



KNIT  
SKILL LEVEL  
EASY

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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Medley:** 8 (9, 10, 11, 12, 12) balls 920 Sandy

**Susan Bates® Knitting Needles:** 9mm [US 13] straight needles, 8mm [US 11] straight needles and set of double pointed needles or a 16" [40 cm] circular (for neck trim)

Stitch markers, yarn needle

**GAUGE:** 10 sts = 4" (10 cm); 14 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Reverse Stockinette stitch (purl on right side, knit on wrong side) using larger needles **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**



**RED HEART® Medley,** Art. E824 available in 4oz (113 g), 99 yd (90 m) balls

SHOP KIT

# Relaxed Sweater

*This soft, bulky yarn gives you the ultimate in sweater comfort. Knit with the purl side of your knitting on the outside of the sweater and the seams exposed, you'll enjoy its laid-back styling.*

**Directions are for size Small; changes for sizes Medium, Large, 1X, 2X and 3X are in parentheses.**

**Finished Bust:** 40 (43, 46, 50, 56, 59)" [101.5 (109, 117, 127, 142, 150) cm]

**Finished Length:** 28 (28½, 28½, 29½, 29½, 29½)" [71 (72.5, 72.5, 75, 75, 75) cm]

## Notes

1. Sweater is worked in 4 pieces: Back, front, and 2 sleeves.
2. Each piece is worked, back and forth in rows, beginning at the lower edge.
3. Pieces are seamed and neck trim worked in rounds around neck edge.

## Special Stitch

**M1P = Make 1 purl (Increase) –** Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and purl strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole.

## BACK Rib

With larger needles, cast on 50 (54, 58, 62, 70, 74) sts.

**Row 1 (wrong side):** K2, \*p2, k2; repeat from \* across.

**Row 2:** Knit.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures about 2½ (2½, 2½, 3, 3, 3)" [6.5 (6.5, 6.5, 7.5, 7.5, 7.5) cm] from beginning, ending with a right side row.

## Body

Beginning with a wrong side (knit) row, work in Reverse Stockinette st (purl on right side, knit on wrong side) until piece measures about 18 (18, 18, 18½, 18½, 18½)" [45.5 (45.5, 45.5, 47, 47, 47) cm] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row. Place a marker on each end of last row for underarms.

Continue in Reverse Stockinette st until piece measures about 9 (9½, 9½, 10, 10, 10)" [23 (24, 24, 25.5, 25.5, 25.5) cm] from underarm markers, ending with a wrong side row.

## Shape Neck

**Row 1 (right side):** P17 (18, 20, 21, 25, 26) for shoulder, join a 2nd ball of yarn and bind off the center 16 (18, 18, 20, 20, 22) sts for neck, purl to end of row for other shoulder – 17 (18, 20, 21, 25, 26) sts on each side of neck for shoulders.

You will now work both shoulders AT THE SAME TIME with separate balls of yarn.

**Row 2 (wrong side):** Knit across each set of shoulder sts.

**Row 3 (decrease row):** On first shoulder, purl to last 3 sts, p2tog through back loops, p1; on 2nd shoulder, p1, p2tog, purl to end of shoulder—16 (17, 19, 20, 24, 25) sts remain for each shoulder.

**Row 4:** Knit across each set of shoulder sts. Bind off all sts of both shoulders.

## FRONT

Work same as back until piece measures about 6½ (7, 7, 7½, 7½, 7½)" [16.5 (18, 18, 19, 19, 19) cm] from underarm markers, ending with a wrong side row.

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## Shape Neck

**Row 1 (right side):** P19 (20, 22, 23, 27, 28) for shoulder, join a 2nd ball of yarn and bind off the center 12 (14, 14, 16, 16, 18) sts for neck, purl to end of row for other shoulder – 19 (20, 22, 23, 27, 28) sts on each side of neck for shoulders.

You will now work both shoulders AT THE SAME TIME with separate balls of yarn.

**Row 2 (wrong side):** Knit across each set of shoulder sts.

**Row 3 (decrease row):** On first shoulder, purl to last 3 sts, p2tog through back loops, p1; on 2nd shoulder, p1, p2tog, purl to end of shoulder—18 (19, 21, 22, 26, 27) sts remain for each shoulder.

**Row 4 (wrong side):** Knit across each set of shoulder sts.

**Rows 5–8:** Repeat Rows 3 and 4 twice more—16 (17, 19, 20, 24, 25) sts remain for each shoulder.

Work even in Reverse Stockinette stitch on both shoulders until front measures same as back.

Bind off all sts of both shoulders.

## SLEEVES (make 2)

With smaller straight needles, cast on 26 (26, 28, 28, 28, 30) sts.

Beginning with a wrong side (knit) row, work in Reverse Stockinette st for 4 rows. Change to larger needles.

**Next Row (wrong side):** Knit.

**Increase Row (right side):** P1, M1P, purl to last st, M1P, p1—28 (28, 30, 30, 30, 32) sts. Work even in Reverse Stockinette st for 3 rows.

Repeat Increase Row – 30 (30, 32, 32, 32, 34) sts.

Repeat last 4 rows 5 (5, 2, 3, 3, 0) more times—40 (40, 36, 38, 38, 34) sts.

Work even in Reverse Stockinette st for 5 rows.

Repeat Increase Row—42 (42, 38, 40, 40, 36) sts.

Repeat last 6 rows 3 (4, 6, 6, 6, 8) more times—48 (50, 50, 52, 52, 52) sts.

Work even in Reverse Stockinette st until piece measures about 17 (18, 18, 19, 19, 19)" [43 (45.5, 45.5, 48.5, 48.5, 48.5) cm] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row. Bind off.

## FINISHING

**Note:** To sew seams, hold pieces with right sides (purl) together and sew from wrong side (knit). Sew the pieces together using mattress stitch. This will place the seaming ridge on the right side of pullover, as shown in photograph.

Sew shoulder seams.

## Neck Trim

With right side facing and double pointed needles or circular needle, pick up and k48 (48, 52, 52, 52, 56) sts evenly spaced around neck edge. Place marker for beginning of round and prepare to work in rounds.

**Round 1:** \*K2, p2; repeat from \* around. Repeat Round 1 until neck trim measures about 3 (3, 3, 3½, 3½, 3½)" [7.5 (7.5, 7.5, 9, 9, 9) cm].

Bind off in rib.

Sew sleeves between markers. Sew side and sleeve seams.

Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**k** = knit; **p** = purl; **p2tog** = purl next 2 stitches together; **st(s)** = stitch(es);

**\*** = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.

