



KNIT  
SKILL LEVEL  
EASY



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

**Finished Chest:** 23 (25, 27)" [58 (63, 68) cm]

**Finished Length:** 11 (12, 13)" [28 (30.5, 33) cm]

## BACK

Cast on 49 (53, 57) sts.

Work in St st until piece measures 11 (12, 13)" [28 (30.5, 33) cm] from beginning, end with a wrong side row. Bind off.

## FRONT

Work as for Back until piece measures 9 (9½, 10)" [23 (24, 25.5) cm] from beginning, end with a wrong side row.

Shape Neck

**Next Row (Right Side):** K16 (18, 20), slip next 17 sts to stitch holder for neck, join second ball of yarn and k16 (18, 20).

Working both sides at same time with separate balls of yarn, decrease 1 st at each neck edge every other row 3 times - 13 (15, 17) sts each side.

Work until Front measures same length as Back to shoulder. Bind off.

## SLEEVES

Cast on 30 (32, 34) sts.

Work in St st for 2" [5 cm], end with wrong side row.

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## What you will need:

**Red Heart Yarn® Soft Essentials Baby™:** 2 (3, 4) balls 9530 Royal Lilac

**Susan Bates® Knitting Needles:** 5.5mm [US 9]

**Susan Bates® Circular Knitting Needle:** 5mm [US 8], 16" [40 cm] long

Stitch holder; stitch markers, yarn needle

**GAUGE:** 17 sts and 22 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch using larger needles.

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

# Sweet Little Sweater

Soft yarn and sweet colors are a perfect combination for babies! Knit this little sweater up for a handmade gift that will be treasured.



**RED HEART® Soft Essentials Baby™,** Art. E879 available in solid 256 yd (234 m) per 5oz (141 g) and multicolor 204 yd (187 m) 4oz (113g) balls

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Increase 1 st each side every 4th row 4 (6, 9) times – 38 (44, 52) sts.  
Work even until piece measures 7½ (8½, 11½)" [19 (21.5, 29) cm] from beginning, end with a wrong side row.  
Bind off.

## FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams.

### Neckband

With right side facing and smaller circular needle, join yarn at right shoulder and pick up and k23 sts across Back neck, 10 (12, 14) sts down left front neck edge, 17 sts from Front neck stitch holder and 10 (12, 14) sts up right neck edge – 60 (64, 68) sts.  
Join to work in the round, place marker for beginning of round.  
Knit until Neckband measures 2" [5 cm].  
Bind off.



Measure and mark 4½ (5, 6)" [11.5 (12.5, 15) cm] down from shoulders on Front and Back. Sew top of Sleeves between markers. Sew side and Sleeve seams.  
Weave in ends.

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### ABBREVIATIONS

**cm** = centimeters; **k** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **p** = purl; **St st** = Stockinette stitch; **st(s)** = stitch(es).

