



CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft Essentials™:
2 balls 7750 Peony A and
1 ball 7103 Cream B

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
6.5mm [US K-10½]

Yarn needle, four 1½" (27mm)
buttons, sewing needle and
thread for attaching buttons

GAUGE: 11 sts = 4" (10 cm);
8 rows = 4" (10 cm) in half
double crochet. **CHECK YOUR
GAUGE. Use any size hook to
obtain the gauge given.**



**RED HEART® Soft
Essentials™, Art.
E856** available in
5 oz (140 g), 131 yd (120 m)
balls



Crochet Cutie Baby Cardigan

This cardigan is perfect for any baby in your life. The bulky hand of Soft Essentials means it works up quickly for you, and is nice and cozy for baby. We love this cardigan so much we made a knit version too! Search for LM5609 to find it.

SHOP KIT

Directions are for size 6 months; changes for sizes 12 months, 18 months, and 24 months are in parentheses.

To Fit Chest: 17 (18, 19, 20)" [43 (46, 48, 51) cm]
Finished Chest: 20 (22, 26, 28)" [51 (56, 66, 71) cm]
Finished Length: 11 (13, 14, 15)" [28 (33, 36, 28) cm]

NOTES

This sweater is worked in five pieces from the bottom up.

The button and neckband is crocheted directly onto the garment after the garment has been seamed.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

Slim Hdc2tog: Yarn over hook, insert hook into stitch, pull up a loop (3 loops on hook). Insert hook into next stitch, YO hook, pull through stitch and all 3 loops on hook. (This "slim" decrease creates less bulk and a subtler appearance than the standard hdc2tog.)

CARDIGAN Back

Foundation Row: With A, ch 30 (32, 38, 40); hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across, turn — 28 (30, 36, 38) hdc.

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn. Repeat Row 1 twenty (twenty-four, twenty-six, twenty-eight) times more.

Fasten off. Break yarn, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail.

Left Front

Foundation Row: Ch 12 (14, 18, 19), hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across, turn — 10 (12, 16, 17) hdc.

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn. Repeat Row 1 twelve (fourteen, fourteen, sixteen) times.
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Shape Front Slope

Dec Row (Wrong Side): Ch 2, slim hdc2tog in first 2 sts, hdc in each st across, turn — 9 (11, 15, 16) hdc.

Next row: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Repeat these 2 rows 3 (4, 5, 5) times — 6 (7, 10, 11) hdc.

Fasten off. Break yarn, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail.

Right Front

Foundation Row: Ch 12 (14, 18, 19), hdc in 3rd ch from hook and each ch across, turn — 10 (12, 16, 17) hdc.

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Repeat Row 1 twelve (fourteen, fourteen, sixteen) times.

Shape Front Slope

Dec Row (Wrong Side): Ch 2, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, slim hdc2tog in last 2 sts, turn — 9 (11, 15, 16) hdc.

Next Row: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Repeat these 2 rows 3 (4, 5, 5) times more — 6 (7, 10, 11) hdc.

Fasten off. Break yarn, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail.

SLEEVES (make 2)

Foundation Row: Ch 18 (18, 20, 20), hdc in 3rd st from hook and each st across, turn — 16 (16, 18, 18) hdc.

Size 6 months only:

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Row 2 (Inc Row): Ch 2, hdc in first st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc across to last 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last st, turn — 18 hdc.

Rows 3-4: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Rows 5-13: Repeat Rows 2-4 three times — 24 hdc.

Size 12 months only:

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Row 2 (Inc Row): Ch 2, hdc in first st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc across to last 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last st, turn — 18 hdc.

Rows 3-4: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Rows 5-13: Repeat Rows 2-4 three times — 24 hdc.

Row 14: Repeat Row 2 — 26 hdc.

Row 15: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Size 18 months only:

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Row 2 (Inc Row): Ch 2, hdc in first st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc across to last 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last st, turn — 20 hdc.

Rows 3-5: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Rows 6-17: Repeat Rows 2-5 three times more — 26 hdc.

Row 18: Repeat Row 2 — 28 hdc.

Row 19: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Size 24 months only:

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Row 2 (Inc Row): Ch 2, hdc in first st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc across to last 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last st, turn — 20 hdc.

Rows 3-4: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Row 5 (Inc Row): Ch 2, hdc in first st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc across to last 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in last st, turn — 22 hdc.

Rows 6-8: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Rows 9-15: Repeat Rows 2-8 — 26 hdc.

Rows 16-19: Repeat Rows 2-5 — 30 hdc.

Rows 20-21: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

All Sizes

Fasten off. Break yarn, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail.

FINISHING

With **A** and yarn needle sew shoulder, side and sleeve seams.

Neck Edging & Buttonhole Band

With Right Side facing, join **B** at lower Right Front corner.

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 1, sc in first st, evenly space 81 (93, 99, 105) sc along Right Front, Back Neck, and Left Front, turn.

Row 2-3: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first st, *ch 3, skip 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * 3 times, sc in each remaining st across, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in each st to first ch-3 space, *3 sc in next ch-3 space, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from * 2 times, 3 sc in last ch-3 space, sc in last sc, turn.

Rows 6-7: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Cuff Edging (work for both cuffs)

With Right Side facing, join **B** at sleeve seam.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc in each st around cuff, slip st to first sc to join round. Fasten off. Break yarn, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail.

Hem Edging

With Right Side facing, join **B** at lower corner of left Button Band.

Row 1: Ch 1, sc in each st around. Fasten off. Break yarn, leaving 6" (15 cm) tail.

Attach Buttons

Align and mark button placement on button band. Sew buttons in place with sewing needle and thread.

Weave in all loose ends. Block as desired.

ABBREVIATIONS

A = Color A; **B** = Color B; **ch** = chain; **dec** = decrease(s)(d)(ing); **hdc** = half double crochet; **inc** = increase(s)(d)(ing); **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **yo** = yarn over needle; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

See next page for schematic and alternate photo

