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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft®: 8 (9, 9, 10, 10, 11) balls 9440 Light Grey Heather

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 6 mm [US J-10]

Yarn needle. Stitch markers

GAUGE: 10 esc = 4" (10 cm); 8 rows in dc = $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (11.5 cm). 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 4oz (113g), 212 yd (194m) balls



Love This Cardi

This beautiful design will look wonderful in any shade you enjoy wearing. The style is effortless and perfect for casual or dressier occasions. Crocheted in Soft yarn, for comfort and ease of care.

SHOP KIT

Directions are given for size Small. Changes for Medium, Large, 1XL, 2XL, and 3XL are in parentheses

Finished Bust: 36 (40, 44, 48, 52, 56)" (91.5 [101.5, 112, 122, 132, 142] cm)

Special Abbreviations

Extended single crochet (esc): Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 1 loop on hook, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook.

FPslip st: Insert hook from front to back to front again around the post of designated st, yarn over, draw yarn through st and loop on hook.

Special Technique

A "join-as-you-go" technique is used to join flowers to each other creating a strip. The last flower is also joined to the first flower creating a ring. The flowers ring is then joined to entire outer edge of sweater. Right-side facing flowers and wrong-side facing flowers must be centered over the armhole openings. The wrong-side facing flowers will be arranged centered over top part of sweater and will become right-side facing when flipped back to form the collar.

ch-1 join: Drop loop from hook, insert hook in corresponding ch-1 space on adjacent flower, pick up dropped loop and draw through space. **ch-3 join:** Ch 1, drop loop from hook, insert hook in center ch of corresponding ch-3 space, pick up dropped loop and draw through space, ch 1.

BODY

Back

Ch 43 (47, 51, 55, 59, 63).

Row 1 (right side): Esc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across, (ch-2 at beginning of row counts as first esc), turn -42 (46, 50, 54, 58, 62) esc.

Rows 2-23: Ch 2 (counts as esc), skip first st, esc in each st across, turn.

Outer Body

Round 1: Ch 27, (first 3 ch count as dc, remaining 24 ch create first armhole), turn to work across side edge of Back, skip next 21 rows, dc in next row-end st (Row 1 of Back), working across opposite side of foundation ch. 3 dc in first ch (place marker in center dc), dc in next 9 ch, tr in next 22 (26, 30, 34, 38, 42) ch (place marker in first and last tr), dc in next 9 ch, 3 dc in first ch (place marker in center dc), working across side edge of Back, dc in next row-end st, ch 24, skip next 21 rows, dc in last row-end st, working in sts across last row of back, 3 dc in next st (place marker in center dc), dc in next 9 sts, tr in next 22 (26, 30, 34, 38, 42) sts (place marker in first and last tr), dc in next 9 sts, 3 dc in next st (place marker in center dc); join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-27 – 96 (104, 112, 120, 128, 136) sts, 2 ch-24 space. Move markers up in each round, using center st when 3 sts are worked in marked st.

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Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), *[2 dc in next ch, dc in next 3 ch] 6 times, dc in next 7 sts, [2 dc in next st, dc in next st] 5 times*, dc in each st up to next armhole ch; repeat from * to * once, dc in each st to end; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-3 – 166 (174, 182, 190, 198, 206) sts.

Round 3: Ch 3, dc in each st around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3.

Round 4: Ch 3, *dc in each st to next marker, 3 dc in marked st; repeat from * 7 times, dc in each st to end; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-3 – 182 (190, 198, 206, 214, 222) sts.

Round 5: Repeat Round 3.

Rounds 6-9: Repeat Rounds 4-5 twice – 214 (222, 230, 238, 246, 254) dc.

Round 10: Ch 3, dc in each st across to 2nd marker, 3 tr in next marked st, tr in each st up to next marker, 3 tr in next next marked st, dc in each st across to 3rd marker, 3 tr in next marked st, tr in each st up to next marker, 3 tr in next next marked st, dc in each st to end; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 – 222 (230, 238, 246, 254, 262) sts.

Round 11: Repeat Round 3.

Round 12: Ch 3, dc in each st up to next marker, 3 dc in marked st, dc in each st across to 4th marker, 3 dc in marked st, dc in each st across to next marker, 3 dc in marked st, dc in each st across to last marker, 3 dc in marked st, dc in each st to end; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3 – 230 (238, 246, 254, 262, 270) dc.

Round 13: Repeat Round 3.

Round 14: Repeat Round 12 – 238 (246, 254, 262, 270, 278) dc.

Sizes M, L, 1XL, 2XL, 3XL Only Rounds 15-16 (18, 20, 22, 24): Repeat
Rounds 13-14 (1 [2, 3, 4, 5] times) – 254
(270, 286, 302, 318) dc.

All Sizes

Round 15 (17, 19, 21, 23, 25): Ch 6 (counts as dc, ch 3), dc in same st, skip next st, *(dc, ch 3, dc) in next st, skip next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-6 -119 [127, 135, 143, 151, 159] ch-3 spaces. Fasten off.

Armhole Edging

Round 1: Working in bottom of armhole foundation ch and in row-end sts around armhole opening, join yarn with a sc in any space, sc in each ch and row-end st around; join with slip st in first sc. Repeat for second armhole.

FIRST FLOWER

Ch 4; join with slip st to form ring.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch
2) (do in ring ch 2) 6 times; join with a clip of

2), (dc in ring, ch 2) 6 times; join with a slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5 – 7 ch-2 spaces. **Round 2:** Ch 1. slip st around the post of

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Round 3: *3 dc in next ch-1 space of Round 2, slip st in next sl st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of first dc - 7 shells.

Round 4: Ch 1, slip st in next ch-2 space of Round 1, directly behind, ch 1, (sc,3 tr, sc, ch 1) in same space and in each ch-2 space around; join with slip st in first sc, turn -7 shells 7 ch-1 spaces.

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Round 5 (wrong side): Ch 6 (counts as dc, ch 3), working in sts of Round 1, (dc, ch 3, dc) around the post of next dc, [ch 3, dc around the post of next dc] 3 times, ch 3, (dc, ch 3, dc) around the post of next dc, ch 3, dc around post of top of next dc, ch 3; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-6, turn – 9 ch-3 spaces.

Round 6 (right side): *(Sc, dc, 3 tr, dc, sc) in next ch-5 space, slip st in next dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc, turn – 9 shells.

Round 7 (wrong side): Ch 1, working in the sts of Round 5, (slip st, ch 1, sc) around the post of dc 2 rounds below, ch 6, *sc around the post of next dc, ch 6; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc, turn -9 ch-6 spaces.

Round 8 (right side): (Sc, hdc, dc, 3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in each ch-6 space around; join with slip st in first sc – 9 shells. Fasten off.

SECOND FLOWER

Work same as First Flower through Round 7. Round 8 (right side): [(Sc, hdc, dc, 3 tr, ch-1 join, 3 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-6 space, slip st in next dc] twice, *(sc, hdc, dc, 3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-6 space, slip st in next dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

FLOWERS 3-9 (9, 9, 10, 10, 11)

Work same as First Flower through Round 7. Round 8 (right side): Skipping 3 shells on bottom edge of last Flower, [(sc, hdc, dc, 3 tr, ch-1 join, 3 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-6 space, slip st in next dc] twice, *(sc, hdc, dc, 3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-6 space, slip st in next dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

FLOWERS 10-16 (10-17, 10-18, 11-19, 11-20, 12-21)

Work same as First Flower through Round 7, do not turn.

Round 8 (wrong side): Skipping 3 shells on bottom edge of last Flower, [(sc, hdc, dc, 3 tr, ch-1 join, 3 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-6 space, slip st in next dc] twice, *(sc, hdc, dc, 3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-6 space, slip st in next dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

LAST FLOWER (joining to last Flower and First Flower)

Round 8 (wrong side): Skipping 3 shells on bottom edge of last Flower, [(sc, hdc, dc, 3 tr, ch-1 join, 3 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-6 space, slip st in next dc] twice, [(sc, hdc, dc, 3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-6 space, slip st in next st] twice, [(sc, hdc, dc, 3 tr, ch-1 join, 3 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-6 space, slip st in next dc] twice, [(sc, hdc, dc, 3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-6 space, slip st in next st] 3 times; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

INNER EDGING

Round 1: Working on inside of flower ring, with right side facing, join yarn with a sc in ch-1 space of first petal on first right-side facing flower, (ch 3, sc) twice in same space, ch 5, [sc, (ch 3, sc) twice] in next ch-1 space, working in center of flower joining, [tr, (ch 3, tr) 3 times] in next joining, *[sc, (ch 3, sc) twice] in next ch-1 space, ch 5, [sc, (ch 3, sc) twice] in next ch-1 space, [tr, (ch 3, tr) 3 times] in center of next joining; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc - 17 (18, 19, 20, 21, 22) ch-5 spaces; 119 (126, 133, 140, 147, 154) ch-3 spaces.

Lay Flower Ring around Body of sweater, centering wrong-side-facing Flowers on top of sweater and right-side-facing Flowers on bottom of sweater.

Size S Only

Round 2: Slip st in next ch-3 space, ch 4, drop loop from hook, insert hook in center ch of corresponding ch-3 on body of sweater, pick up dropped loop and draw through, ch 1, dc in same space on flower band, (dc, ch-3 join, dc) in next ch-3 space, ch 3, slip st in center ch of next ch-5, ch 3, *(dc, ch-3 join, dc) in next 7 ch-3 spaces, ch 3, slip st in center of next ch-5, ch 3; repeat from * around, ending with (dc, ch-3 join, dc) in last 5 ch-3 spaces; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4. Fasten off.

Size M Only

Round 2: Slip st in next ch-3 space, ch 4, drop loop from hook, insert hook in center ch of any ch-3 on body of sweater, pick up dropped loop and draw through, ch 1, dc in same space, in same space on flower band, [dc, (ch-3 join, dc) twice] in next ch-3 space, ch 3, slip st in center ch of next ch-5, ch 3, *(dc, ch-3 join, dc) in next 7 ch-3 spaces, ch 3, slip st in center of next ch-5, ch 3; repeat from * around, ending with (dc, ch-3 join, dc) in last 5 ch-3 spaces; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4. Fasten off.

Size L Only

Round 2: Slip st in next ch-3 space, ch 4, drop loop from hook, insert hook in center ch of any ch-3 on body of sweater, pick up dropped loop and draw through, ch 1, dc in same space on flower band, [dc, (ch-3 join, dc) twice] in next ch-3 space, ch 3, slip st in center ch of next ch-5, ch 3, (dc, ch-3 join, dc) in next ch-3 space, [dc, (ch-3 join, dc) twice] in next ch-3 spaces, (dc, ch-3 join, dc) in next 5 ch-3 spaces, ch 3, slip st in center ch of next ch-5, ch 3, *(dc, ch-3 join, dc) in next 7 ch-3 spaces, ch 3, slip st in center of next ch-5, ch 3; repeat from * around, ending with (dc, ch-3 join, dc) in last 5 ch-3 spaces; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4. Fasten off.

Size 1XL Only

Round 2: Slip st in next ch-3 space, ch 4, drop loop from hook, insert hook in center ch of any ch-3 on body of sweater, pick up dropped loop and draw through, ch 1, dc in same space on flower band, [dc, (ch-3 join, dc) twice] in next ch-3 space, ch 3, slip st in center ch of next ch-5, ch 3, (dc, ch-3 join, dc) in next ch-3 space, [dc, (ch-3 join, dc) twice] in next ch-3 space, (dc, ch-3 join, dc) in next ch-3 space, [dc, (ch-3 join, dc) twice] in next ch-3 space, (dc, ch-3 join, dc) in next 3 ch-3 spaces, ch 3, slip st in center ch of next ch-5, ch 3, *(dc, ch-3 join, dc) in next 7 ch-3 spaces, ch 3, slip st in center of next ch-5, ch 3; repeat from * around, ending with (dc, ch-3 join, dc) in last 5 ch-3 spaces; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4. Fasten off.

Sizes 2XL and 3XL Only

Round 2: Slip st in next ch-3 space, ch 4, drop loop from hook, insert hook in center ch of any ch-3 on body of sweater, pick up dropped loop and draw through, ch 1, dc in same space on flower band, [dc, (ch-3 join, dc) twice] in next ch-3 space, ch 3, slip st in center ch of next ch-5, ch 3, (dc, ch-3 join, dc) in next ch-3 space, [dc, (ch-3 join, dc) twice] in next 3 (4) ch-3 spaces, (dc, ch-3 join, dc) in next 3 (2) ch-3 spaces, ch 3, slip st in center ch of next ch-5, ch 3, *(dc, ch-3 join, dc) in next 7 ch-3 spaces, ch 3, slip st in center of next ch-5, ch 3; repeat from * around, ending with (dc, ch-3 join, dc) in last 5 ch-3 spaces; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4. Fasten off.

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TIE (make 2)

Ch 64, dc in 4th ch from hook and each ch across. Sew to space between right-side-facing Flower and wrong-side-facing Flower over Round 1 on one side of sweater. Repeat for second Tie joining to other side of sweater.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain; dc = double crochet; sc = single
crochet; slip st = slip st; sp(s) = space(es);
st(s) = stitch(es); tr = triple crochet; () = work
directions in parentheses into same st; [] =
work directions in brackets the number of
times specified; * = repeat whatever follows
the * as indicated.

