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Designed by Grace Alexander.

Directions are for age 6; changes for ages 8, 10 and 12 are in parentheses.

RED HEART® "Strata": 4 (5, 6 1/4, 7 1/2) Ounces No. 8530 Passion or No. 8569 Splash.

Knitting Needles: 5mm [US 8].
2 Stitch holders, 2 stitch markers, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4"; 22 rows = 4" in St st. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

To Fit Chest: 25 (26 1/2, 28, 30)".

Finished Chest: 26 1/2 (27 1/2, 29 1/2, 31 1/2)".

BACK: Cast on 51 (53, 57, 61) sts. Work in ribbing as follows:

Row 1 (Right Side): K1, * P1, K1; rep from * across.

Row 2: P1, * K1, P1; rep from * across.

Rep last two rows 2 (3, 4, 4) times more. Now work in St st, beg K row, inc 1 st at each end of first row – 53 (55, 59, 63) sts. Work even until back measures 7 1/2 (8 1/2, 9 1/2, 10 1/2)" from beg, end P row.

Shape Armhole: Bind off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows – 45 (47, 51, 55) sts. **

Dec 1 st each end of every K row until 41 (43, 45, 47) sts remain. Work even until 12 1/2 (14 1/2, 16, 17)" from beg, end P row.

Shape Shoulders: Bind off 10 sts at beg of next 2 rows.
Put remaining 21 (23, 25, 27) sts on a holder.

FRONT: Work same as for Back to **.

Divide for V-neck: K2tog, K18 (19, 21, 23), K2tog, turn and put remaining sts on a holder – 20 (21, 23, 25) sts.

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 1 (1, 2, 3) K rows AND AT THE SAME TIME dec 1 st at neck edge every K row until 10 sts remain. Work even until front measures same as back to shoulder. Bind off.

With right side facing, leave center st on a holder, K2tog, K18 (19, 21, 23), K2tog. Complete to correspond to first side reversing shapings.

FINISHING-Neckband: Sew right shoulder seam.

With right side facing, pick up and K24 (28, 32, 32) sts down left front, place marker on needle, K st from holder, place marker on needle, pick up and K24 (28, 32, 32) sts up right front, K21 (23, 25, 27) sts from back holder inc 1 st – 71 (81, 91, 93) sts.

Row 1: P1, * K1, P1; rep from * across slipping markers.

Row 2: Work in ribbing to 2 sts before marker, K2togtbl, slip marker, K1, slip marker, K2tog, work in ribbing to end.

Row 3: K the K sts and P the P sts as they face you.

Row 4: Work in ribbing to 2 sts before marker, P2togtbl, K1, P2tog, work in ribbing to end. Bind off in ribbing.
Sew left shoulder and neckband seam.

Armbands: With right side facing, pick up and K53 (61, 69, 69) sts evenly around armhole. Work 4 rows of ribbing same as for back, beg Row 2, decreasing 1 st each end of 2nd and 4th rows – 49 (57, 65, 65) sts. Bind off in ribbing. Sew side seams.

(4 Medium) **RED HEART® "Strata™"**, Art. E733 (4 ounce/222 yard ball).

ABBREVIATIONS: **beg** = beginning; **dec** = decrease; **inc** = increase; **K** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl; **rep** = repeat; **St st** = Stockinette stitch (Knit on right side rows; P on wrong side rows); **st(s)** = stitch (es); **tbl** = through back loops; **tog** = together; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

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