

HALIBUT CARDIGAN



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The Halibut Cardigan pattern is an oversized layering piece that features bold stranded colorwork. The sweater is worked in the round from the bottom up and then worked flat for the upper back and fronts. The shoulders are joined using the grafting technique for a seamless look. Then stitches are picked up for the sleeves if making a cardigan or armhole cuffs for the vest. Finally, stitches are picked up along the fronts and back neck for the button band, and the front is steeked. This pattern is a variation of my Halibut series of designs and the fit is intended to be modern and comfortable for all.

SIZES

Measurements given are for the finished garment. This sweater is designed to fit with 8-12"/20.5-30.5 cm of positive ease at the chest. See Schematic on page 5 for full fit details.

Chest Circumference:

1 (2, 3, 4){5, 6}

39.25 (46.75, 54.25, 61.75) (69.25, 76.25)"

99.5 (118.5, 138, 157) (176, 195) cm

MATERIALS

Yarn:

Peace Fleece Worsted

(aran weight; 50% Navajo Rambouillet/30% Fine Wool/20% Mohair; 200 yards/183 meters per 4 oz skein)

Colors used in sample:

MC: Sheplova Mushroom

CC: Palomino

Yardage:

Note - yardage is estimated and may vary depending on yarn used, gauge variations and modification.

MC: 791 (941, 1092, 1243) {1393, 1515} yards

[723 (860, 998, 1136) {1273, 1385} meters]

Skeins: 4, (5, 6, 7) {7, 8}

CC: 161 (191, 222, 253) {285, 308} yards

[147, 175, 203, 231) {261, 281} meters]

Skeins: 1 (1, 2, 2) {2, 2}

Needles:

Note - needle sizes are suggested only. You may need to use a different size to achieve gauge.

Ribbing: US 6/4.0 mm

Main: US 9/5.5 mm

Notions:

Stitch markers, stitch holders or waste yarn, tapestry needle, buttons (4 x 25 mm), row counter (optional)

GAUGE

16 sts x 20 rounds/rows to 4" / 10 cm on US 9 / 5.5 mm needles in colorwork pattern and stockinette stitch, after blocking.

20 sts and 26 rounds/rows over 4" / 10 cm on US 6 / 4.0 mm in ribbing pattern, after blocking.

Note - You should always knit your swatch the same way that the pattern is knit—in this case, in the round. Block your swatch as you will your finished garment and allow it to dry fully before measuring.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

Steek Stitches: This pattern uses steek sts so that the body may be knit in the round. The steek stitches are not included in the stitch count totals listed. The steek stitches are worked in stockinette and you can choose to alternate the colors with a stripe or checkerboard pattern as preferred.

Catching floats- How you catch floats is up to each knitter, there are many ways to approach this. Several testers found that the ladderback jacquard technique was most successful for them, others used the trapping method or twisting the floats. I recommend using your swatch to determine the method you like best.

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DIRECTIONS

BOTTOM HEM

With smaller needles and MC, cast on 151 (181, 211, 241) (271, 301) sts using 1x1 tubular cast on or long-tail cast on as preferred. Do not join to work in the round.

Row 1 (RS): K1, *p1, k1*; repeat *-* to end.

Row 2 (WS): P1; *k1, p1*; repeat *-* to end.

Repeat (Rows 1&2) until work measures 2.5" / 6.5 cm from cast on edge, ending with a WS row.

Switch to larger needles.

SET UP STEEK

(RS): M1L, k to end. Pm and cast on 5 sts for steek using backwards loop method, pm for BOR and join in the round.

152 (182, 212, 242)(272, 302) sts total

Next Round: K.

BEGIN COLORWORK

Join CC.

Begin the colorwork chart on Round 1, reading all rows from right to left, bottom to top. Work first 17 sts, then 30-st pattern is repeated 4 (5, 6, 7) (8, 9) times around, then work final 15 sts of chart. When you come to the 5 steek sts you can begin working them in a stripe or checkerboard pattern; they are not included in the charted pattern.

Work all rounds of chart in this fashion. Break CC. The remainder of the garment is worked with MC only.

K 2 rounds.

Next Round: K1, k2tog, k to first marker, remove marker, bind off 5 steek stitches knitwise to BOR marker.

151 (181, 211, 241) (271, 301) sts remain

DIVIDE FOR ARMHOLES/ LEFT & RIGHT FRONTS

Remove BOR marker, k 36 (44, 51, 59) (66, 74), place on hold for right front, k 79 (93, 109, 123) (139, 153), place on hold for back, k remaining 36 (44, 51, 59) (66, 74) for left front.

LEFT FRONT

Left front sts are now worked flat, with decreases worked at the front and armhole edges.

Row 1 (WS and all following WS rows): P.

Row 2 (RS): K4, k2tog, k to last 6 sts, ssk, k to end. 2 sts decreased

Work (Rows 1 & 2) 2 (4, 5, 6) (8, 10) times total. 4 (8, 10, 12) (16, 20) sts decreased

32 (36, 41, 47)(50, 54) sts remain

Now, decreases are made to the front edge only to continue the v-neck shaping.

Row 3 (WS): P.

Row 4 (RS): K to last 6 sts, ssk, k to end. 1 st decreased

Work (Rows 3 & 4) 10 (12, 15, 17) (18, 18) times total. 10 (12, 15, 17) (18, 18) sts decreased

Cont to work in stockinette until the Left Front measures approx. 8 (9, 10, 11)(12, 13)" / 20.5 (23, 25.5, 28)(30.5, 33) cm from the armhole split, ending with a RS row.

22 (24, 26, 30) (32, 36) sts remain

SHORT ROWS FOR LEFT FRONT

Work short rows to shape shoulders.

Short Row 1 (WS): P to 5 (6, 6, 7)(8, 9) sts before end, w&t.

Short Row 2 (RS): K to end.

Short Row 3 (WS): P to 5 (6, 6, 7)(8, 9) sts before last wrapped st, w&t.

Work (Short Rows 2 & 3) 1 more time. Work Short Row 2 once more.

Next Row (WS): P to end, resolving wrapped sts as you come to them.

Next Row (RS): K.

Place left shoulder sts on hold. Break yarn.

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RIGHT FRONT

Right front sts are now worked flat, with decreases worked at the front and armhole edges.

Place held 36 (44, 51, 59) (66, 74) right shoulder sts on larger needles. Rejoin MC at armhole to beg with a WS row.

Row 1 (WS): P.

Row 2 (RS): K4, k2tog, k to last 6 sts, ssk, k to end. 2 sts decreased

Work (Rows 1 & 2) 2 (4, 5, 6) (8, 10) times total. 4 (8, 10, 12) (16, 20) sts decreased

32 (36, 41, 47)(50, 54) sts remain

Now decreases are made to the front edge only to continue the v-neck shaping.

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Row 4 (RS): K4, k2tog, k to end. 1 st decreased

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Short Row 2 (WS): P to end.

Short Row 3 (RS): K to 5 (6, 6, 7) (8, 9) sts before last wrapped st, w&t.

Work (Short Rows 2 & 3) once more. Work Short Row 2 once more.

Next Row (RS): K to end, resolving wrapped sts as you come to them.

Place right shoulder sts on hold. Break yarn.

BACK

Place held 79 (93, 109, 123) (139, 153) back sts on larger needle and rejoin MC to begin with a RS row.

Row 1 (RS): K4, k2tog, k to last 6 sts, ssk, k to end. 2 sts decreased

Row 2 (WS): P.

Work (Rows 1 & 2) 2 (4, 5, 6) (8, 10) times total. 4 (8, 10, 12) (16, 20) sts decreased

75 (85, 99, 111) (123, 133) sts

Cont to work in stockinette until the Back measures 8 (9, 10, 11)(12, 13)"/ 20.5 (23, 25.5, 28)(30.5, 33) cm from the armhole split, ending with a WS row.

BACK SHORT ROWS

Short Row 1 (RS): K to last 5 (6, 6, 7) (8, 9) sts, w&t.

Short Row 2 (WS): P to last 5 (6, 6, 7) (8, 9) sts, w&t.

Short Row 3 (RS): K to 5 (6, 6, 7) (8, 9) sts before last wrapped st, w&t.

Short Row 4 (WS): P to 5 (6, 6, 7) (8, 9) sts before last wrapped st, w&t.

Work Short (Rows 3 & 4) once more.

Next Row (RS): K to end, resolving wrapped sts as you come to them

Next Row (WS): P to end, resolving wrapped sts as you come to them.

BIND OFF BACK NECKLINE STS

On following row, k 22 (24, 26, 30) (32, 36), bind off next 31 (37, 47, 51) (59, 61) sts for back neck, k remaining 22 (24, 26, 30) (32, 36) sts. Break yarn, leaving a tail approx. 3 times the length of the live shoulder sts.

JOIN SHOULDERS

With WS facing each other, join front shoulders to back shoulders using the grafting technique. Join a length of yarn approx. 3 times the length of the live shoulder sts to graft the second shoulder.

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SLEEVES (for cardigan- both worked the same)

Using larger needles and MC, starting at the armhole split, pick up and knit 62 (66, 74, 80) (90, 96) sts. You will pick up approximately 3 sts for every 4 rows. Pm for BOR at underarm and join in the round.

Work in stockinette for 3" / 7.5 cm.

SLEEVE DECREASES

Dec Round: K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1. 2 sts decreased

Work 7 (6, 4, 3) (2, 2) rounds in stockinette.

Work dec. round and stockinette rounds as above 7 (8, 11, 14) (17, 19) times total. 14 (16, 22, 28) (34, 38) sts decreased

48 (50, 52, 52) (56, 58) sts remain

Continue in stockinette until sleeve measures 15" / 38 cm from the underarm, or to 2.5" / 6.5 cm less than the desired total length.

SLEEVE CUFF

Switch to smaller needles

Round 1: *K1, p1*; repeat *-* to end.

Repeat Round 1 until cuff measures 2.5" / 6.5 cm.

Bind off in pattern using tubular bind-off method.

BUTTON BAND

From bottom right edge (as worn) using ribbing needle and MC, pick up and knit sts along front right, back neck and front left. Along fronts pick up 3 sts for every 4 rows, for back neck pick up every stitch. Be sure to pick up an odd number of sts total, and the same number for each front.

Row 1 (WS): P1, *k1, p1*; repeat *-* to end.

Row 2 (RS): K1, *p1, k1*; repeat *-* to end.

Work Row 1 once more.

Note- Over the next 2 rows you will create 4 evenly spaced buttonholes. The number of sts worked between buttonholes may be slightly different than the number given, based on the number of sts you picked up for your button band. Just make sure your buttonholes are evenly spaced from the bottom edge to the armhole split.

Buttonhole Row (RS): Work 4 sts in est ribbing pattern, BO 3 sts, work 13 sts in patt, BO 3, work 13 sts in patt, BO 3, work 13 sts in patt, BO 3, work in est ribbing pattern to end.

Next Row (WS): Work est ribbing pattern until you reach the first button hole bind off. *CO 3 sts using backwards loop method, work est ribbing to next button hole bind off; rep from * 2 more times, CO 3 sts using backwards loop method, work est ribbing to end.

Work 3 more rows in est ribbing pattern.

Bind off using tubular bind-off method.

FINISHING

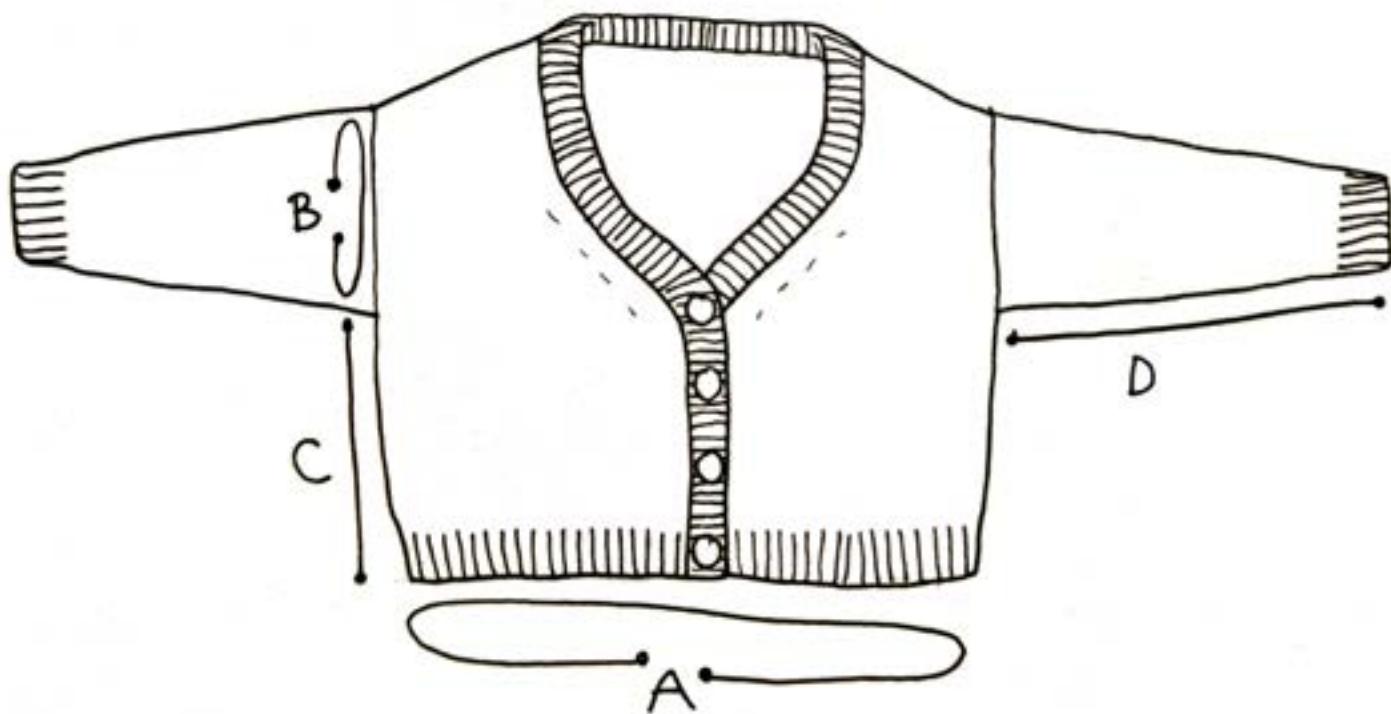
Block.

Reinforce and cut steek using preferred method. Sew on buttons.

For a video tutorial on steeking, please see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xq9ehHC7g-M>

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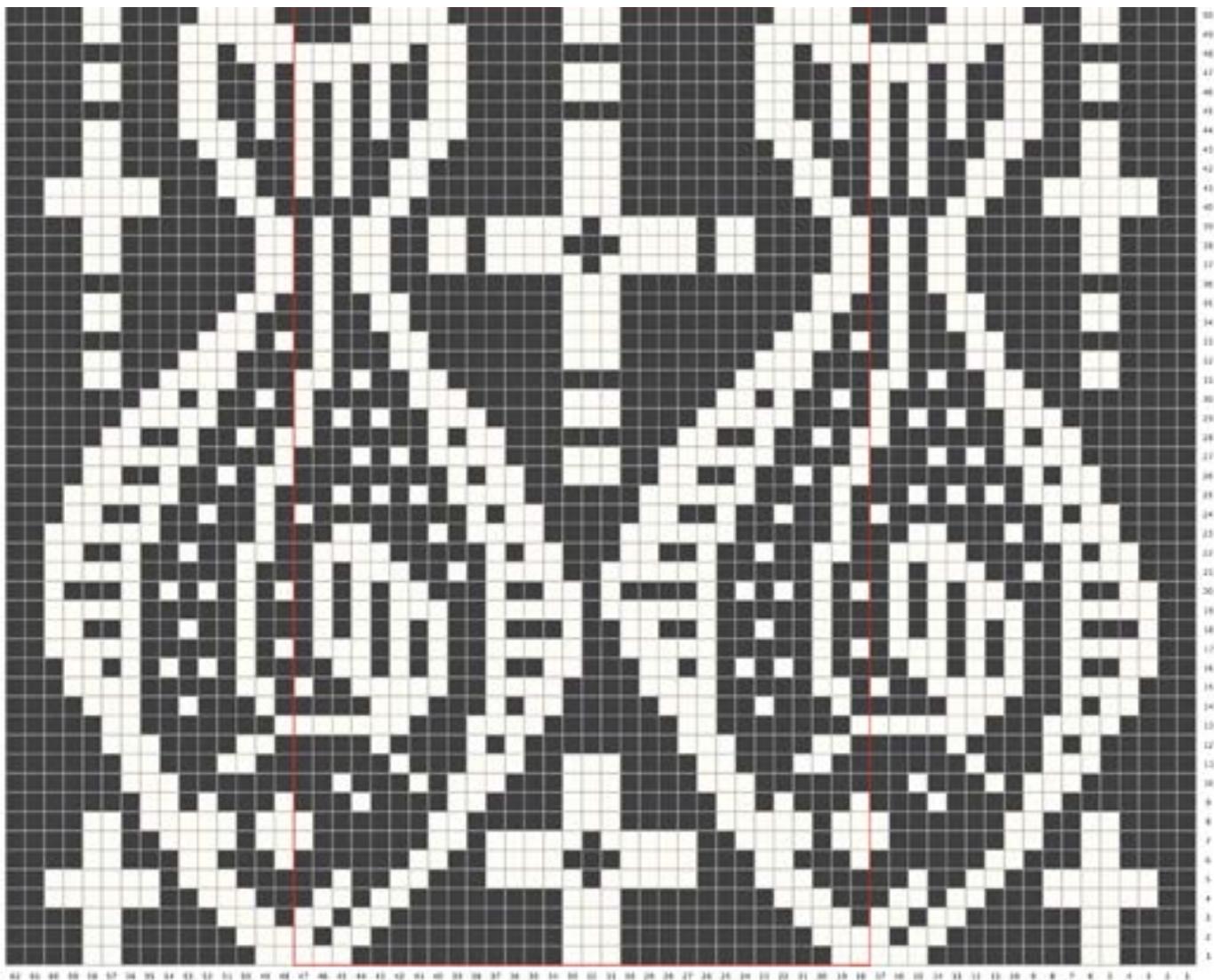
SCHEMATIC



	1	2	3	4	5	6
A- Chest Circumference inches	39.25	46.75	54.25	61.75	69.25	76.75
A- cm	99.5	118.5	138	157	176	195
B- Sleeve Circumference (upper arm) inches	15.5	16.5	18.5	20	22.5	24
B- cm	39.5	42	47	51	57	61
C- Body Length inches	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5
C- cm	34.5	34.5	34.5	34.5	34.5	34.5
D- Sleeve Length inches	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5
D- cm	44.5	44.5	44.5	44.5	44.5	44.5

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CHART

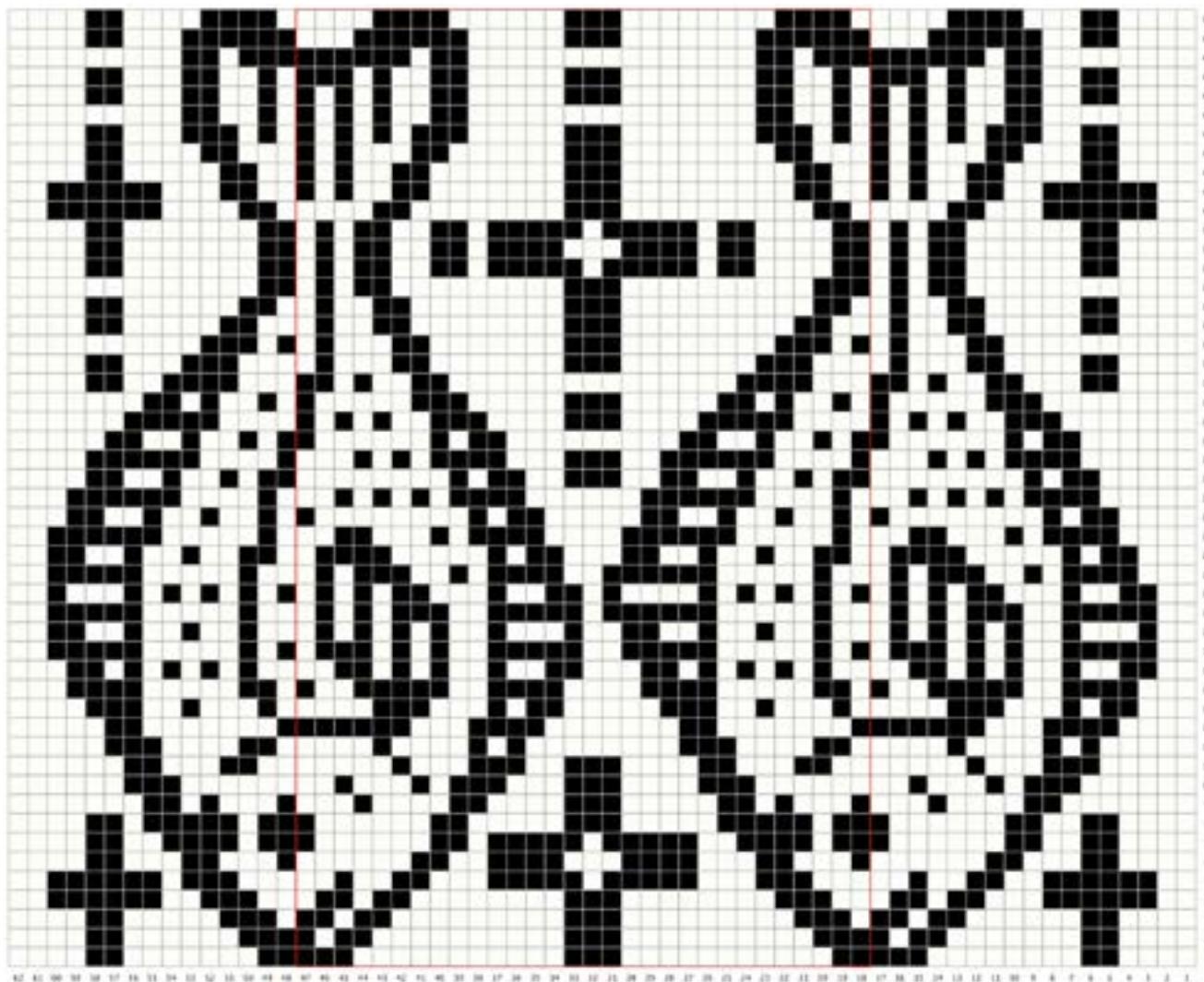


KEY



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REVERSED CHART



KEY

- MC
- CC
- repeat

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ABBREVIATIONS

BOR	Beginning of round
CC	Contrast color
CO	Cast on
est	established
K	knit
k2tog	knit 2 together
m1L	Make one left
P	purl
ssk	slip, slip, knit
st(s)	stitch(es)
w&t	Wrap and turn
WS	Wrong side
yo	Yarn over

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