

August Bonus Block – August Blooms

The daisy chain stitch is a fun stitch that involves adding extra wraps while knitting and then dropping the wraps to create elongated stitches. The stitches are then wrapped to create the flower shape. While this seems laborious it creates almost an inch of fabric in only 4 rows – a huge payback on the effort.

Materials: 5 colours of worsted weight yarn. No more than 12 grams of any colour as the square only weight 36 grs (sample was knit with Cascade 220): 4.5mm US#7 straights or circs, cable hook and the regular notions.

Note – this is one square where straight needles might be preferred, if you have any kind of catch in your circs, the wraps can catch on it.

Gauge: 20 st in 4 inches in stockinette

Size: 9 inches wide and 8 inches tall before blocking; 10 inches tall and wide after blocking.

Abbreviations: MC – main colour.

Note: only carry the MC up the side of the block.

Daisy Chain Stitch Technique – Each daisy takes 4 rows to work.

How to make a Daisy Chain Stitch



1- The K1 has been completed and the next 5 sts are waiting to be slipped. Slip the sts purlwise.



2 - 5 sts have been slipped and are unravelled (each st will unravel as it is slipped) and waiting on the cable hook.



3 - Bring working yarn behind the slipped st and to the front, wrap the sts twice with the working yarn.





4 - The 5 sts have been wrapped twice, finish by taking the working yarn behind the cable hook and slip the wrapped sts onto the right hand needle - **do not work the sts.**



5- The 5 sts have been slipped over on the right hand needle and the next K1 has been worked. Repeat the sequence until all the daisies are complete.

Design Options: Work the square with fewer colours for the Daisy Chain, or even in a solid colour for the whole block. Though stripes are a great way to us up extra bits of yarn.

Pattern

Worthing with main colour yarn and 4.5mm needles, cast-on 49 sts.

Knit 6 rows. 3 garter ridges.

Start Daisy Pattern rows.

Row 7 – (change colour to 1st contrast colour) – Knit.

Row 8 – *(K1, wrapping yarn two or three times around the needle before pulling the wraps through the stitch) 5 times; repeat from * 8 times, 1 st remains, K1.

Row 9 – K1, *YB, slip the next 5 sts from the left hand needle to a cable hook, letting the extra wraps drop as you slip the stitches, holding the sts on the cable hook taunt wrap the working yarn counter clockwise twice around the 5 sts, slip the wrapped stitches from the cable hook to the left hand needle, purl the next st; repeat from * 8 times to the end of the row.

Row 10 – Knit.

Row 11 – MC – Knit.

Row 12 – Knit.

Work Offset Daisy Pattern row

Row 13 – (change to 2nd contrast colour) – Knit.

Row 14 – K3, (K1, wrapping yarn two or three times around the needle before pulling the wraps through the stitch) 5 times; repeat from * 7 times, 4 sts remain, K4.

Row 15 – K4, *YB, slip the next 5 sts from the left hand needle to a cable hook, letting the extra wraps drop as you slip the stitches, holding the sts on the cable hook taunt wrap the working yarn counter clockwise twice around the 5 sts, slip the wrapped stitches from the cable hook to the left hand needle, purl the next st; repeat from * 7 times, 3 sts remain, K3.

Row 16 – Knit.

Row 17 – MC – Knit.

Row 18 – Knit.

In 3rd contrast colour work Daisy Pattern rows 7 to 10 once more.

Work next 4 rows in MC – knit.

In 4th contrast colour work Offset Daisy Pattern rows 13 to 16 once more.

Work next 4 rows in MC – knit.

In 3rd contrast colour work Daisy Pattern rows 7 to 10 once more.

Work next 2 rows in MC – knit.

In 2nd contrast colour work Offset Daisy Pattern rows 13 to 16 once more.

Work next 2 rows in MC – knit.

In 1st contrast colour work Daisy Pattern rows 7 to 10 once more.

Work next 6 rows in MC – knit.

Finishing

Bind-off in knit. Weave in all ends and block to size.

