k9 (11, 13) sts down left front neck edge, k16 sts from front neck stitch holder, pick up and k9 (11, 13) sts up right front neck edge—56 (60, 64) sts. Place marker for beginning of round. Work in rounds. Knit every round until collar measures 2". Bind off.

Measure and mark 4½ (5, 6)" down from each shoulder on front and back. Sew top of sleeves between markers. Sew side and sleeve seams. Weave in ends.



Red Heart® Plush Baby™, Art 796 available in solid color 3.5 oz (100g), 176 yd (161m) and multicolor 3 oz (85 g), 150 yd (137 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: k = knit; k2tog = knit 2 sts together; st(s) = stitch(es).

