Patriotic Cardigan 2006
medium/large preemie (14 1/2" chest) or newborn (16 1/4" chest)
(adjustments for larger size in parenthesis)

materials:
four 3/4" buttons
crochet hook size US F (3.75 mm)
sport weight yarn (approximate yardages):
c1: white (200 yds), c2: red (100 yds), c3: blue (50 yds)
gauge: 4" = 17.5 dc st/8 dc r

abbreviations:
ch: chain
dc: double crochet
dc incr: dc, ch-1, dc in same st
hdc: half double crochet
decr: decrease
RS: right side
sc: single crochet
sc incr: sc, ch-2, sc in same st
sl st: slip stitch
sp: space
st(s): stitch(es)
WS: wrong side
Cx: represents the colors, 1 - 3
note: ch-3 at beginning of any round will count as dc, ch-2 counts as hdc.

construction notes:
Unless otherwise instructed, pick up new color wherever it was previous dropped and begin working with that side of the fabric facing

instructions:
c1: ch 47(52). drop c1
c2: (RS) sc in each ch across (47/51 st)

yoke - size sm
1. (WS) with c1, ch-3. [dc, sc] 2x. sc. (left front); dc incr; [sc, dc] 5x. sc. dc incr. (sleeve); [sc, dc] 4x. sc. (back)
dc incr; [sc, dc] 5x. sc. dc incr. (sleeve); [sc, dc] 2x. dc. (right front) 51 st
2. with c2, ch-1. sc in same st. [sc, dc] 3x. (right front); sc incr; [sc, dc] 6x. sc. sc incr. (sleeve); [sc, dc] 5x. sc. (back)
sc incr; [sc, dc] 6x. sc. sc incr. (sleeve); [sc, dc] 3x. sc. (left front) 59 st
3. with c1, ch-3. [dc, sc] 3x. dc.; dc incr; dc. [dc, sc] 6x. 2 dc; dc incr; dc. [dc, sc] 5x. 2 dc.; dc incr; dc. [dc, sc] 2x. dc; dc incr; dc. [sc, dc] 3x. dc. 67 st
4. with c2, ch-1. sc in same st. [sc, dc] 4x. ; sc incr; [sc, dc] 8x. sc; sc incr; [sc, dc] 7x. sc; sc incr; [sc, dc] 8x. sc; sc incr; [dc, sc] 4x. sc. 75 st
5. with c1, ch-3. [dc, sc] 5x.; dc incr; dc. [dc, sc] 8x. 2 dc; dc incr; dc. [dc, sc] 6x. 2 dc.; dc incr; dc. [dc, sc] 6x. 2 dc; dc incr; dc. [sc, dc] 3x. dc. 87 st
6. with c2 (RS), ch-1. sc in same st and next 11; sc incr; 21 sc; sc incr; 21 sc; sc incr; 12 sc. 95 st
7. with c3 (RS), ch-2. 12 hdc; sc incr; 23 hdc; sc incr; 23 hdc; sc incr; 23 hdc; sc incr; 13 hdc. 103 st
8. with c2 (RS), ch-1. sc in same st and next 13; sc incr; 25 sc; sc incr; 25 sc; sc incr; 25 sc; sc incr; 14 sc. 111 st
9. with c2 (RS), ch-3. 14 dc; dc incr; 27 dc; dc incr; 27 dc; dc incr; 27 dc; dc incr; 15 dc. 119 st

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**underarms:**

1: WS - ch 2, work 13(15) dc (last st in ch-1 sp in prev row). ch 4. skip sleeve st. dc in ch-1 sp on back. dc in each st across back (25/29 st) and in ch-1 sp on other side of back. ch-4. skip sleeve st. dc in ch-1 sp of right front. dc in each st across. last st in top of ch-2 from prev row. turn. 65 (71) st.

2: ch-2. dc in each st across. turn.

repeat row 2 until 7(8) rows are completed from underarm. body should be 3'(3½") from underarm, or desired length less 1" for lower border.

**lower border (all rows worked from RS):**

1: with c1, ch-1. sc in same st [work 8 (9) sc, decr] five times. sc to end of row. 60 (66) st.

2: with c2, ch-1. sc in same st and in each st across. clip and tie off.

3: with c1, ch-1. sc in same st and in each st across. clip and tie off.

4: with c3, ch-1. sc in same st and in each st across. clip and tie off.

5: with c1, ch-1. sc in same st and in each st across. clip and tie off.

6: with c2, ch-1. sc in same st and in each st across. clip and tie off.

7: with c2, ch-1. rvs sc in same st and in each st across. clip and tie off.

**sleeve:**

1: with RS facing, attach c1 in the 3rd ch of underarm chain. ch 1. sc in same ch and next ch. hdc in corner between underarm and yoke, dc in side of 1st armhole row and in each st around armhole. dc in side of row on the other side, hdc in the corner. sc in first 2 ch. sl st in top of ch-1 to join. (35/38 st)

2: ch-3. work 1 dc. decr. dc to last 4 st on round. decr. dc in last 2 st. sl st in top of ch-3 to join. (2 st decreased)

3: ch-3. dc around. sl st in top of ch-3 to join. work steps 2 and 3 four (five) times. 8 (10) st decr. 27 st for all sizes.

**sleeve border:**

1: with c1, ch-1. sc in same st and next 2 st, decr [work 4 sc, decr] three times, sl st in top of ch-1 to join. (23 )st.

2: with c2, ch-1. sc around. sl st in top of ch-1 to join.

3: with c1, ch-1. sc around. sl st in top of ch-1 to join.

4: with c3, ch-1. sc around. sl st in top of ch-1 to join.

5: with c1, ch-1. rvs sc around, sl st in top of ch-1 to join. clip and tie off.

**button band:**

with RS facing and beginning at lower right edge, attach c1.

1: work 1 sc in the side of each sc row and 2 sc in the side of each dc row to the neck edge. turn. 22 (24) st, as written

2: With c2, ch-1, sc in same st and in each st across. turn

3: buttonholes (RS): with c1, ch-1. sc in same st and next 2 st. [ch-3. sk 3 st, sc in next st. 4(5) sc.] 3 times. ch-3. sk 3 st, sc to end of row. turn

4: with c1. ch-1, sc in same st and in each st or ch across. turn.

5: with c2. ch-1, sc in same st and in each st or ch across. turn.

6: with c2, ch-1. rvs sc in same st and in each st across. work left front band the same as first, omitting the buttonhole row (row 3) and beginning at the top edge.

**finishing and neck band:**

with RS facing and beginning at lower left edge, attach c2. rvs sc from lower left edge to top of button band. work 2 st in top neck st. continue in rvs sc round neck. work 2 st in last neck st. rvs sc to lower right edge. clip and tie off.

weave in all ends.

mark placement and sew on buttons.

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