

Top-down flower stitch

I invented this stitch for a baby cardigan I made, because I wanted to have something like tulip stitch, but worked top-down rather than bottom-up. After some fiddling around, I ended up with this stitch.

Suggested yarn: any yarn with any weight, will look more delicate in 4-ply yarn.



Note: this pattern is written for a flat piece, but it can easily be worked in the round, as shown in the picture. The flower effect is made by the wrong side of a cluster stitch. To work increases, simply add extra chain stitches in row 3, and extra trebles into those chains in row 4.

Chain 3+4 stitches in main colour.

Row 1: (right side) ch3 or standing treble, tr in every stitch. Change to flower colour in last yo of last stitch. Turn.

Row 2: (wrong side) ch3 or standing treble, ch1, 3tr cluster in 3rd stitch of row, [ch2, skip 2 stitches, 3tr cluster] until last 2 stitches, ch1, tr, change to green yarn for last yo of last stitch. Turn.

Row 3: (right side) ch3 or standing treble, tr in 1chsp from row 2, tr in top of 3tr cluster, [tr in next 2chsp, ch2, tr into same 2chsp as before, tr in top of 3tr cluster] repeat until last 2 stitches, tr into 1chsp, tr into last stitch, change to main yarn colour for last yo of last stitch. Turn.

Row 4: (wrong side) ch3 or standing tr, tr1 into first 2 stitches, [tr3 into every 2chsp of row3] until last 2 stitches, tr2.