Blooming onesie

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Sizes
0-6(6-12)12-18(18-24) months. Images show size 6-12 m.
Finished measurements chest circumference: 52(57)61(66) cm

Gauge
22 sts x 30 rows = 10 cm x 10 cm

Abbreviations
k - knit
p - purl
rnd/R - round
sl - slip as if to purl
st/sts - stitch/stitches
FL1, FL2, FL3 - patterns, see end of document
mk1 - (k1, k1tbl) in the same st
sl1k - slip st as if to knit
k2tog - knit 2 st together
stm - stitch marker
yo - yarn over
lh - left hand
rh - right hand
rs - right side
ws - wrong side
tbl - through back loop

Left leg

Cast on 46(50)54(54) sts on 2.5 mm dpn needles. Join to knit in the round. Knit a rib by (k1, p1) for 18 rnds.	46(50)54(54) sts
In rnd 19, switch to 3.0 mm dpn needles and knit one rnd while increasing by 15(16)19(24) st, as evenly distributed as you can. Continue knitting for 2 more rnds.	61(66)73(78) sts
R22-R26: k 3(3)4(4) ,(FL1,k 6(7)8(9))x 5 , k 3(3)4(4) .	
R27-R31: Knit stockinette.	
R32-R36: The following row of flowers will align between the first row of flowers. So, continue with k 2(2)3(3) , (k 6(7)8(9),FL1)x 5 , k 4(4)5(5) .	
R37-R41: Knit stockinette.	
Continue knitting the pattern created by R22-R41 until the leg measures 17.5(20.0)25.0(27.5) cm.	
Put the 3(3)4(4) first and the 3(3)4(4) last sts on the rnd on a stitch holder or a safety pin.	

Right leg

As for the left leg, except that the pattern is mirrored.

R22-R26: k 3(3)4(4) ,(k 6(7)8(9), FL1)x 5 , k 3(3)4(4) .

R27-R31: Knit stockinette.

R32-R36: k 4(4)5(5) , (FL1, k 6(7)8(9))x 5 ,k 2(2)3(3) .

R37-R41: Knit stockinette.

Continue knitting the pattern created by R22-R41 until the leg measures 17.5(20.0)25.0(27.5) cm.

Put the 3(3)4(4) first and the 3(3)4(4) last sts on the rnd on a stitch holder or a safety pin.

Body

Join the two legs on 3.0 mm circular needle. The legs should be joined at the crotch, where you put stitches on a stitch holder. The rnds start mid front. Place a stitch marker in the mid back.	110(120)130(140) sts
Now, increase 5 sts for a vertical line of flowers along the spine like this: Knit 6 rnds while continuing with the flower pattern on the legs. At the same time, increase 5 st as follows. R1, R3, R5: Knit. R2: K to 1 before stm, mk1. R4, R6: K to 2 before stm, mk1, mk1.	115(125)135(145) sts
R7: Divide in the mid front and start working back and forth continuing with the flower pattern. Knit the flowers following pattern FL2 instead of FL1 and knit stockinette st between them. At the same time, cast on 4 st for the buttonband in both ends. Knit the buttonband with seed stitch (knits and purls alternating horizontally and vertically) over 6 st. Leave one st in each end for creating an even edge by always sl1k the first st and p the last st on a row. Continue until the piece measures 18.8(22.5)27.5(30.0) cm. If you have to end the body in the middle of a flower row, skip this row and knit plain stockinette instead. At the same time, make buttonholes (k2tog, yo) in the fifth st from the edge in one side (rh side facing the piece for a Napoleon closing) every 10(14)18(18) rows.	123(133)143(153) sts

Left sleeve

Cast on 34(38)40(42) st on 2.5 mm dpn needles. Join to knit in the round. Knit a rib by (k1, p1) for 18 rnds.	34(38)40(42) sts
In rnd 19, switch to 3.0 mm dpn needles and knit one rnd while increasing by 14(14)18(20) st evenly distributed. Continue knitting for 2 more rnds.	48(52)58(62) sts
R22-R26: k2(2)3(3),(FL1,k 6(7)8(9)) x 4, k 2(2)3(3).	

R27-R31: Knit stockinette.

R32-R36: The next row of flowers will align between the first row of flowers. Continue with k 1(1)2(2), (k 6(7)8(9),FL1)x 4, k 3(3)4(4).

R37-R41: Knit 5 rnds of stockinette st.

Continue knitting the pattern created by R22-R41 until the sleeve measures 15.0(16.2)20.0(22.5) cm.

Put the 2(2)3(3) first and the 2(2)3(3) last sts on the rnd on a stitch holder or a safety pin.

Right sleeve

As for the left sleeve, except that the pattern should be mirrored.

R22-R26: k 2(2)3(3),(k 6(7)8(9), FL1)x 4, k 2(2)3(3).

R27-R31: Knit stockinette.

R32-R36: k 3(3)4(4), (FL1, k 6(7)8(9))x 4, k 1(1)2(2).

R37-R41: Knit stockinette.

Continue knitting the pattern created by R22-R41.

Yoke

Now, join sleeves an body on the long circular needle used for the body. Starting from RS, sl the 30(33)34(37) first sts of the body onto rh needle. Put the next 4(4)6(6) sts on a stitch holder for the armpit. Insert the right sleeve here. Continue with sl 55(59)63(67), put 4(4)6(6) sts on a stitch holder and insert the left sleeve. Sl the remaining 30(33)34(37) sts. Continuing to work back and forth, start from RS and knit 4 rows of stockinette. Now start working the FL3 chart (big flowers on a purl stitch background) in 10(11)12(13) repeats. Start and end the rows with the continued buttonbands in addition to 4(4)2(2) sts of purl st at the beginning of the round, before starting the FL3 pattern repeats, and 5(5)3(3) sts after the FL3 pattern repeats.	203(221)235(253) sts
When FL3 is finished, work 9 rows of seed st for the neckline. Bind of from ws.	93(100)103(110) sts

Finishing

Graft armpits and crotch and weave in ends. Sew buttons. Reinforce buttonholes.

Patterns

FL1
R1: k2, wrap yarn around needle twice, k1, wrap yarn around needle twice, k2
R2: k2, sl1 wyib (wrap the slipped stitch around the needle twice to keep the length of the stitch), k1, sl1 wyib (wrap), k2
R3: sl1k, sl1, drop the wrapped stitch in front, put the two slipped stiches back on the left needle, pick up the dropped stitch and put it on the left needle, k2tog tbl (the dropped stitch and the sl1k stitch), k2, drop wrapped stitch, k1, sl1k, put slipped stitch back on lh needle, pick up the dropped stitch and put it on the lh needle, k2tog tbl
R4: k5
R5: k2, (k1, k1 tbl, k1) in the next st, turn, sl1k, p2, turn, sl1k, k2tog, psso, k2

FL2
R1: k2, wrap yarn around needle twice, k1, wrap yarn around needle twice, k2
R2: p2, sl1 wyif (wrap the slipped stitch around the needle twice to keep the length of the stitch), p1, sl1 wyif (wrap), p2
R3: sl1k, sl1, drop the wrapped stitch in front, put the two slipped stiches back on the left needle, pick up the dropped stitch and put it on the left needle, k2tog tbl (the dropped stitch and the sl1k stitch), k2, drop wrapped stitch, k1, sl1k, put slipped stitch back on lh needle, pick up the dropped stitch and put it on the lh needle, k2tog tbl
R4: p5
R5: k2, (k1, k1 tbl, k1) in the next st, turn, sl1k, p2, turn, sl1k, k2tog, psso, k2

FL3

The bigger flower on the yoke is knitted following similar principals as in FL2. It is shown in the diagram below, together with decreases. The wrapped stitch is not shown as a stitch in the diagram (only drawn as a leaf), but should be slipped in every row until the row where the top of the leaves of the flower is moved to its final position and fastened (shown in the diagram). This operation is done the same way as for FL2, i.e. by p2tog, sl5, drop the wrapped st, put the 5 slipped sts back on lh needle, put wrapped st on lh needle, k2tog tbl, p4, k1tbl, drop wrapped st, p4, sl1k, put slipped st back on lh needle, put wrapped st on lh needle, k2tog tbl, p1.

18 - 24 m
12 - 18 m
6 - 12 m
0 - 6 m

18 st repeat

	purl from RS, knit from WS
•	stockinette st
╲	p2tog
✹	wrap yarn around needle 5 times, k1tbl
✕	wrap yarn around needle 5 times, k1
ℶ	k1tbl from RS, p1tbl from WS
□	knit wrapped st together with this st tbl
⋁	inc6 by ((k1, yo) x 3, k1) in the same st
╱	k2tog tbl
⋀	k3tog
⋋	p3tog
▮	embedded chart for grey sts