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Finished sizes:	Newborn	1–3 months	4–7 months	8–12 months
maximum width	32 cm	34 cm	36 cm	38 cm
leg length	14 cm	15 cm	20 cm	29 cm
total length	31 cm	34 cm	41 cm	52 cm
meterage roughly	215 meters	260 meters	340 meters	540 meters

Proposed yarns: *DROPS Baby Merino or Malabrigo Mechita or Malabrigo Finito*
We used Malabrigo Finito, colorway 031, Mostaza.

Gauge: 26 stitches × 36 rows = 10 × 10 cm
Please measure after washing.

Materials: Circular needle, 3 mm (US 2½)
 Additionally double-pointed needles, 3 mm (US 2½) if you prefer
 Five stitch markers
 Darning needle

Hosenmatz is a pattern for casual baggy baby pants in Fingering-weight yarns. They offer a lot of room to move and kick and even parents using cloth diapers for their little ones will find these suiting the large “package”. The pants are knitted from the top down in rounds and the long cuffs can be folded down first and later be used as an elongation so *Hosenmatz* will grow with your child. In the largest size, the pants stay put during first locomotion adventures due to a (secured) cord in the belly cuff.



Abbreviations:

k	knit	kfb	knit front and back
p	purl		
yo	yarn over	m1l.....	make one left
pm	place marker	m1r	make one right
sm	slip marker		
p2tog	purl 2 together		
p2tog tbl	slip 2 stitches as if to knit, return them to the left hand needle, insert right hand needle from left to right through the back loops and purl together		

Directions:

Setup:

Cast on 96 (104, 112, 120) stitches, place marker and join for the round.

Belly cuff:

k2, p2 until you reach the marker, repeat until work measures 8 (8, 10, 6) cm

For size Newborn, 1-3 months and 4-7 months: continue with Body section.

For size 8–12 months:

Cord:

Cast on 2 stitches on a separate 3 mm needle. *k2. Do not turn work but slide stitches back to left hand needle. Repeat from * until the cord measures 95 cm. Knit 2 together, cut yarn and make a knot. Pick up 2 stitches right in the middle of the cord.

Next round: *k2, yo, p2, yo* repeat to end

Next round: *k2, p2tog tbl, p2tog* 7 times, hold needle with the cord behind left hand needle and knit next 2 stitches together with cord stitches, p2tog tbl, p2tog, *k2, p2tog tbl, p2tog* to end; pull the cord ends through the cord holes so that it always lies **over** the purl stitches and **under** the knit stitches

Next rounds: *k2, p2* until work measures a total length of 12 cm

Body:

Next round: *k1, kfb, p2* until you reach the marker — 120 (130, 140, 150) sts

Next rounds: k to end; repeat until work measures a total length of 10 (12, 14, 16) cm

Next round: k28 (31, 33, 36), pm, m1l, k4 (3, 4, 3), m1r, pm, k until you reach the marker (+2 stitches)

Increase round 1: k to end (slip markers when you reach them)

Increase round 2: k to marker, sm, m1l, k to marker, m1r, sm, k to end (+2 stitches)

Repeat increase round 1 and 2 three more times. — 130 (140, 150, 160) sts

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Next round: k98 (106, 113, 121) (slip markers when you reach them), pm,
k4 (3, 4, 3), pm, k to end

Increase round 3: *knit to marker, sm, m1l, knit to marker, m1r, sm, repeat once from*,
k to end (+4 stitches)

Increase round 4: k to end (slip markers when you reach them)

Repeat increase rounds 3 and 4 nine more times. — **170 (180, 190, 200) sts**

Next round: k to marker, remove marker, k8 (7, 7, 6), bind off 18 (19, 20, 21) stitches,
k to marker, remove marker, k to marker, remove marker, k3 (2, 2, 1),
bind off 18 (19, 20, 21) stitches, k to marker, remove marker, k to end

Legs:

Knit all stitches until you reach the bind off edge, place next 67 (71, 75, 79) stitches for the right leg
on scrap yarn or holder without knitting them, join for the round for the left leg and knit to end (place
stitches evenly on double-pointed needles or two circular needles).

— **67 (71, 75, 79) sts**

Continue in stockinette stitch until leg measures 7 (9, 13, 20) cm.

Next round: decrease 11 (11, 11, 11) stitches evenly spaced — **56 (60, 64, 68) sts**

Next round: k to end

Next round: decrease 12 (12, 16, 16) stitches evenly spaced — **44 (48, 48, 52) sts**



Cuff:

Next rounds: *k2, p2*, repeat until you reach the marker, repeat until cuff measures 3.5 (3.5; 3.5; 4.5) cm

Next round: k to end

Next rounds: *k2, p2* repeat until cuff measures 7 (7, 7, 9) cm

Loosely bind off all stitches. You might want to try Jeny's surprisingly stretchy bind off method:
<http://www.lanade.de/blog/hosenmatz>

Knit second leg just like the first one.

Finishing:

Darn in loose ends and sew together bind off edges for the crotch. Now soak in lukewarm water, roll it in a towel to lose excess water (do not press too hard) and lay it out to dry completely. Enjoy! :)

