



## Play Date Cardi

*Cuddly babies should have a cuddly sweater like this one. It knits up quickly in pink for a precious little princess or in other colors for the special little prince. Instructions for buttons on either side are included.*

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**Directions are for size 6 months. Change for sizes 12, 18, and 24 months are in parentheses.**

**Finished Chest:** 20 (22, 24, 26)"

**Finished Length:** 10½ (12, 13½, 15)"

**RED HEART® Plush Baby™:** 2 (2, 3, 3) balls 9740 Strawberry.

**Knitting Needles:** 4mm [US 6].

Stitch markers, stitch holders, yarn needle, three ¾" buttons JHB 53633 Heart Flower.

**GAUGE:** 16 sts = 4"; 32 rows = 4" in St st. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

### SPECIAL STITCHES

**M1 (Make 1)** = Insert left needle from front to back under the horizontal loop between the last stitch worked and next stitch on left needle.

### CARDIE

#### Back

Cast on 40 (44, 48, 52) sts. Knit every row until piece measures 6 (7, 8, 9)". Place markers at each edge to mark sleeve placement. Work even until piece measures 10½ (12, 13½, 15)" from beginning. Place sts on holder for shoulders and back neck.

#### Girl's Left Front or Boy's Right Front

Cast on 23 (25, 27, 29) sts. Knit every row until piece measures 6 (7, 8, 9)". Place marker at side edge to mark sleeve placement. Work even until piece measures 8½ (10, 11½, 13)" from beginning. At neck edge, bind off 8 sts once, then dec 1 st every right side row 5 times. Work even on 10 (12, 14, 16) sts until piece measures same as back to shoulder. Place sts on holder for shoulder. Mark for button placement 1", 2" and 3" below neck edge.

#### Girl's Right Front or Boy's Left Front

Cast on 23 (25, 27, 29) sts. Work same as for first front except work buttonholes to correspond with button placement as follows:

**Girls:** K1, k2tog, yo, knit to end of row.

**Boys:** Knit to last 3 sts, yo, k2tog, k1.

With right sides together, join shoulders using 3-needle bind off, leaving center 20 sts on back on holder for hood.

### Sleeves

Pick up and knit 36 (40, 44, 48) sts between sleeve markers. Knit every row, decreasing 1 st at each edge every 8th (6th, 8th, 8th) row 6 (8, 8, 10) times. Work even on 24 (24, 28, 28) sts until piece measures 6 (7, 8, 10)". Bind off.

Sew side and sleeve seams.

Sew buttons opposite buttonholes.



**Hood**

Beginning and ending 1" from front edges, pick up and knit 12 sts along front, 20 sts from back holder and 12 sts along front—44 sts.

**Row 1 (Wrong Side):** K22, M1, k22. Place marker on center back st.

Knit every row, increasing 1 st on each side of marked st every right side row 8 (10, 10, 10) times. Work even on 60 (64, 64, 64) sts until hood measures 7½ (8, 8½, 9)", ending after a wrong side row. Slide half the sts to a spare needle. Holding right sides together, fold hood in half. Work 3-needle bind off to seam top of hood.



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**ABBREVIATIONS:** k = knit; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **dec** = decrease; **k2tog** = knit next 2 stitches together.

