

Olli - cute leggings for both boys and girls



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The designer has been playing with stripes, bobbles and yummy colours for this series of fun and adorable baby knits. Here is a pair of cute leggings for both boys and girls.

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Materials

Pernilla by Filcolana:

Colour A (main colour): (50) 50 (100) 100 (100) g
Colour B (stripe colour): (50) 50 (100) 100 (100) g
Colour C (bobbles and edges): 50 g for all sizes

Leggings 1: Colour A: 817 (Cinnamon), colour B: 829 (Malve), colour C: 825 (Akacia)

Leggings 2: Colour A: 827 (Dijon), colour B: 826 (Cantaloupe), colour C: 317 (Cerise)

3,5 mm and 4 mm circular needle, 40 cm
Strømpepinde 3,5 mm and 4 mm double-pointed needles (short circular needle or double-pointed needles can be replaced by a 80 cm circular needle if the magic loop technique is used)
1 blunt needle for Italian bind-off
2 stitch markers of different colours – the pattern specifies blue and red, but the colours are not important as long as you can tell the markers apart
Scrap yarn for side markers
2 safety pins
1 sewing needle and a bit of thread
Approx. (46) 50 (53) 56 (56) cm soft elastic band (2 cm wide)

Sizes

(6 months/68 cl) 9 months/74 cl (1 year/ 80 cl) 1½ year/86 cl (2 year/92 cl)



Measurements

Waist circumference (leggings): (45) 49 (52) 55 (55) cm

Leg length (inseam): (18) 23 (27) 29 (31) cm

Gauge

25 sts and 34 rows in stockinette stitch on a 4 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm

Special abbreviations

sl: Slip stitch as if to purl with yarn held in front.

M1R (Make 1 Right): from the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the back loop.

M1L (Make 1 Left): from the back, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the front loop.

tbl: Knit or purl stitch through the back loop (twisted).

stbl: Insert right needle through first stitch as if to knit without letting the stitch slip off the needle, then insert the right needle through the back leg of the second stitch on the needle and knit the 2 sts together, letting them slip off the needle.

Bobble: Work in colour C, slip a stitch back on the left needle and work (k1, yarn over, k1 tbl) into this stitch, turn, p1, yarn over, p1 tbl, yarn over, p1, turn, k1, k1 tbl, k1, k1 tbl, k1, turn, p2tog, p1, p2tog, turn, let go of colour C and continue in colour A, hold the yarn tight and work as follows: Slip 2 sts as if knitting them together, k1, pass the slipped stitch over. Continue knitting in colour A, holding the yarn tight for the first stitch after the bobble.

Special techniques

Avoiding "a jump" in the stripes when changing colour: Work the transition as follows: Work 1 round in the "new" colour, then, before working the first stitch on the 2nd round, lift the first stitch of last the round in the "old" colour up onto the left needle and knit it together with the first stitch in the "new" colour.

Short rows - GSR (German short rows): Work to where the turn needs to be, turn, then slip the first stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front. Bring the working yarn up and over the needle and down on the other side, pulling hard enough on the yarn to make the stitch on the needle look like a double stitch (the 2 legs of the stitch are visible). Continue row as pattern describes.

When working across the stitch that looks like a double stitch, work it as 1 stitch, either knitting or purling the 2 legs together, as the pattern describes.

Directions for knitting

The leggings are worked from the top down in stripes and with bobbles along the sides. The back side of the leggings are made bigger using short rows and widening every other stripes to make room for the diaper (or nappy).

Note

When changing colours in the stripes, let the colour not in use hang at the back at the work and let it follow up the side of the work to the next colour change. Be mindful not to tighten the yarn too much when changing back to the colour.

Edge

Cast on (110) 122 (130) 138 (138) sts on a 3 mm circular needle with colour B. Join in the round and place a blue marker for the beginning of the round (mid back). Work 11 rounds of stockinette stitch. Purl 1 round (folding round).

Change to colour C and knit 11 rounds.

Next round: Knit (27) 30 (32) 34 (34), place a length of scrap yarn around the next stitch to mark it and knit it (side stitch), knit (27) 30 (32) 34 (34), place a red marker (mid front), knit (27) 30 (32) 34 (34), place a length of scrap yarn around the next stitch to mark it and knit it (side stitch), knit (27) 30 (32) 34 (34).

Make 2 little balls of yarn in colour C. One little ball is used for bobbles along either side.

Leggings

Change to colour A and 4 mm circular needle.

Work short rows:

*Round 1: Knit to end of round.

Row 2 (short row): Knit to 1 stitch before the marked side stitch, turn.

Row 3 (short row): Work short row stitch, purl to 1 stitch before the marked side stitch in the other side, turn.

Round 2: Knit to end of round.

Round 3: Knit to marked side stitch, join the first little ball of colour C yarn and knit 1 bobble, knit to the next marked side stitch, join the second little ball of colour C yarn and knit 1 bobble, knit to end of round.

Round 4: Knit to end of round.

Change to colour B.

Knit 4 rounds*.

Repeat from * to * until the work measures approx. (15) 17 (19) 21 (21) cm from the folding round, measured mid front, ending with round 3 in a colour A stripe.

Continue as established with stripes and bobbles, but without short rows, while at the same time working increases for wedges mid front and mid back as follows:

Increase round 1: K1, M1R, knit to 1 stitch before the red marker mid front, M1L, k2, M1R, knit to 1 stitch before blue marker mid back, M1L, k1.

Work 1 round.

Increase round 2: K2, M1R, knit to 2 stitch before the red marker mid front, M1L, 4 r, M1R, knit to 2 stitch before blue marker mid back, M1L, k2.

Work 1 round.

Increase round 3: K3, M1R, knit to 3 stitch before the red marker mid front, M1L, 6 r, M1R, knit to 3 stitch before blue marker mid back, M1L, k3.

Work 1 round.

Next round: K3, move the first 6 sts from the right needle to a safety pin (remove marker), knit to 3 stitch after the red marker mid front, move the first 6 sts from the right needle to a safety pin (remove marker), move the remaining sts on the right needle before the sts on the safety pin mid back to a stitch holder, knit the remaining sts on the left needle to end of round, ending at the safety pin mid back. There are (55) 61 (65) 69 (69) sts for each leg.

Leg

Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. Continue in stockinette stitch across the (55) 61 (65) 69 (69) sts for the first leg, working stripes and bobbles as established until there have been worked 2 round of the first colour B stripe on the leg.

Decrease round: K1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 sts, slip 1 stitch, k1, pass slipped stitch over, k1.

Work a decrease round every 6th round until there are (39) 41 (41) 43 (43) sts left on the needle.

Work straight until leg measures approx. (17) 22 (26) 28 (30) cm from where the work was divided into leg, ending with a completed colour B stripe.

Change to a 3 mm needle and colour A. Work 4 round, working the last bobble on the 3rd round.

Change to colour C og knit 1 round.

Next round: Purl to end of round (folding round)

Knit 4 rounds.

Bind off.

Join colour A, leaving a long tail to use for sewing together the wedges between the legs and finish the second leg the same way as the first.

Turn the leggings WS out, move the sts from the safety pins back on the needle, holding the 2 sets of sts parallel to each other, right sides together. Knit the 2 sets of sts together while binding off using the tail of colour A yarn from the second leg and a 3-needle bind-off.

Finishing

Fold the waist along the purl round and sew the cast-on edge to the WS of the work using elastic sts and leaving a small opening to thread the elastic band through. Join the ends of the elastic band after having threaded it around the waist and sew the ends together with the sewing needle and thread. Sew up the opening in the waist. Fold the edges on each leg to the WS and sew the cast-on edge to the WS of the work.

Weave in all ends. Gently wash the finished work as instructed on the yarn label and lay it on a flat surface to dry.

