



# Playtime Hoodie

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**Directions are for size 3-6 months. Changes for sizes 12 months, 18 months and 24 months are in parentheses.**

**Finished Chest:** 22 (24, 26, 28)"

**Finished Length:** 11 (12, 13, 14)"

**RED HEART® "Soft Baby Steps®":** 2 (3, 3, 3) balls  
9800 Baby Blue

**Knitting Needles:** 4.5mm (US 7), 5mm (US 8)

**Circular Needle:** 4.5mm (US 7), 5mm (US 8), 24"

Stitch holders, Yarn needle, Pompom maker.

**GAUGE:** 16 sts = 4"; 24 rows = 4" in Stockinette stitch with larger needle. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge given.**

## Special Stitch

### Seed Stitch

**Row 1 (Right Side):** [K1, p1] across

**Row 2:** [P1, k1] across.

Repeat Rows 1-2 for Seed st.

## HOODIE

### BACK

With smaller needles, cast on 44 (48, 52, 56) sts.

Work in Seed St for 4 rows; end with a wrong side row.

Change to larger size needles and work in St st until piece measures 11(12, 13, 14)", end with a wrong side row.

**Next Row:** Bind off 13 (14, 15, 16) sts, knit center 18 (20, 22, 24) sts and slip to a stitch holder, bind off remaining sts.

### FRONT

Work same as for Back until piece measures 8 (9, 10, 11)" from beginning, end with a wrong side row.

### DIVIDE FOR NECK

#### Left Front

With right side facing k20 (22, 24, 26), k2tog, turn.

Slip remaining sts to holder for right front.

Working on these 21 (23, 25, 27) sts only decrease 1 st at neck edge every row 8 (9, 10, 11) times – 13 (14, 15, 16) sts. Work even until piece measures same length as Back to Shoulders.

Bind off.

#### Right Front

With right side facing attach yarn at neck edge, k2tog, work across row.

Complete as for Left Front reversing all shaping.

### SLEEVES

With smaller needles, cast on 24 (24, 28, 28) sts.

Work in Seed St for 8 rows, end with a wrong side row.

Change to larger needles and St st, inc 1 st each side every other row 6 (8, 8, 10) times – 36 (40, 44, 48) sts.

Work even until piece measures 6½ (7½, 8½, 10½)" from beginning.

Bind off.

### FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams.



**HOOD**

With right side facing and smaller circular needle, join yarn at Right Front neck edge, pick up and knit 14sts along Front Neck edge to Back Neck, work 18 (20, 22, 24) sts from Back Neck stitch holder, pick up and knit 14 sts along Left Front Neck edge – 46 (48, 50, 52) sts.  
Work in Stockinette st until Hood measures 10 (10½, 11, 11½)” from pick up row.  
Bind off.  
Fold Hood in half along bind-off edge and sew together.

**EDGING**

With right side facing and smaller needle pick up and knit 86 (90, 94, 98) sts around front edge of Hood.  
Work in Seed St for 4 rows.  
Bind off

Measure and mark 4½ (5, 5½, 6)” down from Shoulder seam on Front and Back. Sew top of Sleeves between markers.  
Sew side and Sleeve seams.  
Weave in ends.

Make Pompom and sew to tip of Hood.



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**ABBREVIATIONS:** **dec** = decrease; **Inc** = Increase; **K** = knit; **k2tog** = knit 2 stitches together; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl; **St st** = stockinette stitch; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

