

## BALLOON TROUSERS - 10301

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**Super sweet balloon trousers with plenty of baggy effect for the tiniest of babies. Simple lines with great fit. Double layered with elastic at hems.**

### CREATE THE LOOK

Interesting design, that looks adorable. Soft, comfortable and very simple to sew, this design creates completely new looks, depending on the fabric used.

They can be made single or double layered and varied to fit boys or girls...

On the back of the pattern sheet you will find sketches and directions to use in designing your own balloon trousers.

### RECOMMENDED FABRIC

The pattern is designed for thin or medium weight woven fabric. They can also be made in knit fabric, but then the baggy look will be different.

### MATERIALS NEEDED

**Fabric** - 140 cm wide x 70 / 80 / 90 / 100 cm long

**Ribbing** - min. 45 cm wide x 25 cm for all sizes

**Elastic** - 5 mm wide

Always remember to **prewash** your fabric!

### PATTERN PIECES

#### Garment fabric

**1. FRONT/BACK** ✂ X 2

#### Ribbing

**2. WAIST RIBBING** ✂ X 1

NB! The hem of the trousers should be placed on fold, to make the trousers double layered. See the layout sketch.

### SEAM ALLOWANCES

Add 1 cm to all pieces

### TRACE THE PATTERN

Fold out the pattern sheet. Find the EASY side of the sheet and choose the right size. Place tracing paper on top of the pattern sheet and trace. Then add seam allowances to the traced pattern pieces. Cut out the pattern pieces.

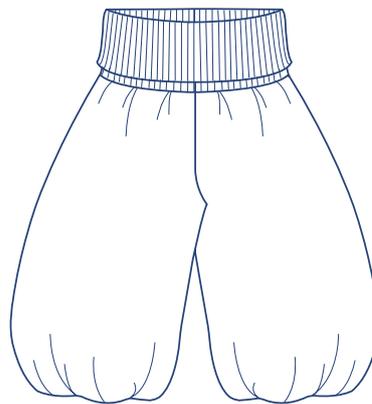
The pattern is ready to be placed on the fabric.

### CUTTING THE FABRIC

Fold the fabric along the grain line. Place pattern pieces on the fabric, making sure to match the markings for grain line with the fabric grain line. Pin the pattern pieces to the fabric, to make sure they don't shift around.

NB! Be extra careful when placing the pattern pieces on fabric with nap or pile such as corduroy or velour. For the richest colour, place the pattern pieces with the nap turning upwards. Also take notice of the fabric design direction when placing the pattern pieces.

Cut out the fabric.



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### SEWING THE BALLOON TROUSERS

1. Overlock or zigzag the raw edges of all the pieces. Cut two pieces of elastic each 19/20/21/22 cm long. Pin evenly to the wrong side of the inner trouser according to markings. Stitch the elastic in place, stretching as you sew, using wide zigzag stitches.
2. Sew the centre front seam of one end, right sides together. Sew the centre back seam of one end, right sides together. Repeat for the other end. Press seam allowances open. Sew the inseam all the way around, right sides together. Pull the inner trousers on top of the outer trousers, along the fold line at the hem, to create the double layered trousers.
3. Sew the ribbing centre back seam, right sides together. Press the seam allowances open. Fold the ribbing double along the fold line, right side turning out. Pin the ribbing evenly to the waist, right sides together. Sew the ribbing to the waist using elastic stitches and stretching the ribbing as you sew. Turn the trousers to the right side.

NB! The elastic sewn to the inner trousers is what makes the soft baggy hem, which creates the balloon look.

### TIP EASY APPLYING OF THE RIBBING

The easiest way to stretch and sew the ribbing on, is to place it at the bottom of what you are sewing. This makes it easier to distribute the extra width evenly.

### IDEA

These trousers also look adorable, but not as heavy, when made in a single layer of fabric. If you chose to do this, finish the hem edges with binding or fold over elastic.

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