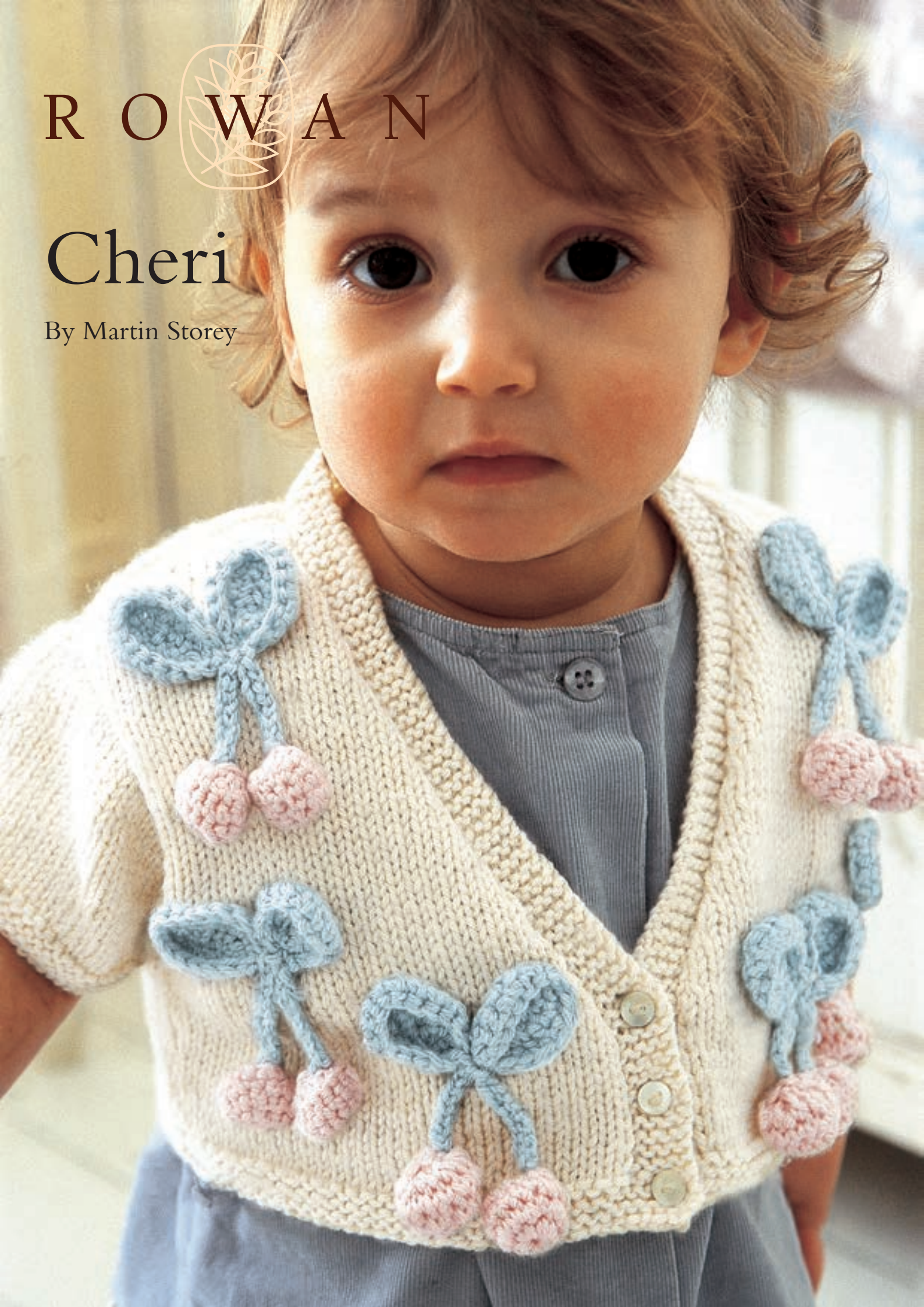


R O W A N



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YARN

| | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-4 | 4-5 | years |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| To fit chest | | | | | |
| | 56 | 58 | 61 | 64 | cm |
| | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | in |

Baby Merino Silk DK

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|------------------|---|---|---|---|--------|
| A Straw 671 | | | | | |
| | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | x 50gm |
| B Shell Pink 674 | | | | | |
| | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | x 50gm |
| C Sky 676 | | | | | |
| | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | x 50gm |

NEEDLES

1 pair 3½mm (no 10) (US 3) needles
 1 pair 4mm (no 8) (US 6) needles
 3.25mm (no 10) (US D3) crochet hook

EXTRAS

3 x 7small buttons and toy filling (for cherries)

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to 10 cm measured over stocking stitch using 4mm (US 6) needles.

CROCHET ABBREVIATIONS

ss = slip stitch; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **htr** = half treble; **tr** = treble; **sp(s)** = space(s) **dc2tog** = (insert hook into next st, yarn over hook and draw loop through) twice, yarn over hook and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

BACK

Using 3½mm (US 3) needles and yarn A cast on 61 [65: 69:

73] sts.

Work in g st for 6 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. Change to 4mm (US 6) needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st st, shaping side seams by inc 1 st at each end of 7th [7th: 9th: 7th] and every foll 6th [8th: 10th: 12th] row until there are 67 [71: 75: 79] sts.

Work 5 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. (Back should meas 10 [11: 13: 14] cm.)

Shape armholes

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 61 [65: 69: 73] sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows. 55 [59: 63: 67] sts.

Cont straight until armhole meas 14 [15: 15: 16] cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape shoulders and back neck

Next row (RS): Cast off 7 [8: 9: 10] sts, K until there are 9 [10: 10: 11] sts on right needle and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

Work each side of neck separately.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row.

Cast off rem 8 [9: 9: 10] sts.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts, cast off centre 23 [23: 25: 25] sts, K to end.

Complete to match first side, reversing shapings.

LEFT FRONT

Using 3½mm (US 3) needles and yarn A cast on 36 [38: 40: 42] sts.

Work in g st for 5 rows, ending with **WS** facing for next row.

Row 6 (WS): K5 and slip these 5 sts onto a holder, K to end. 31 [33: 35: 37] sts.

Change to 4mm (US 6) needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st st, shaping side seams by inc 1 st at beg of 7th [7th: 9th: 7th] and foll 6th [8th: 10th: 12th] row.

33 [35: 37: 39] sts.

Work 3 [5: 7: 9] rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape front slope

Dec 1 st at end of next and foll 3 [2: 3: 3] alt rows **and at same time** inc 1 st at beg of 3rd row. 30 [33: 34: 36] sts.

Work 1 [3: 1: 1] rows, ending with RS facing for next row. (Left Front should now match Back to beg of armhole shaping.)

Shape armhole

Cast off 3 sts at beg and dec 1 [1: 1: 0] st at end of next row. 26 [29: 30: 33] sts.

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at armhole edge of next 3 rows **and at same time** dec 1 st at front slope edge on 3rd [3rd: 3rd: next] row.

22 [25: 26: 29] sts.

Dec 1 st at front slope edge only on 4th [4th: 4th: 2nd] and every foll 4th row until 15 [17: 18: 20] sts rem.

Cont straight until left front matches back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 7 [8: 9: 10] sts at beg of next row.

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 8 [9: 9: 10] sts.

RIGHT FRONT

Using 3¼mm (US 3) needles and yarn A cast on 36 [38: 40: 42] sts.

Work in g st for 4 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Row 5 (RS): K1, K2tog, yfwd (to make first buttonhole), K to end.

Row 6: K to last 5 sts and turn, leaving rem 5 sts on a holder. 31 [33: 35: 37] sts.

Change to 4mm (US 6) needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st st, shaping side seams by inc 1 st at end of 7th [7th: 9th: 7th] and foll 6th [8th: 10th: 12th] row.

33 [35: 37: 39] sts.

Complete to match left front, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

Using 3¼mm (US 3) needles and yarn A cast on 49 [53: 53: 57] sts.

Work in g st for 6 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 4mm (US 6) needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st st, shaping sides by inc 1 st at each end of next and foll 5 alt rows. 61 [65: 65: 69] sts.

Work 1 row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape top

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 55 [59: 59: 63] sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and foll 2 alt rows, then on foll row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off rem 47 [51: 51: 55] sts.

MAKING UP

Press as described on the information page.

Join both shoulder seams using back stitch, or mattress stitch if preferred.

Button band

Slip 5 sts from left front holder onto 3¼mm (US 3) needles and rejoin yarn A with RS facing.

Cont in g st until band, when slightly stretched, fits up left front opening edge to beg of front slope shaping, up front slope and across to centre back neck, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off.

Slip st band in place.

Mark positions for 3 buttons on this band – first to come level with buttonhole already worked in right front, last to come just below front slope shaping, and rem button evenly spaced between.

Buttonhole band

Slip 5 sts from right front holder onto 3¼mm (US 3) needles and rejoin yarn A with **WS** facing.

Cont in g st until band, when slightly stretched, fits up right front opening edge to beg of front slope shaping, up front slope and across to centre back neck, ending with RS facing for next row and with the addition of a further 2 buttonholes worked as folls:

Buttonhole row (RS): K1, K2tog, yfwd, K2.

Cast off.

Slip st band in place, join cast-off ends of bands at centre back neck.

See information page for finishing instructions, setting in sleeves using the shallow set-in method.

Cherries (make 12)

With 3.25mm (US D3) crochet hook and yarn B, make a slip loop.

Round 1 (RS): 8 dc into centre of slip loop, ss to first dc.

Pull firmly on loose end of slip loop to close base of cherry.

Round 2: 1 ch (does NOT count as st), 2 dc into each dc to end, ss to first dc. 16 sts.

Round 3: 1 ch (does NOT count as st), 1 dc into each dc to end, ss to first dc.

Round 4: 1 ch (does NOT count as st), (dc2tog over next 2 dc) 8 times, ss to first dc2tog. 8 sts.

Fasten off, leaving a fairly long end. Insert a little toy filling into cherry and run a gathering thread around top of last round. Pull up tight and fasten off securely.

Leaves and stalks (make 6 sets)

First leaf

With 3.25mm (US D3) crochet hook and yarn C, make 6 ch.

Round 1 (RS): 1 dc into 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc into each of next 3 ch, (1 dc, 1 ch and 1 dc) into last ch, working back along other side of ch: 1 dc into each of next 4 ch, 1 ch, ss to first dc.

Round 2: 1 ch (does NOT count as st), 1 dc into first dc, 1 htr into next dc, 1 tr into next dc, 1 htr into next dc, 1 dc into next dc, 1 ch, 1 dc into next ch sp, 1 ch, 1 dc into next dc, 1 htr into next dc, 1 tr into next dc, 1 htr into next dc, 1 dc into next dc, ss to first dc.

Round 3: 1 ch (does NOT count as st), 1 dc into each of first 6 sts, 1 dc into next ch sp, 1 dc into next dc, 1 dc into next ch sp, 1 dc into each of last 6 sts, ss to first dc.

Fasten off.

Second leaf

Work as given for first leaf but do NOT fasten off.

Stalks

Now work stalks to join leaves and cherries as folls: 9 ch, ss into top of one cherry, turn, 1 ss into each of next 9 ch, ss into ss at end of round 3 of second leaf, 9 ch, ss into top of second cherry, turn, 1 ss into each of next 9 ch, ss into ss at end of round 3 of first leaf.

Fasten off.

Using photograph as a guide, sew crochet motifs onto fronts.

