



KNIT
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft®: 2 (2, 3, 3, 3) balls 9925 Really Red **A**, 2 (2, 2, 2, 3) balls 9010 Charcoal **B**, and 2 (2, 2, 2, 2) balls 4422 Tangerine **C**.

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 5mm [US 8] straight needles (or at least 24" [60 cm] circular to use as a straight) and 5mm [US 8] 16" [40 cm] circular needle (for neckband).

Stitch markers, row counter (optional), yarn needle

GAUGE: 17 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 22 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® Soft®, Art. E728 available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m), print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m), and heather 4oz (113g), 212 yd (194m) balls

SHOP KIT

Color-Block Tunic

Three shades of yarn and casual t-shirt lines are combined for this fashion-forward tunic. Knit in Stockinette and sized from small to xx-large, this wearable style is a great wardrobe builder.

Directions are for size Small. Changes for sizes Medium, Large, X-Large, and XX-Large are in parentheses.

To Fit Bust: 34 (38, 42, 46, 50)" [86.5 (96.5, 106.5, 117, 127) cm]

To Fit Hip: 36 (40, 44, 48, 52)" [91.5 (101.5, 112, 122, 132) cm]

Finished Bust: 38 (42, 46, 50, 54)" [96.5 (107, 117, 127, 137) cm]

Finished Length: 30 (31, 32, 33, 33½)" [76 (78.5, 81.5, 84, 85) cm]

Special Stitch

ssk (slip, slip, knit) = Slip next 2 stitches, one at a time as if to knit, to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of stitches, knit these sts together through back loop – 1 st decreased.

Pattern Stitches

2x2 Rib (multiple of 4 sts + 2)

Row 1 (right side): K2, *p2, k2; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 2: Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts to end of row.

Repeat Row 2 for 2x2 Rib.

2x2 Rib worked in rounds (multiple of 4 sts)

Round 1 (right side): *K2, p2; repeat from * around.

Round 2: Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts to end of round.

Repeat Round 2 for 2x2 Rib worked in rounds.

Notes

1. Front and Back are worked separately. Shoulders are seamed then each Sleeve is worked down to the cuff.
2. Using a row counter helps ensure that Front and Back have the same number of rows, and both Sleeves have the same number of rows. This is especially helpful when working the neckline decreases and the Sleeves.

BACK

With **A**, cast on 86 (94, 102, 110, 118) sts.

Rib

Beginning with a right side row, work in 2x2 Rib until piece measures about 3" [7.5 cm] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Lower Body

Work in Stockinette st (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) until piece measures about 6 (6, 6, 6, 6½)" [15 (15, 15, 15, 16.5) cm] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Decrease Row (right side): K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—84 (92, 100, 108, 116) sts.

Work even in Stockinette st until piece measures about 12 (12, 12, 12, 12½)" [30.5 (30.5, 30.5, 32) cm] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Repeat Decrease Row—82 (90, 98, 106, 114) sts.

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Work even in Stockinette st until piece measures 17 (17½, 18, 18½, 19)" [43 (44.5, 45.5, 47, 48.5) cm] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Upper Body

Change to **B**.

Work even in Stockinette st until piece measures 29 (30, 31, 32, 32½)" [73.5 (76, 78.5, 81.5, 82.5) cm] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Neck

Row 1 (right side): K29 (32, 35, 38, 41), place next 24 (26, 28, 30, 32) sts on holder for back neck, join a 2nd ball of **B** and knit to the end—29 (32, 35, 38, 41) sts remain on needle on each side of back neck holder.

You will now work both sides AT THE SAME TIME using separate balls of yarn.

Row 2: Purl all sts of first side; bind off 2 sts on neck edge of 2nd side then purl to the end of the side.

Row 3: Knit all sts of the first side; bind off 2 sts on neck edge of 2nd side then knit to the end of the side—27 (30, 33, 36, 39) sts remain on each side.

Work even in Stockinette st on both sides using separate balls of yarn until piece measures 1" [2.5 cm] measured from back neck stitches on holder.

Bind off all sts on both sides using separate balls of yarn.

FRONT

Work same as Back until piece measures about 27 (28, 29, 29½, 30)" [68.5 (71, 73.5, 75, 76) cm] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row—82 (90, 98, 106, 114) sts.

Shape Neck

Row 1 (right side): K36 (39, 42, 46, 49), place next 10 (12, 14, 14, 16) sts on holder for front neck, join a 2nd ball of **B** and knit to the end—36 (39, 42, 46, 49) sts remain on needle on each side of front neck holder.

You will now work both sides AT THE SAME TIME using separate balls of yarn.

Row 2: Purl all sts of first side; bind off 3 sts on neck edge of 2nd side then purl to the end of the side.

Row 3: Knit all sts of the first side; bind off 3 sts on neck edge of 2nd side then knit to the end of the side—33 (36, 39, 43, 46) sts remain on each side.

Row 4: Purl all sts of first side; bind off 2 sts on 2nd side then purl to the end of the side.

Row 5: Knit all sts of the first side; bind off 2 sts on 2nd side then knit to the end of the side—31 (34, 37, 41, 44) sts remain on each side.

Rows 6 and 7: Repeat Rows 4 and 5—29 (32, 35, 39, 42) sts remain on each side.

Row 8: Purl all sts of first side; bind off 1 st on 2nd side then purl to the end of the side.

Row 9: Knit all sts of the first side; bind off 1 st on 2nd side then knit to the end of the side—28 (31, 34, 38, 41) sts remain on each side.

Repeat last 2 rows 1 (1, 1, 2, 2) more times—27 (30, 33, 36, 39) sts remain on each side.

Work even in Stockinette st on both sides using separate balls of yarn until piece measures same as Back.

Bind off all sts on both sides using separate balls of yarn.

SLEEVES (work 2)

Sew shoulder seams. Place markers on both side edges of Front and Back 9½ (10, 11, 11½, 12½)" [24 (25.5, 28, 29, 32) cm] from shoulder seams.

With right side facing and **C**, pick up and k82 (86, 94, 98, 106) sts evenly spaced between the markers on one side edge.

Row 1 (wrong side): Purl.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4 (decrease row): K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—80 (84, 92, 96, 104) sts.

Repeat last 4 rows 15 (14, 14, 14, 13) more times—50 (56, 64, 68, 78) sts.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 for 5 (7, 8, 8, 12) more times—40 (42, 48, 52, 54) sts.

Work even in Stockinette st until piece measures about 14½ (14½, 15, 15, 15½)" [35.5 (37, 38, 38, 39.5) cm] from beginning, ending with a right side row.

Next Row (wrong side): [P4 (7, 5, 6, 10), p2tog] 6 (4, 6, 6, 4) times, p to end of row—34 (38, 42, 46, 50) sts.

Cuff Ribbing

Beginning with a right side row, work in 2x2 Rib for about 2½" [6.5 cm], ending with a wrong side row.

Bind off in rib, leaving a long tail to weave in later.

Work 2nd Sleeve on remaining side edge same as first Sleeve.

FINISHING

Sew side and Sleeve seams, leaving edges of lower ribbing unsewn for side slits.

Neckband

With right facing, shorter circular needle and **B**, beginning at left shoulder seam, pick up and k13 (13, 13, 16, 16) sts along left front neck edge, knit the 10 (12, 14, 14, 16) front neck sts from holder, pick up and k13 (13, 13, 16, 16) sts along right front neck edge and k4 sts along right back neck edge, k24 (26, 28, 30, 32) back neck sts from holder, pick up an k4 sts along left back

neck edge—68 (72, 76, 84, 88) sts. Place marker for beginning of round. Prepare to work in rounds.

Work in 2x2 Rib worked in rounds for about 1" [2.5 cm].

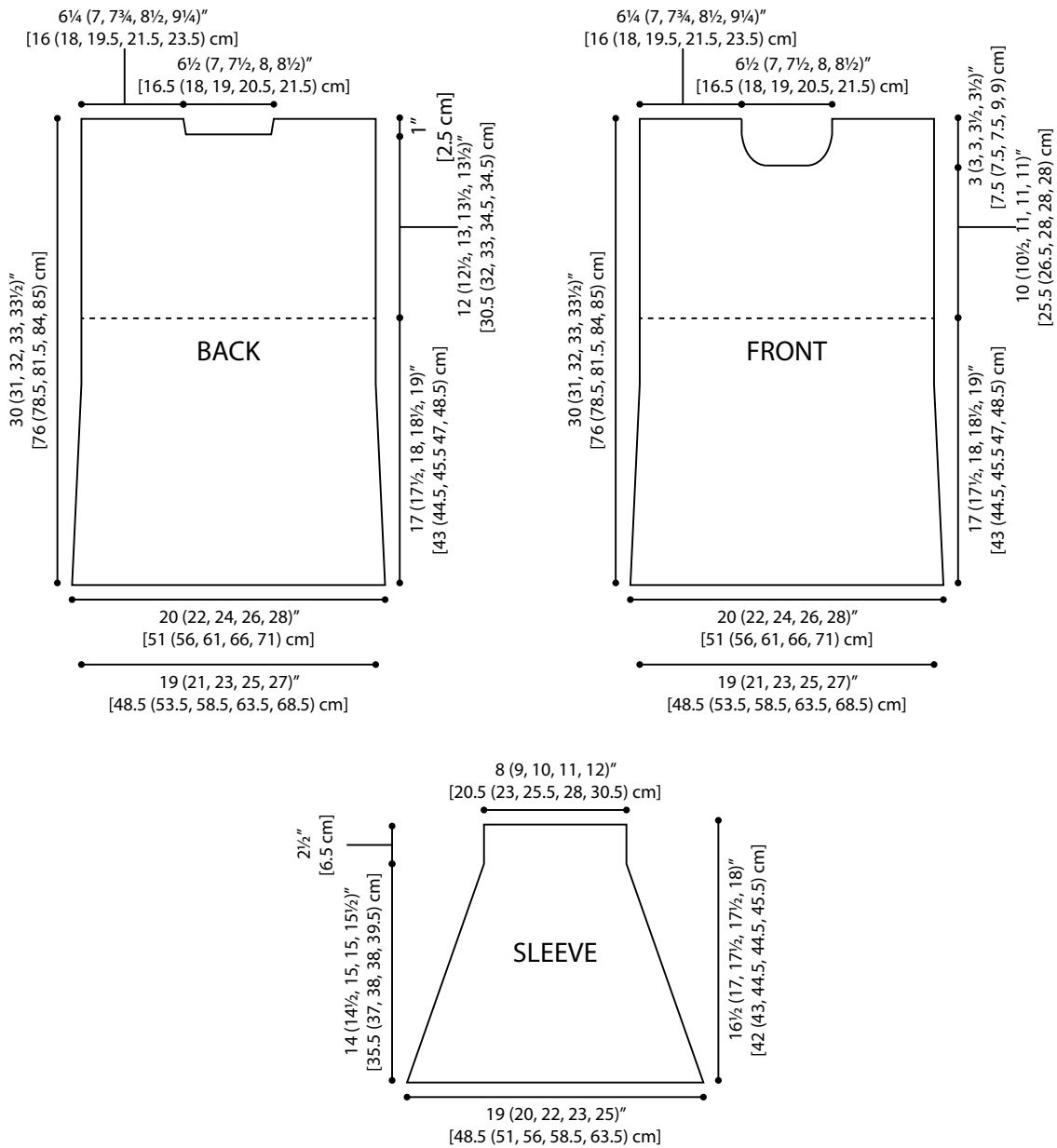
Bind off loosely in pattern.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

k = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **p** = purl; **p2tog** = purl next 2 sts together; **st(s)** = stitch(es); [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

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* Stitches are picked up across side edges of Front and Back to begin Sleeve.

