

Cuddly Cardigan

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★ *Suitable for beginners.*

Cardigan directions are for newborn; changes for sizes 6, 9, and 12 months are in parentheses.

RED HEART® “Baby Teri™”, Art. E716, 52% acrylic/48% nylon (3 ounce skeins): 2¼ (2½, 3, 3½) Ounces No. 9101 White **CA**, 2 (2¼, 2½, 3) ounces No. 9181 Blue **CB**.

Knitting Needles: U.S. Sizes 6 [4mm] and 8 [5mm].

3 Stitch holders; yarn needle; five ⅜"-diameter buttons; sewing needle and thread.

GAUGE: 17 sts = 4"; 20 rows = 3" in pat on larger needles. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge given.**

To Fit Chest: 17 (19, 21, 22)".

Finished Chest Measurement: 19 (21, 23, 25)" - buttoned.

BACK: With smaller needles and **CB**, cast on 41 (45, 49, 53) sts. Knit 4 rows marking the first row as the right side. Change to larger needles, join **CA** and work in Stripe Pat as follows:

Stripe Pat: With **CA** work 6 rows Stockinette stitch (St st = Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row), beg Knit row; with **CB** Knit 4 rows.

Rep the 10 rows of Stripe Pat until 10 (10½, 11½, 13)" from beg, end wrong side row.

Shape Shoulders: Bind off 11 (12, 13, 15) sts, put center 19 (21, 23, 23) sts on a holder, bind off rem 11 (12, 13, 15) sts.

LEFT FRONT: ** With smaller needles and **CB** cast on 19 (21, 23, 25) sts. Work same as back until 8½ (9, 10, 11)" from beg, end wrong side row. **

Shape Neck: Keeping continuity of Stripe pat, K15 (16, 17, 19) sts, turn and put rem 4 (5, 6, 6) sts on a holder. Work 1 row. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 rows – 11 (12, 13, 15) sts. Work a few rows even until front measures same as back to shoulder, end wrong side row. Bind off.

RIGHT FRONT: Work same as left front reversing neck shaping.

SLEEVES: With smaller needles and **CB** cast on 24 (27, 30, 33) sts. Knit 4 rows, marking first row as the right side. Change to larger needles and **CA**.

Next Row: [K1, K in front and back of next st] 12 (13, 15, 16) times, K0 (1, 0, 1) – 36 (40, 45, 49) sts. Work 5 more rows in St st, beg Purl row, then Knit 4 rows with **CB** and continue in Stripe Pat same as for back until sleeve measures 5½ (6½, 8, 9)" from beg, end wrong side row. Bind off.

FINISHING-Neckband: Sew shoulder seams. With right side facing, smaller needles and **CB**, Knit across 4 (5, 6, 6) sts on right front holder, pick up and Knit 7 (7, 7, 9) sts to shoulder seam, Knit across 19 (21, 23, 23) sts on back holder **dec** 2 sts evenly, pick up and Knit 7 (7, 7, 9) sts down left front neck edge, Knit across 4 (5, 6, 6) sts on left front holder – 39 (43, 47, 51) sts. Knit 3 rows. Bind off.

Button Band: With right side facing, smaller needles and **CB**, beg at top of neckband, pick up and Knit 38 (41, 45, 49) sts evenly down left front edge. Knit 3 rows. Bind off.

Buttonhole Band: With right side facing, smaller needles and **CB**, beg at lower edge of right front, pick up and Knit 38 (41, 45, 49) sts up right front edge. Knit 1 row. **Buttonhole Row:** K2, [yo, K2tog, K6 (7, 8, 9)] 4 times, yo, K2tog, K2 (1, 1, 1). **Next Row:** Knit. Bind off.

Sew buttons to button band to correspond to buttonholes. Mark fronts and back 4¼ (4¾, 5¼, 5¾)" down from shoulder seams. Place center of sleeve tops at shoulder seams and sew in place between markers. Sew side and sleeve seams.

ABBREVIATIONS: **beg** = beginning; **CA**, **CB** = Color A, Color B; **dec** = decrease; **K** = knit; **P** = purl; **pat** = pattern; **rem** = remaining; **rep** = repeat; **st (s)** = stitch (es); **tog** = together; **yo** = yarn over; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

