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Directions are for Size 2. Changes for Sizes 4, 6, and 8 are in parentheses.

RED HEART® “Kids™”: 2 skeins **CA** and 1 skein **CB**.

Color Combinations Shown:

2945 Bikini **CA** and 2734 Pink **CB**
2940 Beach **CA** and 2652 Lime **CB**
2945 Crayon **CA** and 2230 Yellow **CB**

Crochet Hooks: U.S. Sizes G-6 [4mm] and I-9 [5.5mm].
Six 7/8” buttons; sewing needle and thread; yarn needle.

GAUGE: 14 sts = 4”; 11 rows = 6” in dc with larger hook.
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

To Fit Chest: 22 (24, 26, 28)”.

Finished Chest Measurement: 26 (28, 30, 32)”-buttoned.

NOTES:

TO DECREASE IN DC: [Yo and draw up a lp in next st, yo and draw through 2 lps] twice, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

TO CHANGE COLOR IN DC: Yo and draw up a lp in last st before color change, yo and draw through 2 lps, drop color in use; with next color to be used yo and draw through 2 lps on hook.

BACK: With larger hook and **CA**, ch 48 (51, 55, 58).

Row 1 (Right Side): Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 46 (49, 53, 56) sts.

Row 2: Ch 3, skip first dc, dc in each dc across and in top of ch-3; turn.

Rep Row 2 until 5½ (5½, 6½, 6½)” from beg, end wrong side row.

Shape Armholes: Ch 1, sl st in first 5 sts, ch 3, dc in next 37 (40, 44, 47) dc; turn, leaving last 4 sts unworked – 38 (41, 45, 48) sts. Work even in dc until armhole measures 5½ (5½, 6½, 6½)”. Fasten off.

Ribbing: With right side facing and smaller hook, attach **CB** at lower edge, ch 3, work 45 (47, 51, 55) dc across beg ch; turn – 46 (48, 52, 56) sts.

Ribbing Row: Ch 2, * dc around the post of next dc from the front, dc around the post of the next dc from the back; rep from * to last st; hdc in top of ch; turn.

Rep last row until ribbing measures 1½ (2, 1½, 2)”. Fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT: With larger hook and **CA**, ch 25 (26, 28, 30). Work in dc over 23 (24, 26, 28) sts until front measures same as back to armhole, end wrong side row.

Shape Armhole: Ch 3, dc in next 18 (19, 21, 23) dc; turn, leaving last 4 sts unworked – 19 (20, 22, 24) sts. Work even until armhole measures 3¾ (3¾, 5, 5)”, end right side row.

Shape Neck: Ch 3, dc in next 11 (12, 14, 16) dc; turn, leaving last 7 sts unworked – 12 (13, 15, 17) sts. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 2 rows – 10 (11, 13, 15) sts. Fasten off.

Ribbing: Work same as back over 22 (24, 26, 28) sts.

LEFT FRONT: Work same as right front EXCEPT work in Stripe pat of 2 rows **CA**, 4 rows **CB** until front measures same as back to armhole, end wrong side row.

Shape Armhole: Keeping continuity of Stripe pat, ch 1, sl st in first 5 sts, ch 3, dc in next 18 (19, 21, 23) dc; turn – 19 (20, 22, 24) sts. Work even until armhole measures 3¾ (3¾, 5, 5)”, end right side row.



Shape Neck: Ch 1, sl st in first 8 sts, ch 3, dc in each st to end; turn – 12 (13, 15, 17) sts. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 2 rows. Fasten off. Work ribbing same as for right front.

LEFT SLEEVE: With larger hook and **CA**, ch 24 (24, 26, 28). Dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 0 (1, 2, 0) ch, [2 dc in next ch, dc in next 4 (2, 2, 3) ch] 4 (6, 6, 6) times, dc in last 0 (1, 2, 0) ch – 26 (28, 30, 32) sts; turn. Work in dc, shaping sides by inc 1 st each end of every right side row until there are 38 (38, 46, 46) sts. Work even until 8¼ (9¼, 10¼, 11½)” from beg. Fasten off.

Ribbing: Work same as back over 22 (22, 24, 26) sts for 2”.

RIGHT SLEEVE: Work same as left sleeve EXCEPT work in Stripe pat of 2 rows **CA**, 4 rows **CB**.

FINISHING-Neckband: Sew shoulder seams. With right side facing and smaller hook, attach **CB** at right neck edge, ch 3, work 14 dc across right edge, 18 (18, 20, 20) dc across back neck, 15 dc down left edge; turn – 48 (48, 50, 50) sts. Work one row of ribbing. Fasten off.

Buttonband (Work on left front for girls, right front for boys): With right side facing and smaller hook, attach **CB** and work 3 rows sc evenly across front edge. Fasten off.

Buttonhole Band: Mark positions for 6 buttonholes on rem front; attach **CB** and work 1 row sc.

Buttonhole Row: Ch 1, [sc to marker, ch 2, skip 2 sc] 6 times, sc to end; turn.

Next Row: Ch 1, [sc to sp, 2 sc in sp] 6 times, sc to end. Fasten off. Sew on buttons.

Sew in sleeves, sewing ends of last row to underarm sts of fronts and back. Sew side and sleeve seams. Weave in ends.



RED HEART® “Kids™”, Art. E711
solids - 5 oz (141g), 290 yds (265m);
multis - 4 oz (113g), 232 yds (212m)

ABBREVIATIONS: **beg** = begin(ning); **CA, CB** = Color A, Color B; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **dec** = decrease; **hdc** = half double crochet; **inc** = increase; **mm** = millimeters; **pat** = pattern; **rem** = remain(ing); **rep** = repeat; **sc** = single crochet; **sl st** = slip stitch; **st(s)** = stitch(es); * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; [] = work directions given in brackets the number of times specified.