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## Cascade Heritage 150 Paints Baby Leggings



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Knit a pair of sock cuffs (no heels), put them together and top them off with a topless hat, finally weave in a length of I-cord and you have a perfect little pair of baby leggings. Since this was my first time working with Cascade's amazing new Heritage 150, I made these in plain stockinette to see how the yarn looks. On my next pair, I will probably throw in a simple knit and purl pattern such as a checkerboard or basketweave. If the pattern's multiple requires a slight change in the stitch count, the leggings will come out just fine. There is plenty of leeway in how tight or loose the leggings fit those precious little legs and bottom.

**Materials:** 1 150 gr. Skein of Cascade Heritage 150 Paint Yarn. Pictured leggings are color #9770. Size 5 US double point needles and size 5 16 inch circular needle or **SIZE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN GAUGE.**

**Gauge:** 6 stitches to 1 inch in stockinette stitch.

**Size:** The directions are for small (3-6 mons). Changes in parentheses are for medium (6-12 mons) and large (12-18 mons). Where only 1 number is given it applies to all sizes. You can easily keep going to bigger sizes by just making them longer. A 2 or 3 year old isn't much bigger around than a 1-1/2, just taller. Add about 1 inch to the body and 1-1/2 to 2 inches to the legs for each additional size. The pictured leggings are size small.

## Directions

**Legs – Make 2 exactly the same.** CO 45(45, 50) stitches. Divide the stitches evenly on 3 needles. Join work in the round being careful not to twist. Put a marker a st or 2 in on the first needle to mark the beginning of the rounds. First row, \*K1, K2 tog, P2, rep from \* (36(36 40) sts.). Casting on the extra sts and losing them on the first row gives a nice stretchy edge that will always go over baby feet without pinching. Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 1-1/2(2, 2) inches. If you like to fold up cuffs, go twice as long on the ribbing. On the next row, \*K2, M1, rep from \* around, 54(54, 60) sts. Work even until leg measures 5-3/4(6-3/4, 7-3/4) inches. On the next 6 rows inc 1 st at **BOTH** the beginning and end of each round to create a little taper.

**Body.** Orient the 2 legs so that the tapers are facing each other on the inside. Cut the yarn on one of the legs leaving about a 12 inch tail. Use the other working yarn as you join the legs. With the circular needle, knit around the stitches of one leg, place a marker and then knit around the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg. Place a different colored marker. The first marker is the middle of the back and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one is the middle of the front. Work even in the round until body measures 7(8, 9) inches from join. On sizes small and medium only, dec. 2 sts so you have a multiple of 4 but not 8 sts. Now work in K2, P2 ribbing for 1/2 inch, starting with P1, K2, P2 etc. and ending with P1 so that there is a P2 spanning the joining marker right in the middle of the front. On the next row make eyelets for the I-cord belt. Make an eyelet in each P2 except the one in the middle of the front. Make the eyelets by working a YO followed by P2tog. Work another 1/2

inch of ribbing and bind off very loosely. I recommend using a needle a size or 2 bigger than the one you've been using.

**Belt.** With 2 of the dpns, CO 3 sts, Work an I-cord for about 40 inches or length desired to wrap around baby's waist with tails long enough to tie in a bow. Lace the I-cord through the eyelets beginning and ending on either side of the one P2 that does not have a hole. I tie a knot at the end of each I-cord so the cord won't slip out. If the leggings are for a girl, I might put a little flower at each end of the I-cord. Directions for making I-cords and my little flowers are available in the patterns for Heritage Yarn, at Hearts and Flowers Baby Hats. One of the hearts in that pattern might also look pretty adorable appliquéd to a knee or 2.

**Finishing.** The only finishing is closing up the dime-sized hole where the 2 legs were joined.