



KNIT | SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

ABBREVIATIONS

Alt = Alternate(ing)

Beg = Beginning

C4B = Slip next 2 stitches onto cable needle and leave at back of work. K2, then K2 from cable needle

C4F = Slip next 2 stitches onto cable needle and leave at front of work. K2, then K2 from cable needle

Cont = Continue(ity)

Dec = Decreasing

Inc = Increasing

K = Knit

K2tog = Knit next 2 stitches together

P = Purl

Pat = Pattern

PM = Place marker

Rem = Remaining

Rep = Repeat

RS = Right side

SM = Slip marker

St(s) = Stitch(es)

Tog = Together

WS = Wrong side

MEASUREMENTS

Finished width

Newborn 18" [46 cm]

3 mos 19" [48 cm]

6 mos 20" [51 cm]

Finished length

Newborn 17" [43 cm]

3 mos 12" [46 cm]

6 mos 19" [48 cm]

GAUGE

15 sts and 21 rows = 4" [10 cm] with larger needles in stocking st.

INSTRUCTIONS

The instructions are written for smallest size. If changes are necessary for larger sizes the instructions will be written thus (). Numbers for each size are shown in the same color throughout the pattern. When only one number is given in black, it applies to all sizes.

MATERIALS

Red Heart® Soft Essentials Baby™ (5 oz/141 g; 256 yds/234 m)

Sizes **Newborn** **3 mos** **6 mos**

Sweet Mint (6624) **3** **3** **3** balls

Sizes U.S. 8 (5 mm) and U.S. 9 (5.5 mm) knitting needles **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Yarn needle. Cable needle. Stitch markers.

NOTES

- Bunting is worked in two pieces, Front and Back. Pieces are sewn tog. Last row of Back is folded in half and joined to make Hood.
- Front is worked in St st and cable st. Back is worked in rib pattern.

Cable Pat (worked over 12 sts).

1st row: (RS). P2. C4B. C4F. P2.

2nd row: K2. P8. K2.

3rd, 5th and 7th rows: P2. K8. P2.

4th, 6th and 8th rows: K2. P8. K2

These 8 rows form Cable Pat.

FRONT

With larger needles, cast on **82 (84-86)** sts.

1st row: (RS). K4. [PM. P2. K8. P2. PM. K**19 (20-21)**] twice. PM. P2. K8. P2. PM. K4.

2nd row: P4. [SM. K2. P8. K2. SM. P**19 (20-21)**] twice. SM. K2. P8. K2. SM. P4.

3rd row: K4. [SM. Work 1st row of Cable pat over next 12 sts. SM. K**19 (20-21)**] twice. SM. Work 1st row of Cable pat over next 12 sts. SM. K4.

4th row: P4. [SM. Work 2nd row of Cable pat. SM. P**19 (20-21)**] twice. SM. Work 2nd row of Cable pat. SM. P4.

Cable Pat is now in position.

Cont in pat until work from beg measures **17 (18-19)" [43 (46-48)** cm, ending on a WS row.

Next row: (RS). Knit, dec **4 (1-3)** st(s) evenly across. **78 (83-83)** sts.

Note: WS of Body becomes RS of ribbed edging.

Ribbed Edging: 1st row: *K3. P2. Rep from * to last 3 sts. K3.

2nd row: *P3. K2. Rep from * to last 3 sts. P3.

Rep last 2 rows of (K3. P2) ribbing until Ribbed Edging measures **3 (3½-4)" [7.5 (9-10)** cm], ending on a RS row. Cast off in pat.

BACK

With larger needles, cast on **88 (93-98)** sts.

1st row: (RS). *K3. P2. Rep from * to last 3 sts. K3.

2nd row: *P3. K2. Rep from * to last 3 sts. P3.

Rep last 2 rows of (K3. P2) ribbing until work from beg measures **17 (18-19)" [43 (46-48)** cm], ending on a WS row.

Hood

1st row: (RS). *K1. K2tog. P2. Rep from * to last 3 sts. K1. K2tog. **70 (74-78)** sts rem. PM at end of row.

2nd row: *P2. K2. Rep from * to last 2 sts. P2.

3rd row: *K2. P2. Rep from * to last 2 sts. K2.

Rep last 2 rows of (K2. P2) ribbing until Hood from marked row measures **5½ (6¼-6½)" [14 (16-16.5)** cm], ending on a WS row.

Proceed as follows:

1st row: (RS). *K2tog. P2. K2. P2. Rep from * to last **6 (10-6)** sts. K2tog. P2. K2. (P2. K2) **0 (1-0)** time. **61 (65-68)** sts rem.

2nd row: (P2. K2) **1 (2-1)** time(s). *P1. K2. P2. K2. Rep from * to last st. P1.

3rd row: *K1. P2. K2. P2. Rep from * to last **5 (9-5)** sts. K1. (P2. K2) **1 (2-1)** time(s).

4th row: (P2. K2) **1 (2-1)** time(s). *P1. K2. P2. K2. Rep from * to last st. P1.

5th row: *K1. P2. K2tog. P2. Rep from * to last **5 (9-5)** sts. K1. (P2. K2tog) **1 (2-1)** time(s). **52 (55-58)** sts rem.

6th row: *P1. K2. Rep from * to last st. P1.

7th row: *K1. P2. Rep from * to last st. K1.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more.

Next row: (WS). *P1. K2tog. Rep from * to last st. P1.

Cast off rem **35 (37-39)** sts.

FINISHING

With WS tog, fold cast off row of Hood in half and sew tog with seam on right side. Sew Front and Back tog along lower edge. Fold ribbed edge of Front over to right side. Sew side seams tog, catching both layers of folded ribbed edge and Front piece in seam.

Hood Ribbed Edge

With smaller needle, cast on **58 (63-68)** sts.

1st row: (RS). *K3. P2. Rep from * to last 3 sts. K3.

2nd row: *P3. K2. Rep from * to last 3 sts. P3.

Rep last 2 rows of (K3. P2) ribbing until work from beg measures 1½" [4 cm].

Cast off in pat.

Sew one long edge of Ribbed Edge along edges of Hood, beg and ending at edge of Front.

Tassel: Wrap yarn around a 4½" [11 cm] piece of cardboard 25 times. Tie securely at one end. Cut across other end. Wrap yarn 6 times around tassel 1½" [4 cm] from tied end, and fasten securely. Attach Tassel at top of Hood.

