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## Button Up Toddler Cardie

*This soft, cozy cardigan will be loved by fussy children—it's smooth on skin and never scratchy. Pattern is for sizes from 12 months to 4 years so you can crochet it for all the little ones in your life!*

### What you will need:

**RED HEART® Buttercup®:**  
3 (3, 3, 4) skeins of 4278 Carnival.

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:**  
9mm [US M-13]

Yarn Needle, three 1" (2.5 cm) buttons, small amount of smooth sport-weight white yarn for sewing on buttons

**GAUGE:** 7 sts = 4" (10 cm); 6 rows in pattern = 5" (12.5 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge given.**



**RED HEART® Buttercup®**, Art N396 available in 1.76 oz (50 g), 72 yd (66 m) balls

**Directions are for child's size 12 months (Small). Changes for 18 months (Medium), 2 yrs (Large), and 4 yrs (Extra Large) are in parentheses.**

**Finished Chest:** 23 (24, 26, 27½)" (58.5 [61, 66, 70] cm).

**Finished Length:** 10½ (10½, 13½, 14½)" (26.5 [26.5, 34.5, 37] cm).

### Special Abbreviations

**double crochet 2 together (dc2tog):** [Yarn over, insert hook in designated st or space, yarn over, draw yarn through st, yarn over, draw yarn through 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn over, draw yarn through 3 loops on hook.

### Stitch Pattern

**Row 1:** Ch 2 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in between next 2 dc, \*dc in space before next dc; repeat from \* across, ending in space before turning ch, turn.

### NOTES

Cardigan is worked in one piece to underarm, then divided into fronts and back. After foundation row, dc's are worked in between dc's and turning ch of previous row. Sleeves are picked up around armhole and are worked to cuff.

### CARDIGAN

Ch 42 (44, 47, 50).

**Foundation Row:** Dc in 3rd ch from hook (first 2 ch counts as dc), dc in each ch across, turn—41 (43, 46, 49) dc.

**Rows 1-7 (7, 8, 9):** Work even in pattern.

### Divide for Fronts and Back

#### Right Front

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Ch 2, work 10 (11, 11, 12) dc in pattern, turn, leaving remaining sts unworked—11 (12, 12, 13) sts.

**Row 2 (Wrong Side):** Ch 2, \*dc in space before next dc; repeat from \* 6 (7, 7, 8) times, dc2tog over next 2 spaces between dc's, dc in space before next dc, turn—10 (11, 11, 12) sts.

**Row 3:** Ch 2, dc between next 2 dc, dc2tog over next 2 spaces between dc's, work in pattern across, turn—9 (10, 10, 11) sts.

**Row 4:** Ch 2, \*dc in space before next dc; repeat from \* 4 (5, 5, 6) times, dc2tog over next 2 spaces between dc's, dc in space before turning ch, turn—8 (9, 9, 10) sts.

### Size S Only

**Row 5:** Work even in pattern. Fasten off.

### Size M Only

**Row 5:** Repeat Row 3—7 sts. Fasten off.

### Size L Only

**Rows 5-7:** Work even in pattern—8 sts. Fasten off.

### Size XL Only

**Row 5:** Repeat Row 3—8 sts.  
**Rnds 6-7:** Work even in pattern. Fasten off.

### Back

**Row 1:** With right side facing, join yarn with slip st between first 2 dc immediately to the left of right front, ch 2, dc in same space, \*dc in space before next dc; repeat from \* 18 (18, 21, 22) times, turn, leaving remaining sts unworked—20 (20, 23, 24) sts.

**Rows 2-5 (5, 7, 7):** Work even in pattern. Fasten off.

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### Left Front

**Row 1:** With right side facing, join yarn between first 2 dc immediately to left of back, work even in pattern across, turn—11 (12, 12, 13) sts.

**Row 2 (WS):** Ch 2, dc in sp between next 2 dc, dc2tog over next 2 spaces between dc's, work in pattern across, turn—10 (11, 11, 12) sts.

**Row 3:** Ch 2, \*dc in space before next dc; repeat from \* 6 (7, 7, 8) times, dc2tog over next 2 spaces between dc's, dc in space before turning ch, turn—9 (10, 10, 11) sts.

**Row 4:** Ch 2, dc between next 2 dc, dc2tog over next 2 spaces between dc's, work in pattern across, turn—8 (9, 9, 10) sts.

### Size S Only

**Row 5:** Work even in pattern. Fasten off.

### Size M Only

**Row 5:** Repeat Row 3—7 sts. Fasten off.

### Size L Only

**Rows 5-7:** Work even in pattern—8 sts. Fasten off.

## Assembly

With smooth sport-weight yarn, sew Fronts to Back across shoulders.

### Right Sleeve

#### Sizes S and M Only

**Row 1:** With right side facing, join yarn in first row-end st of Back right armhole, ch 2, working in row-end sts, starting in same st, [dc in next row, 2 dc in next row] twice, dc in each of next 2 rows (5th row of Back and first row of Right Front), [2 dc in next row, dc in row] twice, turn—15 dc.

### Sizes L and XL Only

**Row 1:** With right side facing, join yarn in first row-end st of Back right armhole, ch 2, working in row-end sts, starting in same st, [dc in next row, 2 dc in next row] 3 times, dc in each of next 2 rows (7th row of Back and first row of Right Front), [2 dc in next row, dc in row] 3 times, turn—21 dc.

### All Sizes

**Row 2:** Ch 2, dc between next 2 dc, dc2tog over next 2 spaces between dc's, \*dc in space before next dc; repeat from \* 7 (7, 13, 13) times, dc2tog over next 2 spaces between dc's, dc in sp before next dc, turn—13 (13, 19, 19) sts.

**Row 3:** Work even in pattern.

**Row 4:** Repeat Row 2—11 (11, 17, 17) sts.

### Sizes S and M

**Rows 5-9 (10):** Work even in pattern. Fasten off.

### Sizes L and XL

**Rows 5-8:** Repeat Rows 3-4 (twice)—13 (13) sts at end of last row.

**Rows 9-11 (12):** Work even in pattern. Fasten off.

### Left Sleeve

**Row 1:** With right side facing, join yarn in first row-end st of Left Front armhole, work same as Right Sleeve.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends. Using smooth sport-weight yarn, sew sleeve seams. Using photo as guide, sew buttons on Right (for boys) or Left (for girls) Front as desired. Use openings between sts on opposite side for buttonholes.

### ABBREVIATIONS:

**ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **()** = work directions in parentheses in same st; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; **\*** or **\*\*** = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated.

