Camisole for Helen Kish's Riley and Tulah baw 8/17/2011

Materials
- Size 8 perle cotton or size 20 crochet thread. Main color and contrasting color, if desired
- Size 7 steel hook
- Size 10 doll buttons (3/16th inch). 1/4 inch buttons can be used if the smaller ones cannot be found.

Gauge: 10dc = 1 inch
BLO = back loop only
Rib = two sc rows
Link = Ch3, *dc in the third ch from the hook, ch3* work from ** for as many links as specified.

Camisole: worked side to side in the BLO
1: Ch 13, sc in the second ch from the hook and each ch, ch1, turn. 12sc
2-36: Sc in BLO of each sc, ch1, turn. At the end of row 36, turn the work so you are working across the bottom of the camisole, in the ends of the rows.

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Bottom edge: (Two sc in the first rib, three sc in the next rib) across, ch3, turn the work so you are working up the back side of the camisole. 45 sc

First side edge: skip first two sc, sl st in the next three sc, ch3, skip next two sc, sl st in the next two sc, ch3, skip next two sc, sl st in the last sc. Three buttonhole loops made. ch1, turn work so you are working across the top of the camisole.

Top edge:
1: work two sc in each rib across, ch1, turn. 36 sc
2: Sc in the next seven sc, work four links, skip five sc, sc in the next 12 sc, work four links, skip five sc, sc in the last seven sc, ch1, turn. Armholes made
3: Working in BLO, sc in the next five sc, sc next two sc tog, work two sc in each link across top of the armhole, sc next two sc tog, sc in the next eight sc, sc next two sc tog, work two sc in each link across top of the armhole, sc next two sc tog, sc in the last five sc. Ch1, turn work so you are working down the back side of the camisole.

Second side edge: sl st loosely in each st down the side; sl st into the back loop of the first sc across the bottom of the camisole, ch5

Bottom camisole lace: (dc, ch2) in the BLO of each st across. Finish off.

Sew three buttons opposite the buttonhole loops.

I like to trim my dainty underthings with a bit of pastel perle cotton. An easy trim is to work (ch1, sl st) in the unworked loops around the waist. For the top of the camisole, work this pattern in the unused loops up to the links over the armhole. In the armhole links work (ch1, sc) three times in each link over the armhole Subtle and sweet :-)

**Alternate bodice 1:** Straight across the top, dips down in the front...covers Riley's little tummy better :-)
1: Ch 13, sc in the second ch from the hook and each ch, ch1, turn. 12sc
2-13: Sc in BLO of each sc, ch1, turn.
14: Sc in next 11 sc, two sc in the last sc, ch1, turn. 13 sc.
15: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 13 sc
16: Sc in next 12 sc, two sc in the last sc, ch1, turn. 14 sc
17-19: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 14 sc
20: Sc in next 12 sc, sc last two sc tog, ch1, turn. 13 sc
21: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 13 sc
22: Sc in next 11 sc, sc next two sc tog, ch1, turn. 12 sc
23 -36: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 12sc. At the end of row 36, turn the work so you are working across the bottom of the camisole, in the ends of the rows.

Bottom edge: (Two sc in the first rib, three sc in the next rib) across, ch3, turn the work so you are working up the back side of the camisole. 45 sc

First side edge: skip first two sc, sl st in the next three sc, ch3, skip next two sc, sl st in the next two sc,
ch3, skip next two sc, sl st in the last sc. Three buttonhole loops made. ch1, turn work so you are working across the top of the camisole.

Top edge:
1: work two sc in each rib across, ch1, turn. 36 sc
2: Sc in the next seven sc, work four links, skip five sc, sc in the next 12 sc, work four links, skip five sc, sc in the last seven sc, ch1, turn. Armholes made
3: Working in BLO, sc in the next five sc, sc next two sc, tog, sc in the next eight sc, sc next two sc tog, sc in the last five sc. Ch1, turn work so you are working down the back side of the camisole.

Second side edge: sl st loosely in each st down the side; sl st into the back loop of the first sc across the bottom of the camisole, ch5

Bottom camisole lace:
1: (trc, ch1) in the BLO of each st across. Ch1, turn
2: Sl st into the first ch space, (sc, ch2) in each ch space across. Finish off

Armhole trim: For a lacy sleeve, join MC with a sl st in the first st at the underarm, work (dc, ch1) four times in each link over the armhole, sl st in the next st at the underarm, finish off.

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Tiny rose: Ch19, sc in second ch from hook and each ch across. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Roll the chain up and secure with a few stitches in the back. Tiny rose made!

Tiny leaves: Leaving a bit of a tail, ch5, sl st in the second ch from the hook, sc in the next ch, hdc in the last two ch. Ch5, sl st in the second ch from the hook, sc in the next ch, hdc in the last two ch. Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Sew or tie the rose to the middle of the leaves, then use the tails from the leaves to attach the rose to the camisole. At the neck, at the waist, on the shoulder, wherever!

Alternate bodice 2: Worked in both loops, top of bodice curves up, bottom of bodice curves down. I worked two more rows for the bodice, since it isn’t as stretchy as a bodice worked in back loops only.
1: Ch 9, sc in the second ch from the hook and each ch, ch1, turn. 8sc
2-11: Sc in BLO of each sc, ch1, turn.
12: 2sc in next sc, sc in the next six sc, two sc in the last sc, ch1, turn. 10 sc.
13-14: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 13 sc
15: 2sc in next sc, sc in the next eight sc, two sc in the last sc, ch1, turn. 12 sc
16-23: Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 12 sc

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24:  Skip first sc, sc in next eight sc, sc last two sc tog, ch1, turn.  10 sc
25-26:  Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn.  13 sc
27:  Skip first sc, sc in next six sc, sc next two sc tog, ch1, turn.  8 sc
28 -38:  Sc in each sc across, ch1, turn.  8sc.  At the end of row 36, turn the work so you are working across the bottom of the camisole, in the ends of the rows.

Bottom edge:  (Two sc in the first rib, three sc in the next rib) across, ch3, turn the work so you are working up the back side of the camisole.  50 sc

First side edge:  skip first two sc, sl st in the next three sc, ch3, skip next two sc, sl st in the last sc.  Two buttonhole loops made.  ch1, turn work so you are working across the top of the camisole.

Top edge:
1:  work two sc in each rib across, ch1, turn.  38 sc
2:  Sc in the next eight sc, work four links, skip five sc, sc in the next 12 sc, work four links, skip five sc, sc in the last eight sc, ch1, turn.  Armholes made
3:  Working in BLO, sc in the next six sc, sc next two sc, tog, work two sc in each link across top of the armhole, sc next two sc tog, sc in the next eight sc, sc next two sc tog, work two sc in each link across top of the armhole, sc next two sc tog, sc in the last six sc.  Ch1, turn work so you are working down the back side of the camisole.

Second side edge: sl st loosely in each st down the side; sl st into the back loop of the first sc across the bottom of the camisole, ch5

This short bodice is a great beginning for a sundress or rompers.  In fact, any one of these camisole bodices can be used as a bodice for a sundress, a drop waist dress, rompers, whatever!