

Belle & Sebastian pullover

Cable pullover pattern by Sari Nordlund



#BelleAndSebastianPullover



The Belle & Sebastian pullover has a relaxed, boyfriend-sweater fit. It is knitted seamlessly top down. The beautiful cable pattern is worked on the front and the back as well as on the sleeves.

The piece is started at the back neck and then increased to the full width of the back. After that stitches are picked up along the sloped shoulders for the fronts. The pieces are joined at the underarm and the body is then knitted in the round. The sleeve and the neckband stitches are then picked up from the body and worked in the round.

The length of the body and sleeves are easily modified to suit your own body measurements. I recommend trying the sweater on every now and then while working on it to make sure you get the perfect length for your style.

Sizes

1 (2, 3, 4, 5) (6, 7, 8, 9)

Finished bust circumference: 100 (110, 120, 130, 140) (150, 160, 170, 180) cm / 39.25 (43, 47.25, 51.25, 55) (59, 63, 67, 70.75) inches including the intended positive ease of 25 cm / 9.75 inches

Length from hem to underarm (adjustable): 25 (25, 25, 25, 28) (28, 28, 30, 30) cm / 9.75 (9.75, 9.75, 9.75, 11) (11, 11, 11.75, 11.75) inches

Sleeve length from cuff to underarm (adjustable): 42 cm / 16.5 inches

Upper arm circumference: 32 (36, 38, 40, 44) (48, 52, 56, 62) cm / 11.5 (14.25, 15, 15.75, 17.25) (19, 20.5, 22, 24.5) inches

Note: Please be aware that adjusting the lengths of the garment will also affect the amount of yarn needed to finish the project.

Yarn

930 (1030, 1130, 1240, 1370) (1500, 1660, 1920, 2000) m / 1020 (1120, 1240, 1360, 1490) (1640, 1810, 1990, 2190) yards of similar worsted / aran weight yarn.

Sample: 8 (9, 10, 11, 12) (13, 14, 16, 17) skeins of Wandering Flock Fluff (50% Pima Cotton, 35% Baby Suri, 15 % wool; 119 m / 130 yards per 50g), shown in colorway Ecrú.

Needles

For the ribbing:

- 3.5 mm / US 4 circular needles with a cable of 40 cm / 16 inches for the neck ribbing
- 3.5 mm / US 4 DPNs or circular needles with a cable suitable for small circumference knitting for the cuffs
- 4 mm / US 6 circular needles with a cable of at least 80 cm / 32 inches for the hem

For the main part:

- 4.5 mm / US 7 DPNs or circular needles with a cable suitable for small circumference knitting for the sleeves
- 4.5 mm / US 7 circular needles with a cable of 40 cm / 16 inches for the top of the yoke
- 4.5 mm / US 7 circular needles with a cable of at least 80 cm / 32 inches for the body

Gauge

16 sts and 22 rows = 10 cm / 4 inches of moss stitch on larger needles, after blocking

19 sts and 22 rows = 10 cm / 4 inches of cable pattern according to the Main chart on larger needles, after blocking

Always use the needle size that gets you the right gauge!

Notions

- 8 stitch markers
- 4 locking markers
- cable needle, if using
- waste yarn
- tapestry needle
- blocking tools

Abbreviations

BOR	Beginning of the round
dec'd	Decreased
DPNs	Double Pointed Needles
Faux cable	Insert right needle into third st on left needle and draw this st over first 2 sts on left needle, and off the needle; k1, yo, k1.
inc'd	Increased
k	Knit
k2tog	Knit 2 sts together
m1L	Make 1 knit stitch (left leaning)
m1LP	Make 1 purl stitch (left leaning)
m1R	Make 1 knit stitch (right leaning)
m1Rp	Make 1 purl stitch (right leaning)
p	Purl
p2tog	Purl 2 sts together
pm	Place marker
RS	Right side
sl1	Slip 1 st
sm	Slip marker
ssk	(Slip knitwise) x 2, knit the slipped stitches together through the back loop
ssp	(Slip knitwise) x 2, purl the slipped stitches together through the back loop
st(s)	Stitch(es)
tbl	Through the back loop
WS	Wrong side
yo	Yarn over
2/2 LC	2 over 2 left cable: slip 2 sts to cable needle at front, k2, then k2 from cable needle.
2/2 RC	2 over 2 right cable: slip 2 sts to cable needle at back, k2, then k2 from cable needle.
3/3 LC	3 over 3 left cable: slip 3 sts to cable needle at front, k3, then k3 from cable needle.
3/3 RC	3 over 3 right cable: slip 3 sts to cable needle at back, k3, then k3 from cable needle.

Stitch patterns

Note: The sides and the sleeves are worked in moss stitch (i.e. alternating between k1 and p1, with always two knit stitches and two purl stitches stacked over one another), do not mistake it for seed stitch or double moss stitch.

Here's an example of moss stitch for you to visualize it more easily:

	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
8		●		●		●		●	8
7		●		●		●		●	7
6	●		●		●		●		6
5	●		●		●		●		5
4		●		●		●		●	4
3		●		●		●		●	3
2	●		●		●		●		2
1	●		●		●		●		1
	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

Pattern repeat outlined with red
 Knit on RS, purl on WS

●

 Purl on RS, knit on WS

Moss stitch knitted flat:

On RS: If the next stitch on the left needle is a knit stitch, then purl it. If it's a purl stitch, then knit it.

On WS: If the next stitch on the left needle is a knit stitch, then knit it. If it's a purl stitch, then purl it.

Moss stitch knitted in the round:

Round 1: If the next stitch on the left needle is a knit stitch, then purl it. If it's a purl stitch, then knit it.

Round 2: If the next stitch on the left needle is a knit stitch, then knit it. If it's a purl stitch, then purl it.

Increasing in moss stitch pattern:

At the beginning of the moss stitch section: If you would work the first stitch of the moss stitch section as k1, then m1Lp. If you would work it as p1, then m1L.

At the end of the moss stitch section: If the last stitch of the moss stitch section was a p1, then m1R. If it was a k1, then m1Rp.

Instructions

BACK INCREASES

Note: When working the charts on the WS rows, remember to read them from left to right and check the changed abbreviations for the stitches when working on the WS.

Cast on 29 sts for the back neck on the larger needles. Do not join in the round. Place locking markers into the cast on edge below the first and last stitch of the row.

Row 1 (WS): Work Row 1 of the Back Increase Chart.

Row 2 (RS): Work Row 2 of the Back Increase Chart.

Continue as established until you have worked the whole Back Increase Chart. 83 sts on needles.

Then continue with the cable pattern in the middle and start increasing in moss stitch on each side as follows:

Row 1 (WS): K1, m1R, pm, work Row 1 of the Main Chart until one stitch remains, pm, m1L, k1. 2 sts inc'd.

Row 2 (RS): P1, m1Lp, k1, sm, work Row 2 of the Main Chart, sm, k1, m1Rp, p1. 2 sts inc'd.

Row 3 (WS): K1, m1Rp, work in moss stitch until next m, sm, work Row 3 of the Main Chart until next m, sm, work in moss stitch until 1 st remains, m1Lp, k1. 2 sts inc'd.

Row 4 (RS): P1, m1L, work in moss stitch until next m, sm, work Row 4 of the Main Chart, sm, work in moss stitch until 1 st remains, m1R, p1. 2 sts inc'd.

Work as established on Rows 3-4 another 0 (2, 4, 6, 8) (10, 12, 14, 16) times and then as on Row 3 one more time. At the end you have 93 (101, 109, 117, 125) (133, 141, 149, 157) sts on your needles, 1 st on each side, 5 (9, 13, 17, 21) (25, 29, 33, 37) sts in moss stitch on each side and 81 sts for the cable and lace pattern in the middle.

BACK

Place a locking marker at the first and last stitch of the row.

Next Row (RS): P1, work in moss stitch until next m, sm, work next row of the Main Chart, sm, work in moss stitch until 1 st remains, p1.

Next Row (WS): K1, work in moss stitch as established until next m, sm, work next row of the Main Chart, sm, work in moss stitch until 1 st remains, k1.

Work as established until the piece measures 8.5 (10, 10, 10, 11) (12.5, 13.5, 14.5, 16.5) cm / 3.25 (4, 4, 4, 4.25) (5, 5.25, 5.75, 6.5) inches from the locking marker at the end of the increases, ending with a WS row. Make a note which row of the Main Chart you ended with, as you will need this information for the front later on. Break yarn and put the sts on hold on a piece of waste yarn.

LEFT FRONT SHOULDER

Use the larger needles. With the RS facing you and starting at the locking marker at the left corner of the back neck cast on, pick up and knit 34 (38, 42, 46, 50) (54, 58, 62, 66) sts (= 1 st per each row) along the left shoulder line until the locking marker at the end of increases on the left shoulder.

Row 1 (WS): K1, work the next 5 (9, 13, 17, 21) (25, 29, 33, 37) sts in moss stitch starting with a knit stitch, pm, work Row 1 of the Left Front Chart until end.

Row 2 (RS): Work Row 2 of the Left Front Chart until next m, sm, work in moss stitch until 1 st remains, p1.

Work as established until you have worked to the end of Row 39 of the Left Front Chart. Row 40 will be worked only after finishing the Right front shoulder and joining the front neck. 40 (44, 48, 52, 56) (60, 64, 68, 72) sts on needles. Break yarn and put the sts on hold on a piece of waste yarn.

RIGHT FRONT SHOULDER

Use the larger needles. With the RS facing you and starting at the locking marker at the end of increases on the right shoulder, pick up and knit 34 (38, 42, 46, 50) (54, 58, 62, 66) sts (= 1 st per each row) along the right shoulder line until the locking marker at the right corner of the back neck cast on.

Row 1 (WS): Work Row 1 of the Right Front Chart over the next 28 sts, pm, work in moss stitch starting with a knit stitch until 1 st remains, k1.

Row 2 (RS): P1, work in moss stitch until next m, sm, work Row 2 of the Right Front Chart until end.

Work as established until you have worked Row 39 of the Right Front Chart. 40 (44, 48, 52, 56) (60, 64, 68, 72) sts on needles.

Row 40 (RS): P1, work in moss stitch until next m, sm, work Row 40 of the Right Front Chart over the next 34 sts. Then cast on 13 sts using the Back Loop Cast On method or the Cable Cast On method. Take the sts held for the left front back on your needles, and work the rest of the Row 40 of Left Front Chart until the next m, sm, work in moss stitch until 1 st remains, p1. 93 (101, 109, 117, 125) (133, 141, 149, 157) sts on your needles.

FRONT

Next Row (WS): K1, work in moss stitch until next m, sm, work **Row 5 of the Main Chart** until next m, sm, work in moss stitch until 1 st remains, k1.

Next Row (RS): P1, work in moss stitch until next m, sm, work next row of the Main Chart until next m, sm, work in moss stitch until 1 st remains, p1.

Work as established until the front measures 23.5 (26, 28, 30, 33) (35.5, 38.5, 41.5, 45.5) cm / 9.25 (10.25, 11, 11.75, 13) (14, 15.25, 16.25, 18) inches from the

shoulder line, and you are on the same row of the Main Chart that you ended the back with.

JOINING THE FRONT AND THE BACK.

Next Row (RS): P1, pm for BOR, work in moss stitch until next m, sm, work next row of the Main Chart until next m, sm, work in moss stitch until 1 st remains, pm, p1. Cast on 1 st for the underarm, then take the sts held for the back on your needles, and p1, pm. Work in moss stitch until next m, sm, work the same row of the Main Chart as you did for the front until next m, sm, work in moss stitch until 1 st remains, pm and p1. Cast on 1 st for the underarm, then join the work in the round and p1 from the front. This is your new beginning of the round. 188 (204, 220, 236, 252) (268, 284, 300, 326) sts on needles.

Note: Remember to now read all chart rows from right to left as you are no longer working the chart on the WS.

Round 1: Work in moss stitch until next m, sm, work next row of the Main Chart until next m, sm, work in moss stitch until next m. Sm, p1, k1 tbl, p1, sm, work in moss stitch until next m, sm, work the same row of the Main Chart as you did for the front until next m, sm, work in moss stitch until next m, sm, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

Round 2: *Work in moss stitch until next m, sm, work next round of the Main Chart until next m, sm, work in moss stitch until next m, sm p1, k1 tbl, p1, sm; repeat from * until end.

Work as established on Round 2 until the body measures 20 (20, 20, 20, 23) (23, 23, 25, 25) cm / 7.75 (7.75, 7.75, 7.75, 9) (9, 9, 10, 10) inches from the underarm or 5 cm / 2 inches less than the desired length for the body. For the best result, end with an odd numbered round of the Main Chart.

HEM

Change to smaller needles. On the next round, you can remove all markers, except the BOR m.

Ribbing Round: *K1, p1; repeat from * until end.

Continue in ribbing as established until the hem measures 5 cm / 2 inches or the desired length. Bind off all sts using the Sewn Tubular Bind Off, or other bind off method of your choice.

SLEEVES

Use the larger needles. Starting in the middle of the underarm, pick up and knit 52 (58, 60, 64, 70) (76, 84, 90, 100) sts along the sleeve opening. Pm for BOR.

Round 1: K1 tbl, p1, work the next 11 (14, 15, 17, 20) (23, 27, 30, 35) sts in moss stitch, pm, work Round 1 of the Sleeve Chart, pm, work the next 11 (14, 15, 17, 20) (23, 27, 30, 35) sts in moss stitch, p1.

Round 2: K1 tbl, p1, work in moss stitch until next m, sm, work Round 2 of the Sleeve Chart, sm, work in moss stitch until 1 st remains, p1.

Work 20 (13, 16, 11, 8) (7, 5, 4, 3) more rounds as established.

Decrease Round: K1 tbl, ssp, work in moss stitch until next m, sm, work next round of the Sleeve Chart, sm, work in moss stitch until 2 st remain, p2tog. 2 sts dec'd.

Repeat the Decrease Round every 25th (13th, 16th, 11th, 8th) (7th, 5th, 4th, 3rd) round another 2 (5, 4, 6, 9) (10, 14, 17, 22) more times. 46 (46, 50, 50, 50) (54, 54, 54, 54) sts remain on the sleeve.

Work as established without any further decreases until the sleeve measures 37 cm / 14.5 inches or 5 cm / 2 inches less than the desired length.

CUFFS

Change to smaller needles.

Ribbing Round: *K1, p1; repeat from * until end.

Continue as established until the cuff measures 5 cm / 2 inches or the desired length.

Bind off all sts using the Sewn Tubular Bind Off, or other bind off method of your choice.

Work the second sleeve accordingly.

NECKBAND

Using the smaller needles and starting at the right corner of the back neck cast on, pick up and knit 29 sts along the back neck, then approximately 27 stitches along the left side of the neck. Then pick up and knit 13 sts along the front neck and another 27 stitches along the right side of the neck. Pm for BOR and continue working in the round. Approximately 96 sts on needles.

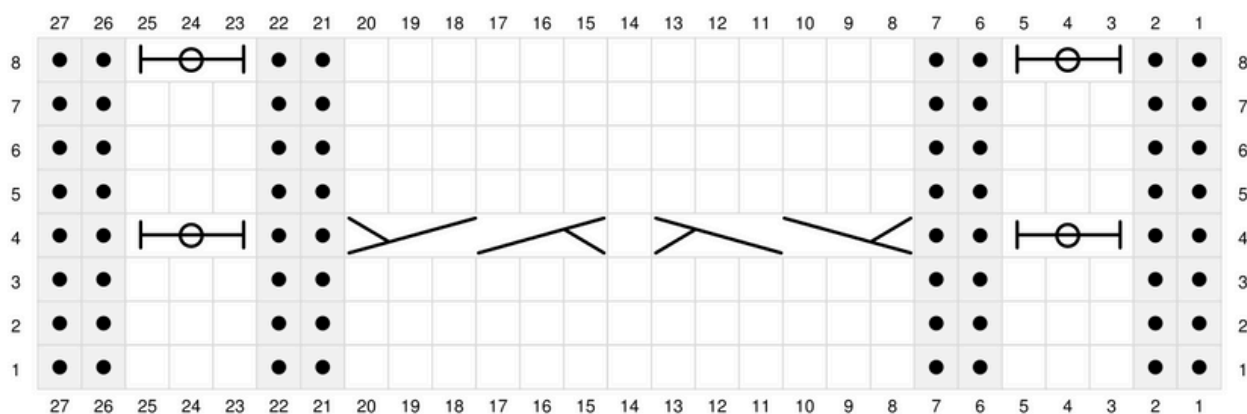
Ribbing Round: *K1, p1; repeat from * until end.

Work as established until the neck measures 10 cm / 4 inches. Bind off all sts loosely in pattern.

FINISHING

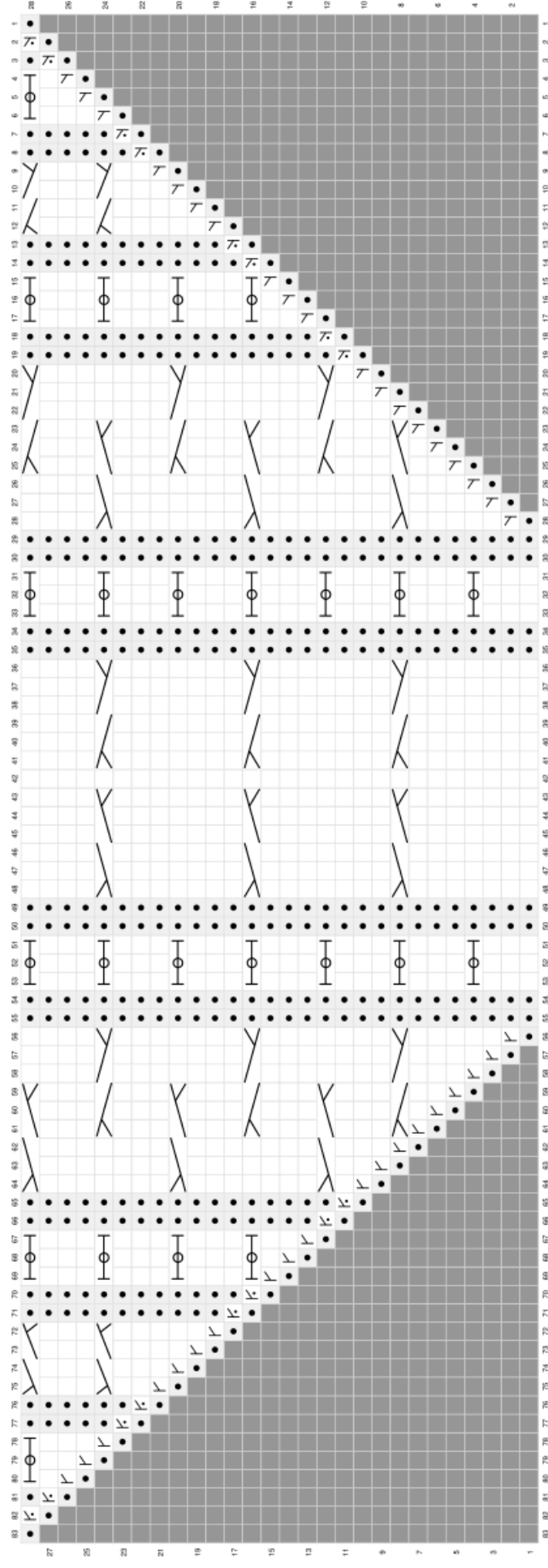
Fold the neckband double and seam on the inside of the sweater using whip stitch. Weave in all remaining yarn ends. Wet block to measurements.

Sleeve chart

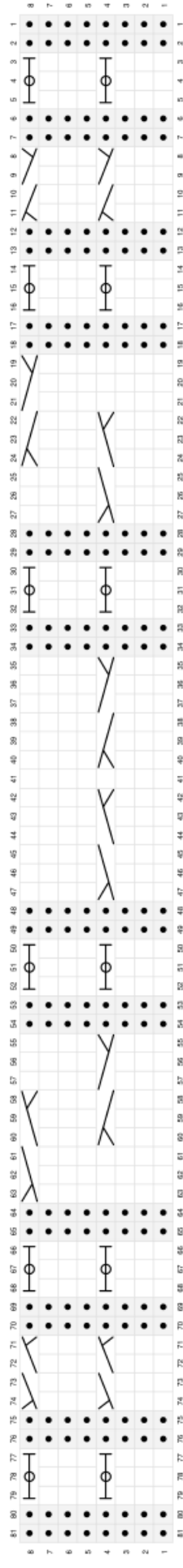


	RS: Knit WS: Purl		RS: Faux cable (see instructions) WS: Purl
	RS: Purl WS: Knit		2/2 LC
	RS: m1L WS: m1Lp		2/2 RC
	RS: m1R WS: m1Rp		3/3 LC
	RS: m1Lp WS: m1L		3/3 RC
	RS: m1Rp WS: m1R		Work Row 40 of the Left Front Chart only after finishing the Right Front Chart
	No stitch		

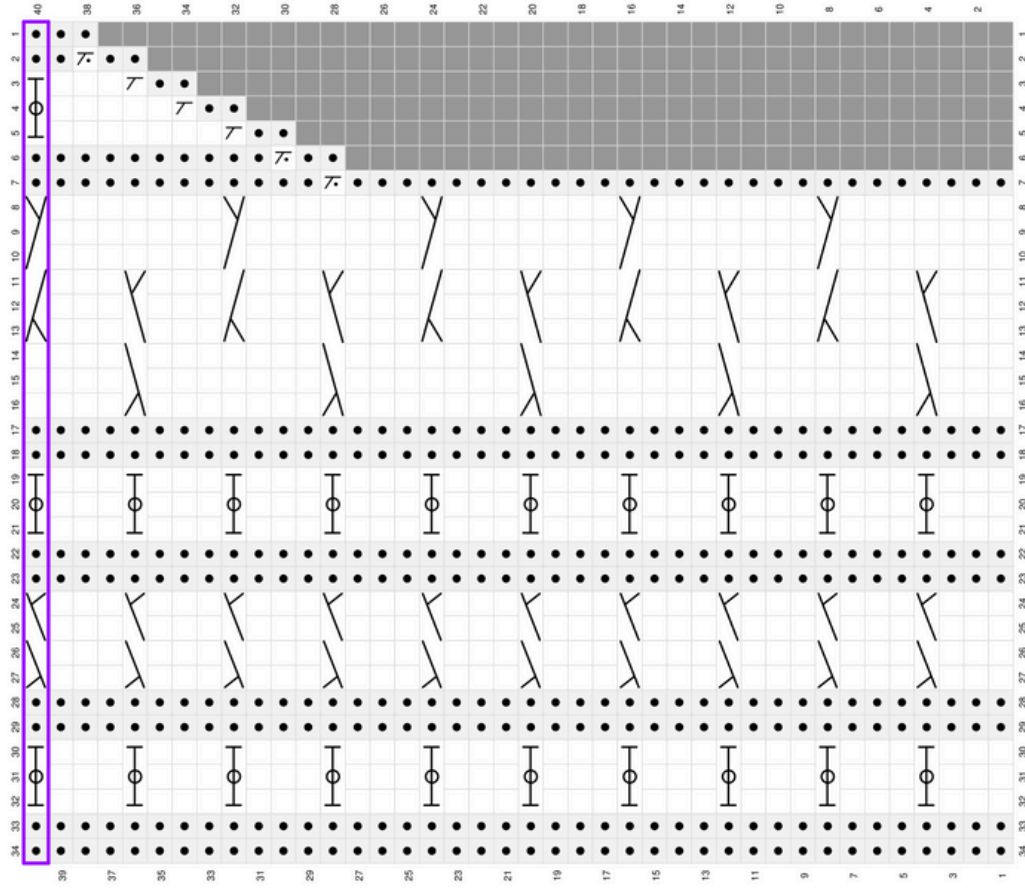
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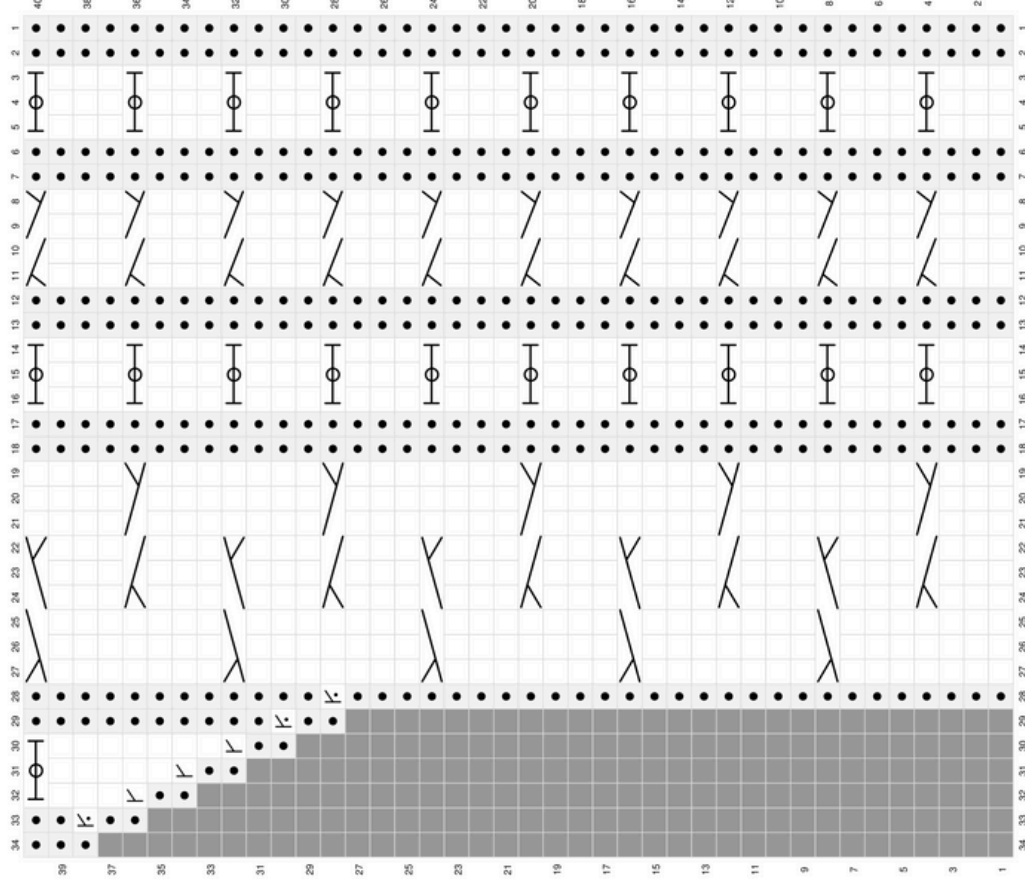
Main chart



Left front chart



Right front chart





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