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Here is a completely underplayed circus theme. It is the line dancer's neutral pastel colours that appear, and with the subtle harlequin pattern, a classic is created for the summer wardrobe.

SIZES

S (M) L (XL)

MEASUREMENTS

Fits chest sizes: 80-88 (89-96) 97-104 (105-112) cm

Circumference: 77 (85) 93 (101) cm

Length: 39 (40) 41 (42) cm + approx. 12.5 cm straps

GAUGE

28 sts and 38 rows in textured pattern on
3 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.

Needle sizes are for guidance only. If you have more stitches on 10 cm, change to a larger needle. If you have fewer stitches on 10 cm, change to smaller needles.

MATERIALS

Yarn from Filcolana

100 (150) 150 (150) g **Merci** in colour 1130
(Light Peach)

Circular needles 2.5 mm and 3 mm, 60 cm
2 doublepointed needles in 2.5 mm

Stitch markers or contrast coloured thread



Technique

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

Sl1 k1 psso

Slip 1 st purlwise, knit 1 st, and pass the slipped st over the knitted st.

CHART

Read chart from bottom and up, from right to left on all rounds and when working right sides. Begin at arrow mark for your chosen size.

Read from left to right on all wrong sides.

	●		●			12
	●		●			11
●				●		10
●				●		9
					●	8
					●	7
●				●		6
●				●		5
	●		●			4
	●		●			3
		●				2
		●				1
↑	↑	↑				
L	M	S/XL				

☐ Knit in right side, purl on wrong side

☒ Purl on right side, knit on wrong side

Workflow

This model is knitted from the bottom and up.

First, cast on sts for the rib edge, then knit the body in textured pattern to the armhole.

Here a number of stitches rest, while the front and the back are finished separately.

Then decorate the armhole with an I-cord which continues into a shoulder strap.





Body

With 2.5 mm circular needles cast on 216 (240) 264 (288) sts.

Knit twisted rib (k1 tbl, p1) over 4 rounds.

Change to 3 mm needles and knit 1 round.

Continue in the round, following the chart, until work measures approx. 32 cm (all sizes).

Now the front and the back are separated and finished separately.

Next round: Knit 91 (99) 107 (115) sts following the chart and let the remaining sts rest, while knitting the back sts.



BACK

Turn work, and knit back and forth over all the back sts like this:

1st row (WS): Sl1 purlwise with yarn in front (wyif, i.e. towards yourself), follow chart to last st, k1.

2nd row: Sl1 purlwise wyif, slip yarn to back of work, slip 2 sts knitwise, one at a time, k1, pass the slipped sts over, follow chart to last 4 sts, k3tog, k1.

Repeat the 2 rows another 4 (5) 6 (7) times = 71 (75) 79 (83) sts.

Knit another row following the chart, this row is the wrong side.

Knit 1 right side row.

Change to 2.5 mm needles and continue in twisted rib like this:

1st row (WS): Sl1 purlwise, *p1 through back loop (tbl), k1 *, repeat from * to *, finish with a p1 tbl, k1.

2nd row: Sl1 purlwise, *sl1 knitwise, p1 *, repeat from * to *, finish with a k1 tbl, k1.

Repeat these 2 rows once more, repeat 1st row once more.

Bind off in twisted rib (as on 2nd row).

FRONT

Let 17 (21) 25 (29) sts in each side rest for now (these are the armhole sts). Join yarn to wrong side of the 91 (99) 107 (115) front sts, with 3 mm needles knit back and forth like this:

1st row (WS): Sl1 purlwise wyif, follow chart to last st, k1.

2nd row: Sl1 purlwise wyif, sl1 k1 pssso, follow chart to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Repeat these 2 rows another 9 (11) 13 (15) times = 71 (75) 79 (83) sts.

Knit another 3 rows following the chart, last row is a wrong side row.

Knit 1 right side row.



Change to 2.5 mm needles and continue in twisted rib like this:

1st row (WS): Sl1 purlwise, *p1 tbl, k1*, repeat from * to * over remaining sts.

2nd row: Sl1 purlwise, *sl1 knitwise, p1*, repeat from * to *, finish with a k1 tbl, k1.

Repeat these 2 rows once more, repeat 1st row once more.

Bind off in twisted rib (as 2nd row), do not break the yarn.

RIGHT SHOULDER STRAP

Keep the yarn and the remaining st from the bind off on the circular needle.

Cast on 3 sts using the make 1 increase towards method on the right needle = 4 sts.

In continuation of those 4 sts place the front edge sts, the resting armhole sts and the edge sts along the armhole of the back onto the needle – without working them.

Now work the I-cord like this:

Slide the sts to beginning of the needle, so that you can knit the sts from the right side again, tighten the working yarn behind work, *k3, k2tog tbl, slip the 4 sts from right needle back onto the left needle*,

repeat from * to * until you have knitted all sts on the circular needle and have 4 sts back.

Continue the I-cord over the remaining sts like this:

Slip the sts to the tip of the needle, with yarn behind work, knit 4 sts, repeat from * to *. The I-cord measures approx. 25 cm, or knit till it has the desired length, from the bind off edge of the back.

Join the straps together like this:

With Kitchener sts sew the open sts together with the sts from the I-cord cast on.

LEFT SHOULDER STRAP

Cast on 4 sts using the make 1 increase towards method on the right needle.

In continuation of those 4 sts, place the back edge sts, the resting armhole sts, and the edge sts along the armhole of the front onto the circular needle without working them.

Knit the edge and I-cord the same way as the right shoulder strap.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

Wash the top according to the washing instructions on the labels, and lay it flat to dry on a towel.

