DIRECTIONS:
*Note: For size Small. Changes for sizes Medium, and Large are in parentheses

Special Stitches
M1 = Make 1 (Increase) – Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and knit strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole.
skp = Slip next 2 stitches, one at a time as if to knit, to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of sts, knit these sts together through back loop.

Pattern Stitches
1x1 Rib (multiple of 2 sts)
Row 1: *K1, p1; repeat from * to end of row.
Repeat Row 1 for 1x1 Rib.

Notes
1. Sweater is worked from the top down, beginning at the neckband. Neckband is folded lengthwise and chest and back pieces worked from neckband down.
2. Different breeds and different dogs vary greatly in size. Working from the neck down allows you to try sweater on your dog as you go to check for appropriate length and placement of buttonholes.
3. “USA” design is duplicate stitched onto back after sweater is complete. Follow chart for duplicate stitch pattern.

CHEST
Row 1 (right side): Bind off 4 sts, cut yarn, join B, k4, place marker, join A, k4, place marker, join B, k4, slip remaining 36 (48, 60) sts on holder for back—12 sts.
Row 2: With B, k4 for border, slip marker, with A, purl to next marker, slip marker, with B, k4 for border.
Row 3 (increase row): With C, k4, slip marker, with A, k1, M1, knit to 1 st before next marker, M1, k1, slip marker, with C, k4—14 sts.
Row 4: With C, k4 for border, slip marker, with A, purl to next marker, slip marker, with C, k4 for border.
Row 5 (increase row): With B, k4, slip marker, with A, k1, M1, knit to 1 st before next marker, M1, k1, slip marker, with B, k4—16 sts.
Rows 6–17 (21, 25): Repeat last 4 rows 3 (4, 5) more times – 28 (32, 36) sts.
Continue to change border color every other row.
Next Row: K4, slip marker, purl to next marker, slip marker, k4.
Next Row: K4, slip marker, knit to next marker, slip marker, k4.

Yarn: RED HEART® With Love®, 1 skein each
(A) 1909 Holly Berry
(B) 1814 True Blue
(C) 1101 Eggshell

Approximate Finished Size:
Neck: 12 (15, 18)” (30.5 (38, 45.5) cm), buttoned
Chest: 18 (23, 28)” (45.5 (58.5, 71) cm), buttoned.
Length: 12 (16, 20)” (30.5 (40.5, 51) cm), not including neckband

Gauge: 16 sts = 4” (10cm); 22 rows = 4” (10cm) in Stockinette st (k on right side, p on wrong side). Take time to check gauge!

Supplies:
Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 5.5mm [US 9]     Yarn needle
five (seven, seven) ¾-1” (19-25mm) buttons    Stitch markers    Stitch holder

Abbreviations: A, B, C = Color A, B, C
K = knit
P = purl
st(s) = stitch(es);
* = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

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DIRECTIONS (cont.):

Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 7 (10, 13)" (18, (25.5, 33) cm) from beginning of chest, end with a wrong side row.

Work even in Garter st for 7 rows.

Bind off.

BACK

Return back sts to needle, ready to work a right side row—36 (48, 60) sts.

Row 1 (right side): Join B, k4, place marker, join A, place marker, k to last 4 sts, place marker, join B, k4.

Row 2: With B, k4 for border, slip marker, with A, purl to next marker, slip marker, with B, k4 for border.

Row 3 (increase row): With C, k4, slip marker, with A, k1, M1, knit to 1 st before next marker, M1, k1, slip marker, with C, k4—38 (50, 62) sts.

Row 4: With C, k4 for border, slip marker, with A, purl to next marker, slip marker, with C, k4 for border.

Row 5 (increase row): With B, k4, slip marker, with A, k1, M1, knit to 1 st before next marker, M1, k1, slip marker, with B, k4—40 (52, 64) sts.

Rows 6–17 (21, 25): Repeat last 4 rows 3 (4, 5) more times – 52 (68, 84) sts.

Continue to change border color every other row.

Next Row: K4, slip marker, purl to next marker, slip marker, k4.

Next Row: K4, slip marker, knit to next marker, slip marker, k4.

Repeat last 2 rows for about ½" (1.5 cm), end with a wrong side row.

Buttonhole Row (right side): K1, k2tog, yo, k1, slip marker, knit to marker, slip marker, k1, yo, ssk, k1.

Next Row: K4, slip marker, purl to next marker, slip marker, k4.

Next Row: K4, slip marker, knit to next marker, slip marker, k4.

Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures about 6½ (7, 8½)" (16.5 (18, 21.5) cm) from beginning of back, end with a wrong side row.

Repeat Buttonhole Row.

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Next Row: K4, slip marker, purl to next marker, slip marker, k4.

Next Row: K4, slip marker, knit to next marker, slip marker, k4.

Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 9½ (12)" (24 (30.5) cm) from beginning of back.

Repeat Buttonhole Row.

All Sizes

Next Row: K4, slip marker, purl to next marker, slip marker, k4.

Next Row: K4, slip marker, knit to next marker, slip marker, k4.

Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 11 (15, 19)" (28 (38, 48.5) cm) from beginning of back, end with a wrong side row.

Work in Garter st for 7 rows.

Bind off.

FINISHING

Fold neckband in half lengthwise and sew cast-on edge to wrong side of last row of neckband. Take care to match-up buttonholes. Sew side edges of neckband together. Sew around edges of buttonhole to strengthen. Sew one button to end of neckband opposite buttonhole. Sew remaining buttons to chest piece opposite buttonholes on back piece.

Following chart with C, duplicate stitch “USA” centered on lower back. Exact placement of duplicate stitch design is not critical.

Weave in ends.
**Official Pattern**

**Team USA Dog Sweater**

Designed by Kj Hay

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**DIRECTIONS (cont.):**

**SCHEMATIC**

**CHEST**

- 7 (8, 9)"
  - (18 (20.5, 23) cm)
- 8 (11, 14)"
  - (20.5 (28, 35.5) cm)
- 3”
  - (7.5 cm)

**BACK**

- 13 (17, 21)"
  - (33 (43, 53.5) cm)
- 12 (16, 20)"
  - (30.5 (40.5, 51) cm)
- 9 (12, 15)"
  - (23 (30.5, 38) cm)
- 3(4, 4½)"
  - (7.5 (10, 11.5) cm)

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**NECKBAND**

- 3½”
  - (9 cm)

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**DIRECTIONS (cont.):**

**DUPLICATE STITCH**

**USA CHART**

- 14 rows
- 30 sts