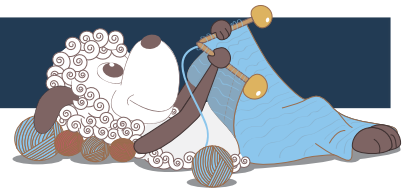
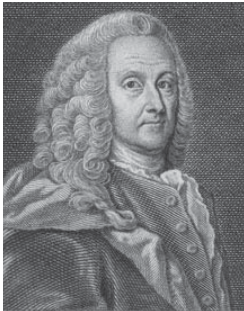


# Hjalte - a little pair of baby pants



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This design is part of a little collection inspired by the works of the famous Danish-Norwegian poet **Ludvig Holberg**. Holberg lived from 1684-1754, and even though this is a long time ago, he had a very special talent for showing – and exposing – different types of people, which is a big part of what makes him relevant still today.

The little "Hjalte" pants are inspired by Holberg's comedy "Barselstuen". Although women no longer have an extended period of confinement after birth where they are to remain in bed to recover, the particular mood of the "barselstue" after a new baby is born with well meaning maternity advice, gossip and chatter still exists. Most bring a gift for the new baby and these pants are knit in the softest wool.

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## Materials

Anina from Filcolana: 100 (100) 100 (100) g in color 1061 (Arctic Blue). A rest yarn to the line.

3 mm double-pointed needles

3 mm circular needle, 40 cm

## Sizes

0-3 (6-9) 12-18 (24) months/56 (74) 86 (92) cl

Waist: 41 (43) 44 (45) cm

Total length: 31 (35) 39 (43) cm

Inseam: approx. 21 (25) 29 (33) cm

## Gauge

30 sts x 40 rows in broken rib on 3 mm needles AFTER WASHING = 10 x 10 cm

## Special abbreviations and techniques

**M1L**: from the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the back loop (left leaning increase).

**M1R**: from the back, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the front loop (right leaning increase).

**Skp**: slip 1 stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knit one.

**Short rows**: When working short rows, work the turning stitch as follows: Turn and slip the next stitch purl-wise with the yarn in front of the needle, then lift the working yarn up and over the needle and pull until



the stitch has "2 legs showing". Hold the yarn tightly and continue as the pattern prescribes. When working the turning stitch, work the 2 legs together either knit-wise or purl-wise.

## Broken rib in the round

Round 1: \*k1, p1\*. Repeat from \* to \*.

Round 2: Knit.

Repeat these 2 rounds.

## Broken rib worked back and forth

RS-rows: Knit.

WS-rows: Work in k1, p1 ribbing.

## Directions for knitting

The trousers are worked from the bottom up. First each leg is knit, then both legs are joined while new

stitches are cast on. Then the pants are worked to the hem with short rows to raise the back of them. Finally a drawstring hem is worked.

### Pants

Cast on 50 (52) 54 (56) sts on 3 mm double-pointed needles. Join in the round and place a marker around the first stitch of the round. \*Purl 1 round, then knit 1 round\*. Repeat from \* to \* once more.

Continue in broken rib, working the following increases every 8th (10th) 12th (14th) round (Round 2 of pattern) a total of 9 times: K1 (the marked stitch), M1L, work in pattern to the marked stitch, M1R.

There are now 68 (70) 72 (74) sts on the needle. Continue straight until the leg measures 21 (25) 29 (33) cm. Bind off the marked stitch and let the leg rest while the second leg is worked in the same way. Make sure to end on the same round of the pattern on both legs.

Join both legs as follows: Work in pattern across the last leg, cast on 7 (7) 9 (9) new sts in extension of the sts on the needle, work in pattern across the sts for the first leg, cast on 7 (7) 9 (9) new sts in extension of the sts on the needle. This is the beginning of the round. There are now 148 (152) 160 (164) sts on the needle.

Work 2 rounds in pattern. Place a marker around the middle stitch of the 7 (7) 9 (9) newly cast on sts on both front and back and work decreases as follows: \*Work in pattern to 1 stitch before the marked stitch, slip 2 sts knit-wise together as if knitting them together, k1, pass the slipped sts over\*. Repeat from \* to \* once more. Work these increases every 2 rounds another 5 (5) 6 (6) times. There are now 124 (128) 132 (136) sts on the needle. The beginning of the round is now mid back.

Work straight in broken rib until the work measures 13 (15) 17 (19) cm from where legs were joined together. End on pattern row 1.

Now work short rows to raise the back of the pants as follows: Work 34 (36) 38 (40) sts in pattern, turn (see techniques above). Work in pattern to 34 (36) 38 (40) sts past the beginning of the round, turn. \*Work in pattern to 6 sts before the last turn, turn\*. Repeat from \* to \* until a total of 4 turns have been worked at either side. End at the beginning of the round.

\*Knit 1 round, then purl 1 round\*. Repeat from \* to \* once more

Knit 2 rounds.

Next round: Work to 3 sts before the marked stitch mid front, k2tog, yarn over, k3, yarn over, skp, work to end of round.

Knit 8 rounds. Bind off.

### Finishing

Fold the hem to the WS and sew the bind-off edge to the first of the 9 knitted rounds to form the casing for the drawstring.

Work an i-cord string and pull it through the yarn over openings and around the casing.



I-cord: Cast on 4 sts on a double-pointed needle. \*do not turn the needle, but slip the sts to the opposite end of the needle and hold the yarn tightly to the back, then knit the 4 sts\*. Repeat from \* to \* until the drawstring has the appropriate length. Break the yarn and pull the end through the sts on the needle.

Weave in the ends. Gently rinse the vest, put it through a (dry) spin cycle in the washing machine and lay it on a flat surface to dry.