Daisy Chain
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Description: Knitted from the top down, this little cardigan does not have any seams and the finishing is minimal. Cap sleeves and a garter stitch border compliment the simple, yet attractive design. The embroidery, which gave this design it's title, is *optional;* instructions are given in the text.

Sizes: 1 year (2 -3 years, 4 -5 years) To fit actual chest measurement of 18" (24", 26")

Gauge: 5 sts and 6 ½ rows = 1"

Materials: 32" circular #6 (smaller length circular needle may be used as long as it is long enough to pick up all the stitches needed to apply the edging);
 #6 double pointed needles, #8 double pointed needles, ¾" button, tapestry needle.

Yarn: 3 (4,4) skeins of Cascade, Pima Tencel.

Abbreviations: k= knit, p= purl, kfb= knit into the front and back of the next stitch, WS= wrong side, RS= right side, PM= place marker, SM= slip marker

Cast on 42, (44, 44) stitches with circular needle; do not join.

Row 1 (WS): p1, PM, p8, PM, p 24 (26, 26), PM, p8, PM, p1
Row 2 (RS): kfb of first stitch, SM, kfb, *knit to 1 stitch before next marker, kfb, SM, kfb, repeat from * 2 more times
Row 3: (WS): purl
Row 4 (RS): kfb of first stitch, *k to 1 stitch before marker, kfb, SM, kfb, repeat from * 3 more times, k to last st, kfb of last stitch.
Rows 5, 7, 9: repeat row 3
Rows 6, 8, 10: repeat row 4

Row 11: Cast on 5 (6, 6) sts at beginning of row, p to end, cast on 5 (6, 6) sts at end of row.
Row 12: *knit to first stitch before marker, kfb, SM, kfb, repeat from * 3 more times, k to end.
Row 13: purl
Repeat last 2 rows until 24 (30, 32) stitches remain in sleeve section, end, having just finished a purl row.
Next row: knit across without increasing
Next row: purl
Next row: repeat row 12
Next row: purl
Next row: knit
Next row: purl
Next row: repeat row 12
Next row: purl
Next row: knit
Next row: purl
Next row: repeat row 12
Next row (WS): Purl to 1st marker. Place all 30 (36, 38) sleeve stitches onto a stitch holder or scrap yarn to be worked later. With backward loop cast on 8 (10, 10) sts, re-join yarn and purl across back stopping at next sleeve marker. Place all 30, (36, 38) sleeve sts onto a stitch hold or scrap yarn. Cast on 8 (10, 10) sts, re-join yarn and purl to end.
Continue to work back and forth on the body in stockinette stitch (knit all right side rows, purl all wrong side rows) until the body measures 10 ½ (13 ½, 15)" from top of neck cast-on; end having just finished a RS row.

Edging

Place a marker to mark the beginning of the edging round. Pick up and knit stitches up right front of the cardigan (pick up 2 sts for every 3 rows), place a 2nd marker at the top of the right front, continue to pick up and knit 1 sts in every stitch around the neckline

(across right shoulder, across back, across left shoulder. Pick up and knit sts down the left front, picking up 2 sts for every 3 rows. Knit across all bottom edge sts ending at the beginning of round marker.

Next round: SM, purl around all edging sts ending back at beginning of the round marker. SM

Next round: knit to 3 sts before next marker, bind off 2 sts, SM, knit to end of round.

Next round: purl to previously bound off sts, remove marker, purl to end of round.

Next round: knit all sts.

Last round: Use #8 needle to bind off all sts knit-wise.

Sleeves

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Divide sleeve stitches onto three #6 double pointed needles. Use 4th double pointed needle to cast on 4 (5, 5) sts knit across sleeve sts, cast on 4 (5, 5) sts and PM to mark beginning of round. Join in the round.
Round 1: knit
Round 2: purl
Round 3: knit
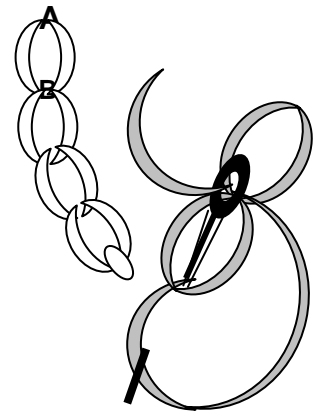Round 4:" purl
Round 5: knit
Use #8 needle to bind off all sts knit- wise. Seam underarm stitches together. Gently block cardigan.
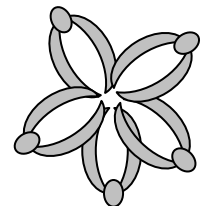
Enjoy!

Chain stitch

Bring the yarn out where you begin making the chain (A). Insert the needle in the same place and bring the needle up a short distance away (B). Pull the yarn through, keeping the yarn under the needle's point. Repeat, making a curved line all the way down the front edge of the cardigan.

Detached Chain stitch or Lazy Daisy

Work same as Chain stitch, but fasten each loop with a small tacking stitch. Work in groups of 5 petals to form the little flowers.