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KNIT
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INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®:
1 (2, 2) ball(s) 9600 White **A**, 1 (1, 2) ball(s) 9700 Baby Pink **B**, and 1 (1, 1) ball 9401 Elephant **C**

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles:
5mm [8 US] 29" (73.5 cm) circular and one set of 5mm [8 US] double pointed needles

Stitch holders, seven ¾" (19mm) buttons, stitch marker, yarn needle

GAUGE: 17 sts = 4" (10 cm); 24 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.

[4] MEDIUM **RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®**, Art. E746 available in solid color 5 oz (142 g), 256 yd (234 m); multicolor 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m) and smart print 3 oz (85 g), 153 yd (140 m) balls

Royal Knit Onesie

Treat your precious baby like royalty with a knit original! This onesie is striped with white and any color you please, with elephant grey trim. It's perfect for keeping a special baby warm and cuddly.

SHOP KIT

Directions are for size 0–3 months. Changes for sizes 6–12 months, and 18 months are in parentheses

Finished Chest: 22 (24, 26)" (56 (61, 66) cm)
Finished Body Length: 13½ (15½, 17)" (34.5 (39.5, 43) cm), measured from shoulder to crotch

Special Stitch
kfb (Knit into front and back) = Knit next st but do not remove from needle, knit into back loop of same st and remove from needle.

Special Techniques
3-Needle Bind-Off = Hold needles of stitches to be seamed parallel and with right sides together, with 3rd needle knit together first stitch from each needle, *knit together next stitch from each needle, pass first stitch over 2nd stitch and off right needle; repeat from * until all stitches have been knit from the 2 parallel needles and only one stitch remains on the right needle. Fasten off.
Picot Bind off = Bind off next 2 sts, *cast on 3 sts onto left needle, bind off these 3 sts, bind off 2 sts; repeat from * until only 1 stitch remains. Fasten off.

Pattern Stitch
1x1 Rib (over and odd number of sts)
Row 1 (right side): P1, *k1, p1; repeat from * across.
Row 2: K1, *p1, k1; repeat from * across.
Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for 1x1 Rib worked in rows.

Notes
1. Onesie is worked from legs upwards. Two legs are worked separately and then joined. Lower Body is worked from top of legs to underarms. Piece is divided at underarms and Upper Back and Fronts are worked separately.
2. Stitches are increased on both sides of Upper Back and on one side of each Front to shape the sleeves.
3. Circular needle is used to accommodate larger number of stitches. Work back and forth on circular needle as if working with straight needles.
4. When changing color, do not cut old color, carry it up side of piece when next needed. Hide carried strands when seaming piece and working front bands.

Stripe Sequence
Working in Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on right side), *work 6 rows with A, 6 rows with B; repeat from * for Stripe Sequence.

LEGS (make 2)
With circular needle and **A**, cast on 31 (35, 39) sts.
Beginning with a wrong side (purl) row, work in Stockinette st (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) for 3 (3, 5) rows. Change color every 6 rows as in Stripe Sequence throughout.
Increase Row (right side): K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1—33 (37, 41) sts.
Repeat last 4 (4, 6) rows 6 more times—45 (49, 53) sts.

Work even in Stockinette st until leg measures about 5½ (6½, 8)" (12.5 (16.5, 20.5) cm) from beginning, end with a wrong side row.

Place stitches of first leg on a holder and cut yarn. Keep stitches of 2nd leg on needle.

Lower Body

Row 1 (join legs – right side): Knit across all sts of 2nd leg, cast on 5 sts, knit across all sts of left leg on holder—95 (103, 111) sts. Work even in Stockinette st until Body measures about 8½ (9, 9½)" (21.5 (23, 24) cm) from leg join, end with a wrong side row.

Divide for Upper Body

Row 1 (dividing row – right side): K23 (25, 27) and place these sts on a holder for right front, k49 (53, 57) sts, place remaining 23 (25, 27) sts on a holder for left front—49 (53, 57) sts remain on needle for upper back.

Upper Back

Row 2 (sleeve shaping – wrong side): Cast on 5 sts, then purl across—54 (58, 62) sts.
Row 3 (sleeve shaping – right side): Cast on 5 sts, then knit across—59 (63, 67) sts.
Rows 4-11 (13, 15): Repeat last 2 rows 4 (5, 6) times—99 (113, 127) sts.
Work even in Stockinette st until Upper Back measures 5 (6½, 7½)" (12.5 (16.5, 19) cm) from dividing row, end with a wrong side row. Place all sts on a holder for shoulders and back neck. Cut yarn.

Left Front

Row 1 (dividing row – right side): With right side facing, join yarn and knit all left front sts from holder—23 (25, 27) sts.

Row 2 (sleeve shaping – wrong side): Purl across then pick up and knit 5 sts across lower edge of back sleeve—28 (30, 32) sts.
Row 3: Knit.
Rows 4–11 (13, 15): Repeat last 2 rows 4 (5, 6) times—48 (55, 62) sts.
Work even in Stockinette st until Left Front measures about 3 (4½, 5½)" (7.5 (11.5, 14) cm) from dividing row, end with a right side row.

Shape Neck

Row 1 (wrong side): Bind off 9 sts, purl across—39 (46, 53) sts.
Row 2: Knit.
Row 3: Bind off 2 sts, purl across—37 (44, 51) sts.
Rows 4 and 5: Repeat last 2 rows—35 (42, 49) sts.
Work even in Stockinette st until Left Front measures the same as Back to shoulders.

Right Front

Row 2 (wrong side): With wrong side facing, join yarn and purl all right front sts from holder—23 (25, 27) sts for right front.
Row 3 (sleeve shaping – right side): Knit across then pick up and knit 5 sts across lower edge of back sleeve—28 (30, 32) sts.
Row 4: Purl.
Rows 5–12 (14, 16): Repeat last 2 rows 4 (5, 6) times—48 (55, 62) sts.
Work even in Stockinette st until Right Front measures about 3 (4½, 5½)" (7.5 (11.5, 14) cm) from dividing row, end with a wrong side row.

Shape Neck

Row 1 (right side): Bind off 9 sts, knit across—39 (46, 53) sts.
Row 2: Purl
Row 3: Bind off 2 sts, knit across—37 (44, 51) sts.

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Work even in Stockinette st until Right Front measures the same as Upper Back to shoulders.

FINISHING

Join Shoulders
Hold Back and Left Front with right sides together, work 3-Needle Bind-Off to seam shoulders and top of sleeve. Repeat to seam Back and Right Front shoulders and top of sleeve. Leave remaining sts of Back on holder for back neck.

Seam Legs
With right sides together, sew leg seams.

Neck Edging
With right side facing, circular needle and **C**, pick up an k65 sts evenly spaced around neck edge.
Work in 1x1 Rib for 5 rows.
Work Picot Bind-Off.

Button Band
With right side facing, circular needle and **C**, pick up and k61 (71, 77) sts evenly spaced across front edge (left front edge for girl, right front edge for boy).
Work in 1x1 Rib for 5 rows.
Work Picot Bind-Off.
Sew seven buttons evenly spaced down center of button band.

Buttonhole Band
With right side facing, circular needle and **C**, pick up and k61 (71, 77) sts evenly spaced across front edge (right front edge for girl, left front edge for boy).
Work in 1x1 Rib for 3 rows.

Buttonhole Row (right side): [Work in 1x1 Rib to next buttonhole location (matching buttons on buttonband), yo, k2tog for buttonhole] 7 times, continue in 1x1 Rib to end of row.
Work in 1x1 Rib for 1 row.
Work Picot Bind-Off.
Sew seven buttons evenly spaced down center of button band.

Sleeve Cuffs
With right side facing, double pointed needles and **C**, pick up and k32 (36, 40) sts evenly spaced around cuff edge. Divide sts evenly over double pointed needles. Place marker for beginning of round and prepare to work in rounds.
Next 10 rounds: *K1, p1; repeat from * around.
Work Picot Bind-Off. Repeat around other cuff edge.

Ankle Cuffs
With right side facing, double pointed needles and **C**, pick up and k32 (36, 40) sts evenly spaced around cuff edge. Divide sts evenly over double pointed needles. Place marker for beginning of round and prepare to work in rounds.
Next 10 rounds: *K1, p1; repeat from * around.
Work Picot Bind-Off. Repeat around other cuff edge.

ABBREVIATIONS
A, **B**, and **C** = Color A, Color B, and Color C; **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **yo** = yarn over; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

See schematics on next page

6 (7, 8)"
(15 (18, 20.5) cm)

Sleeve

3 (4½, 5)"
(7.5 (11.5, 12.5) cm)

2¼ (2¾, 3¼)"
(5.5 (7, 8.5) cm)

11½ (12½, 13½)"
(29 (32, 34.5) cm)

2 (2, 2½)"
(5 (5, 6.5) cm)

Upper Back

Left Front

Right Front

5 (6½, 7½)"
(13 (16.5, 19) cm)

19 (22, 25)"
(48.5 (56, 63.5) cm)

Lower Body

8½ (9, 9½)"
(21.5 (23, 24) cm)

Leg

Leg

5½ (6½, 8)"
(14 (16.5, 20.5) cm)

7½ (8, 9)"
(19 (20.5, 23) cm)

10½ (11½, 12½)"
(26.5 (29, 32) cm)

1"
(2.5 cm)

10½ (11½, 12½)"
(26.5 (29, 32) cm)

22 (24, 26)"
(56 (61, 66) cm)