



CROCHET  
SKILL LEVEL  
EASY

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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Soft®:** 1 (2, 2, 2) balls  
9440 Light Grey Heather

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:**  
4mm [US G-6]

Yarn needle

**GAUGE:** 16 sc = 4" [10 cm]; 20  
rows = 4" [10 cm] in pattern st.  
**CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any  
size hook to obtain the gauge.



**RED HEART® Soft®,**  
Art. E728 available in  
solid color 5 oz (141 g),  
256 yd (234 m), print 4 oz (113 g),  
204 yd (187 m), and heather 4 oz  
(113 g), 212 yd (194 m) balls



# Easy V-Neck Vest

*Crochet this for a snappy look that boys will enjoy wearing. Of course, girls will enjoy this classic retro style, as well.*

**Chest:** 20 (21, 22, 24)" [51 (53.5, 56, 61) cm]  
**Length:** 10 (11, 13, 15)" [25 (28, 33, 38) cm]

**Directions are for size 6 months; changes for sizes 12, 18 and 24 months are in parentheses.**

## SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

**dc2tog:** [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all loops on hook

**sc2tog:** [Draw up a loop in next st] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

## VEST BACK

Ch 37 (39, 43, 45).

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Sc in 2nd ch and in each ch across – 36 (38, 42, 44) sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 3 (counts as first dc throughout), turn, dc in each st across.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, turn, working through back loops only, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st – 38 (40, 44, 46) sts.

**Row 4:** Repeat Row 2.

**Row 5:** Repeat Row 3 – 40 (42, 46, 48) sts.

**Row 6:** Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, \*ch 1, skip next st, sc in next st; repeat from \* across to last st, sc in last st.

**Row 7:** Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, \*sc in next st, sc in ch-1 space; repeat from \* across to last st, sc in last st.

Repeat Rows 6-7 until piece measures 6 (6½, 8, 9½)"

[15 (16.5, 20.5, 24) cm] from beginning, end with a right side row.

Fasten off.

## Shape Armhole

**Next Row (Wrong Side):** With wrong side facing, skip first 4 (4, 5, 5) sts, join yarn in next st, ch 1, sc in same st, \*ch 1, skip next st, sc in next st; repeat from \* to last 5 (5, 6, 6) sts, sc in next st, leave remaining sts unworked – 32 (34, 36, 38) sts.

**Armhole Decrease Row:** Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st to last 2 sts, sc2tog – 30 (32, 34, 36) sts.

**Next Row:** Keeping in pattern st, repeat Row 6.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more – 26 (28, 30, 32) sts.

**Next Row:** Repeat Row 7.

Repeat Rows 6-7 until Armhole measures 4 (4½, 5, 5½)" [10 (11.5, 12.5, 14) cm], end with a wrong side row.

## Shape Right Shoulder

**Last Row (Right Side):** Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 (5, 6, 6) sts, leave remaining sts unworked. Fasten off.

## Shape Left Shoulder

**Last Row:** With right side facing, skip center 16 (18, 18, 20) sts for Neck, join yarn in next st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each sc to end of row – 5 (5, 6, 6) sts. Fasten off.

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## VEST FRONT

Work as for Back until piece measures same length as Back to Armhole, end with a right side row.

**Next Row (Wrong Side):** With wrong side facing, skip first 4 (4, 5, 5) sts, join yarn in next st, ch 1, sc in same st, \*ch 1, skip next st, sc in next st; repeat from \* to last 5 (5, 6, 6) sts, sc in next st, leave remaining sts unworked – 32 (34, 36, 38) sts.

### Shape Neck

#### Left Shoulder

**Neck and Armhole Decrease Row (Right Side):** Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 12 (13, 14, 15) sc, sc2tog, leave remaining sts unworked – 14 (15, 16, 17) sts.

**Next Row:** Keeping in pattern st, repeat Row 6.

Keeping in pattern st, repeat last 2 rows twice more – 10 (11, 12, 13) sts.

**Neck Decrease Row (Right Side):** Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc to last 2 sts, sc2tog – 9 (10, 11, 12) sts.

**Next Row:** Keeping in pattern st, repeat Row 6.

Keeping in pattern st, repeat Neck Decrease Row every other row 4 (5, 5, 6) more times – 5 (5, 6, 6) sts.

Work until piece measures same length as Back to shoulders. Fasten off.

#### Right Shoulder

**Neck and Armhole Decrease Row (Right Side):** With right side facing, join yarn in next unworked st on last full row worked, ch 1, sc in same st, sc2tog, sc in next 11 (12, 13, 14) sc, sc2tog – 14 (15, 16, 17) sts.

**Next Row:** Keeping in pattern st, repeat Row 6.

**Neck and Armhole Decrease Row:** Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each sc to last 2 sc, sc2tog – 12 (13, 14, 15) sts.

**Next Row:** Keeping in pattern st, repeat Row 6.

Keeping in pattern st, repeat last 2 rows once more – 10 (11, 12, 13) sts.

**Neck Decrease Row (Right Side):** Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each sc to end of row – 9 (10, 11, 12) sts.

**Next Row:** Keeping in pattern st, repeat Row 6.

Keeping in pattern st, repeat Neck Decrease Row every other row 4 (5, 5, 6) more times – 5 (5, 6, 6) sts.

Work until piece measures same length as Back to shoulders. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Sew Shoulder and side seams.

### Armhole Border

**Round 1:** With right side facing, join yarn in side seam at underarm, ch 1, sc in same space, sc in next 4 (4, 5, 5) sts, sc 16 (18, 20, 22) sts along armhole edge to shoulder seam, sc 16 (18, 20, 22) sts along opposite armhole edge to unworked sts of underarm, sc in remaining 4 (4, 5, 5) sts, slip st in first sc – 40 (44, 50, 54) sts.

**Round 2:** Ch 3, \*dc in next st, dc2tog; repeat from \*, slip st in first dc. Fasten off. Repeat around opposite armhole.

### Neck Border

**Row 1:** With right side facing, join yarn in right shoulder seam, ch 1, sc in same st, sc 16 (18, 18, 20) sts across back to left shoulder seam, sc 17 (18, 20, 23) sts along left front neck edge to center front, sc 17 (18, 20, 23) sts along right front neck edge, slip st in first sc – 50 (54, 58, 66) sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 3, dc in next st, \*dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts, repeat from \* around, slip st in first dc. Fasten off.

Weave in ends.

## Abbreviations

**ch** = chain; **cm** = centimeters; **dc** = double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tog** = together; **\* or \*\*** = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated.

