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## Harlekin

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#FilcolanaHarlekin

The harlequin trousers are ideal for playing with colours. Follow the colour scheme, or jump into your scrap yarns and give each stripe of harlequin squares a new colour. The trousers have a good width and plenty of room for a diapered bottom. The rib edge at the top is folded double so that it keeps the little belly warm. A knitted cord helps keep the trousers up when the little one is running full speed across the floor.

### SIZES

3 (6) 9 (12) months

### MEASUREMENTS

Waste width: ca. 37 (40) 40 (46) cm

Leg length (measured on the inside of the leg): 20 (22.5) 26 (31) cm

### GAUGE

31 sts x 33 rows in stockinette and chart pattern on 3 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.

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

If you have the accurate stitch count horizontally but not vertically it might help to change to needles in a different material, e.g. change from metal to wood or vice versa.

### MATERIALS

Yarn from Filcolana

**Colour A:** 100 (100) 100 (100) 150 g Arwetta in 352 (Red Squirrel).

**Colour B:** 50 g Arwetta in 363 (Caramel).

**Colour C:** 50 g Arwetta in 197 (Aqua).

**Colour D:** 50 g Arwetta in 255 (Limelight).

**Colour E:** 50 g Arwetta in 253 (Power Pink).

**Circular needles** 2.5 and 3 mm, 40 cm.

**Doublepointed needles** 2.5 and 3 mm.

(Dpns and 40 cm circular needles can be replaced with 80 cm circular needles if you are using magic loop technique).

**2 stitch markers** or contrast coloured thread that is wrapped around the sts to be marked.

**2 safety pins, 1 stitch holder or scrap yarn.**



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## Techniques

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### SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

#### M1R:

Left slanted increase as seen from right side.

From the back, lift the horizontal strand between the two stitches with the left needle and knit through the front loop (1 st increase).

#### M1L:

Right slanted increase as seen from right side.

From the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the back loop (1 st increase).

### CHART

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## Workflow

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The trousers are knitted from top to bottom.

First, knit 2/3 of the rib edge, then knit a row of lace while finishing the rib edge. The rib is folded double and knitted onto the inside.

Then work pattern according to chart, while making trouser gusset increases before separating the trousers into legs, finish each leg separately.

The legs are finished with a long ribbed edge that folds double.

Finally, knit a long I-Cord that is pulled through the lace holes in the rib edge.

Work chart from right to left on all rounds.







# Pattern

## RIB EDGE

With 2.5 mm circular needles and colour A cast on 144 (160) 160 (176) sts.

Join work in the round and be careful not to twist the sts when joining.

Place a marker at beginning of round, round begins at the middle of the back.

Knit rib (k1, p1) until rib measures 7 (9) 9 (11) cm.

**Next round (eyelet row):** \*Knit 3 sts of rib, lift the 2nd st on your left needle over the 1st st, p1, yarn over, knit 3 sts of rib\*, repeat from \* to \* entire round.

Knit an additional 2 (2.5) 2.5 (3.5) cm of rib.

Now the rib edge is folded double like this:

Fold the rib double so that the cast on edge is at the inside (away from yourself), \*insert left needle into 1st st in the cast-on edge so that this st is placed before the 1st st on your left needle, knit the 2 sts together\*, repeat from \* to \* over entire round.



The rib edge is now folded double and the lace row is placed on the outside of the rib edge.

## Only size 3 months

Knit 1 round and increase 6 sts evenly on round  
= 150 sts.

## Only size 12 months

Knit 1 round and increase 4 sts evenly on round  
= 180 sts.

## All sizes

Change to 3 mm circular needles.

## TROUSERS

Follow chart, and on the 1st round work increases, the yarn overs are worked in the same colour as the colour in the chart:

**Next round:** K3, \*yarn over, k5\*, repeat from \* to \* to last 2 sts, yarn over, k2 = 180 (192) 192 (216) sts.

**Next round:** Work 2nd round of chart, all yarn overs from previous row are knitted tbl, and at the same time mark the 1st st (middle of the back) and the 91st (97th) 97th (109th) st (middle of the front) with some scrap yarn.

Work the 3rd to 60th (60th) 72nd (72nd) round of the chart, work now measures approx. 22.5 (24) 27.5 (29) cm.

## Trouser gusset

Continue following chart and knit round 61-63 (61-63) 1-3 (1-3).

Now increases for the trouser gusset begin, please note that the increases are NOT shown in the chart; the lowest harlequin square, where the increases are worked, is just becoming wider

**Next round:** Work the 64th (64th) 4th (4th) round of the chart and at the same time increase like this: K1, M1L, knit to the marked st in the middle of the front, M1R, k1, M1L, knit pattern over remaining sts, M1R.

**Next round:** Follow chart.

**Next round:** Work the 66th (66th) 6th (6th) round of chart and make increases like this: K2, M1L, follow chart to 1 st before the marked st in the middle of the front, M1R, k3, M1L, follow chart to last st, M1R, k1.



**Next round:** Follow chart.

**Next round:** Work the 68th (68th) 8th (8th) round of the chart and make increases like this: K3, M1L, follow chart to last 2 sts before the marked front st, M1R, k5, M1L, follow chart to last 2 sts, M1R, k2.

Now work is divided into legs like this:

Follow the 69th (69th) 9th (9th) round of the chart like this: K3, place these 3 sts on a safety pin, work the next 91 (97) 97 (109) sts and move these sts onto a stitch holder and let them rest for now, k5 (the middle of these 5 sts is the middle front st) and slip these sts onto a safety pin, knit to the last 3 sts, slip the first of these 3 sts onto the right needle without knitting it, slip the last 2 sts onto the first safety pin (where the first 3 sts of the round are placed).

Work is now divided and there are 5 sts on each safety pin and 91 (97) 97 (109) sts on each leg, while the sts for the right leg rest on a stitch holder.

### LEFT LEG

Join the 91 (97) 97 (109) sts in the round, slip the first st on right needle (the one that wasn't knitted on the previous row) onto the left needle, place a start marker and make a k2tog = 90 (96) 96 (108) sts.

Follow chart and continue in the round until the leg



measures approx. 16 (17.5) 21 (25) cm, finish with a round in the chart where next round is a colour change round.

Break yarn and continue exclusively in colour A.

**Next round (decrease round):** Knit 2 (0) 0 (0) sts, \*k2tog\*, repeat from \* to \* over all sts = 46 (48) 48 (54) sts.

### Rib edge

Change to 2.5 mm needles.

Knit rib (k1, p1) until rib measures 8 (10) 10 (10) cm (or 4 (5) 5 (5) cm if you prefer an unfolded rib).

### Bind off with Italian bind off like this:

Measure a tail at least 3 times the length of the rib.

Thread tail onto a tapestry needle.

1. Insert tapestry needle into 1st st (knit st) on left needle as if to purl, pull the yarn through.
  2. From behind work insert needle between 1st and 2nd st. Pull needle and yarn to front of work.
  3. Insert tapestry needle from front into 2nd st (purl st) and out on the back.
  4. Insert tapestry needle into 1st st (knit st) as if to knit, slip st off needle.
  5. From the front insert tapestry needle - from right to left - into the front leg of the 2nd st (knit st), pull yarn through.
  6. Insert tapestry needle into 1st st (purl st) as if to purl, slip st off needle.
- Repeat steps 2-6, till you have 1 purl st left on LH needle.
- Finish bind off like this:**
7. From front insert tapestry needle - from right to left - into the first bound off st, pull yarn through.
  8. Repeat step 6.

All sts are bound off.

Carefully weave in the loose end.

### RIGHT LEG

Place the right leg sts back on the 3 mm circular needles.

Slip the 1st st on right needle (the st that is closest to the point of the needle) onto the left needle, place a start marker, join yarn and knit a k2tog = 90 (96) 96 (108) sts.

Knit right leg as left leg.



## FINISHING

Now the trouser gusset sts are worked together while being bound off, knit like this:

Place the sts on the safety pins on separate needles.

Place both needles with the two right sides facing each other. Wrong sides turn outwards, \*insert right needle knitwise into 1st st on the front needle and 1st st on the needle behind, knit the 2 sts together\*, repeat from \* to \*, slip the 1st st on right needle over the 2nd st as with normal bind off\*. Repeat from \* to \*\* until all gusset sts are bound off. Sew the small holes in the sides of the gusset. Weave in loose ends.

## I-CORD

With a 2.5 mm dpn and one of the pattern colours cast on 3 sts, do not turn work, \*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 and knit 3 sts\*, repeat from \* to \* until the I-Cord measures 80 (80) 80 (90) cm.

Knit the 3 sts together. Break yarn and pull the end of the I-Cord through the st.

Weave in loose end.

Pull the I-Cord through the lace holes in the top rib edge, use a rounded tapestry needle or a crochet needle. Tie a knot at each end of the I-Cord.

## CHART

