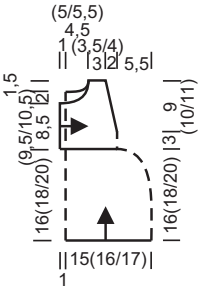
once (7 sts twice, 8 sts once / 8 sts 3 times) = 28 (30, 32) sts. Work even until piece measures 30.5 (34, 37.5) cm from beg. Shape front neck: Bind off 3 sts at left edge once, 2 sts once, 1 st twice = 21 (23, 25) sts. Work even until piece measures 34 (38, 42) cm from beg. Work in rib patt for 1 cm, ending with a WS row. Next RS [buttonhole] row: Work 3 buttonholes evenly spaced. For each buttonhole, k2tog, yo. Cont in rib patt until piece measures 36 (40, 44) cm from beg. Bind off all sts.

Skirt: Worked in rnds from the bottom up. With size 3.5 mm circular needle cast on 132 (140, 150) sts. Place beg of rnd marker, place 2nd marker 66 (70, 75) sts from beg of rnd marker. Join for working in rnds, work stockinette in rnds and shape sides as foll. For size 62/68 only: * Work even for 9 rnds. Dec rnd 1: SKP before each marker. Work even for 9 rnds. Dec rnd 2: K2tog after each marker. Rep from * once more = 124 sts. For size 74/80 only: Work even for 11 rnds. Dec rnd 1: SKP before each marker. Work even for 11 rnds. Dec rnd 2: K2tog after each marker. Work even for 9 rnds. Rep dec rnd 1. Work even for 9 rnds. Rep dec rnd 2 = 132 sts. For size 86/92 only: * Work even for 11 rnds. Dec rnd 1: SKP before each marker. Work even for 11 rnds. Dec rnd 2: K2tog after each marker. Rep from * once more = 142 sts. Work even until piece measures 16 (18, 20) cm from cast-on. Next rnd: Dec 40 sts evenly around = 84 (92, 102) sts. Next rnd: Bind off all sts.

Finishing: Pin pieces to measurements and block. Lap right placket over left placket at bottom. With bottom of plackets overlapping, sew bottom edge of bodice to top edge of skirt. Sew shoulder seams. With size 3 mm crochet hook work 1 rnd sl st around neck edge. With size 3 mm crochet hook work 1 rnd sc around armhole edges. Rnd 2: * 1 sl st in next sc, 1 sc in next sc; rep from * around. Repeat around bottom edge of skirt. Sew on buttons.



DESIGN 35

ELASTICO PANTS

Size 62/68 (74/80, 86/92)

Instructions are given for first size. Figures in parenthesis refer to larger sizes. When only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

Materials: 50 g of Lana Grossa **Elastico** (96% cotton, 4% polyester; 160 m/50 g) in Pistachio **(col 84)**. Size 3.5 mm needles; size 3.5 mm circular needle, 40 cm long; size 3 mm crochet hook.

Rib pattern: K1, p1.

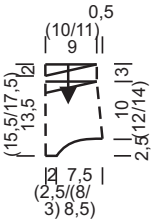
Stockinette: K on RS, p on WS.

Stockinette in rnds: K every rnd.

Gauge: 22 sts and 30 rows/rnds = 10 x 10 cm in stockinette on size 3.5 mm needles.

Instructions: Pants are worked from the top down. With size 3.5 mm circular needle cast on 80 (88, 96) sts. Join for working in rnds. Place beg of rnd marker, place 2nd marker after 40 (44, 48) sts = 40 (44, 48) sts each for back and front. Work rib patt in rnds for 3 cm. Cont in stockinette. Next rnd: Knit. Shape back with short-rows: K to one of the markers, turn. Next WS row: Yo, p40 (44, 48) to marker, turn. Next RS row: Yo, k to 3 sts before yo, turn. Next WS row: Yo, p to 3 sts before yo, turn. Rep last 2 rows twice more. Next RS row/rnd 1: Yo, * k to next yo, ktog yo and next st; rep from * 3 more times, ** k to 1 st before next yo, skp next st and yo; rep from ** 3 more times. Cont in rnds and inc 1 st at each marker every 10th (12th, 14th) rnd twice = 84 (92, 100) sts. Work even until piece meas 13 (15, 17) cm from beg. Divide for back and front at markers. Place 42 (46, 50) back sts on holder. Beg working stockinette back and forth in rows. **Front:** Work 1 WS row even. Bind off 7 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 6 (7, 8) sts at beg of next 2 rows, 1 st at beg of next 2 rows = 10 (12, 14) sts. Cont until piece meas 15.5 (17.5, 19.5) cm from beg. Bind off. **Back:** Return 42 (46, 50) held back sts to needle and with WS facing rejoin yarn. Complete as for front.

Finishing: Seam legs. Crochet trim: With size 3 mm hook work 1 rnd sc, then 1 rnd of (1 sl st, 1 sc). Cut yarn and fasten off.



DESIGN 36

BABY SOFT TOP

Size 62/68 (74/80, 86/92)

Instructions are given for first size. Figures in parenthesis refer to larger sizes. When only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes.

Materials: 50 g each of Lana Grossa **Baby Soft** (60% polyamide, 40% cotton; 150 m/50 g) in Light Green **(col 20)** and White **(col 1)**. Size 4 mm needles; size 4 mm circular needle, 40 cm long; size 3.5 mm crochet hook.

Note: Total yarn amounts for top and matching pants are 100 (100, 150) g in Light Green and 50 g in White.

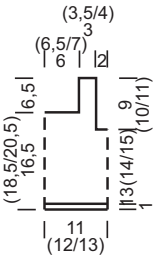
Rib pattern: K1, p1.

Stockinette: K on RS, p on WS.

Stockinette in rnds: K every rnd.

Stripe sequence: Alternate 2 rnds/rows White, 2 rnds/rows Light Green.

Gauge: 18.5 sts and 37 rnds/rows = 10 x 10 cm in stockinette on size 4 mm needles.

Front and back: Worked in one piece in the rnd to underarm. With size 4 mm circular needle and Light Green cast on 82 (88, 96) sts. Place beg of rnd marker and join for working in rnds. Place 2nd marker 41 (44, 48) sts from beg of rnd marker = 41 (44, 48) sts each for back and front. Work in rib patt for 1 cm. Work in stockinette and follow stripe sequence until body measures 14 (15, 16) cm from cast-on. Divide for front and back: Place 41 (44, 48) sts on holder for back. Beg working back and forth in rows. **Front:** Work 1 WS row even. Shape armholes: Bind off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows = 33 (36, 40) sts. Work even until armhole meas 2.5 (3.5, 4.5) cm, ending with a WS row. Shape neck: Next RS row: Bind off center 23 (24, 26) sts. Working each side separately, work even for 6.5 cm. Bind off remaining 5 (6, 7) sts for each shoulder. **Back:** Return 41 (44, 48) held back sts to needle and with WS facing rejoin yarn. Complete as for front.

Finishing: Sew shoulder seams. With crochet hook and White work 1 rnd sc around neck edge and around each armhole edge.