MEDIUM 4   KNIT I SKILL LEVEL: **EASY**

ABBREVIATIONS

Approx = Approximately
Beg = Beginning
Dec = Decrease(ing)
Inc = Increase(ing)
K = Knit
K2tog = Knit next 2 stitches together
Kfb = Increase 1 stitch by knitting into front and back of next stitch
P = Purl
P2tog = Purl next 2 stitches together

Pat = Pattern
Rem = Remain(ing)
Rep = Repeat
RS = Right side
Ssk = Slip next 2 stitches knitwise one at a time. Pass them back onto left-hand needle, then knit through back loops together
St(s) = Stitch(es)
WS = Wrong side
Yo = Yarn over

MATERIALS

Red Heart® Super Saver Stripes™ (5 oz/141 g; 236 yds/215 m)
Cool Stripe (4967)   **8 balls**

Size U.S. 8 (5 mm) circular knitting needle 36" [91.5 cm] long **or size needed to obtain gauge.**

MEASUREMENT

Approx 50" [127 cm] square.

GAUGE

18 sts and 24 rows = 4" [10 cm], in stocking stitch

INSTRUCTIONS

Cast on 2 sts.
1st row: (RS). (Kfb) twice. 4 sts.
2nd row: Knit.
3rd row: K1. (Kfb) twice. K1. 6 sts.
4th row: As 2nd row.

5th row: K1. Kfb. Knit to last 2 sts. Kfb. K1. 8 sts.
6th row: As 2nd row.
7th and 8th rows: As 5th and 4th rows. 10 sts.
9th row: As 5th row. 12 sts.
10th row: K5. P2. K5.
11th row: K1. Kfb. Knit to last 2 sts. Kfb. K1. 14 sts.
12th row: K5. Purl to last 5 sts. K5.
Rep last 2 rows 3 times more. 20 sts at end of last row.

Proceed in pat as follows:

1st row: (RS). K1. Kfb. Knit to last 2 sts. Kfb. K1.

2nd row: Knit.

3rd row: K1. Kfb. K2. *yo. P2tog. Rep from * to last 4 sts. K2. Kfb. K1.

4th row: Knit.

5th row: As 1st row.

6th row: K5. Purl to last 5 sts. K5.

7th to 12th row: As 5th and 6th rows 3 times more.

Rep 1st to 12th rows for pat, inc 2 sts every other row until work measures 50" [127 cm] along straight side edge, ending on a 10th row.

Beg dec: 1st row: (RS). K1. ssk. Knit to last 3 sts. K2tog. K1.

2nd row: Knit.

3rd row: K1. ssk. K3. *yo. P2tog. Rep from * to last 6 sts. K3. K2tog. K1.

4th row: Knit.

5th row: As 1st row.

6th row: K5. Purl to last 5 sts. K5.

7th to 12th rows: As 5th and 6th rows 3 times more.

Rep 1st to 12th rows for pat, dec 2 sts every other row until 20 sts rem.

Next row: (RS). K1. ssk. Knit to last 3 sts. K2tog. K1. 18 sts.

Next row: K5. Purl to last 5 sts. K5.

Rep last 2 rows to 12 sts.

Next row: K1. ssk. Knit to last 3 sts. K2tog. K1. 10 sts.

Next row: Knit.

Rep last 2 rows twice more. 6 sts.

Next row: K1. ssk. K2tog. K1. 4 sts.

Next row: Knit.

Next row: ssk. K2tog. 2 sts.

Next row: K2tog. Fasten off.