



# THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY CARDIGAN & SWEATER CROCHET PATTERN



## NOTE

**Please** take a quick scan through all of the pages and the tutorial to get yourself familiar before starting. If you're printing this, I highly recommend printing it in colors.

**Yarn:** weight 4 (worsted/medium) yarn of any material will work. However, it is important to choose a thinner weight 4 yarn so your cardigan/sweater wouldn't be too stiff (blocking or steaming should help a lot if it turns out to be). Make sure not to choose too thin because it'll be trickier to work with the 5mm hook.

- The exact yarn I used in this pattern & tutorial are Lion Brand Yarn Pound of Love in the color Chocolate, I Love This Yarn in the color Pink, and Impeccable Solid Yarn by Loops & Threads in the color White
- I highly recommend steaming or blocking after you're done. It'll help your piece feel more comfortable, and the yarn to be more relax and look better on.

**Customization:** You can make the wings pattern on both the front and back panels or you can make the wing pattern on just the front or the back. For the side that you want to leave blank, you would still follow the chart to make the panel(s). You'd just have to do the increases and decreases, and not have to worry about color changing. This won't effect anything else in the process. And if you want to make a sweater, then you just need to 2 whole wings instead of 1 whole wing and 2 half wings. Sew them together using the same method, and you're done.

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### MATERIALS:

- medium (weight 4) yarn - 3 colors of your choice  
Estimate: (depends on size)  
900-1500 yd for border color,  
600-1000 yd for main color, and  
100-200 yd for white
- 5mm crochet hook
- 4mm crochet hook
- buttons (1 inch)
- scissor
- yarn needle
- stitch markers (optional)

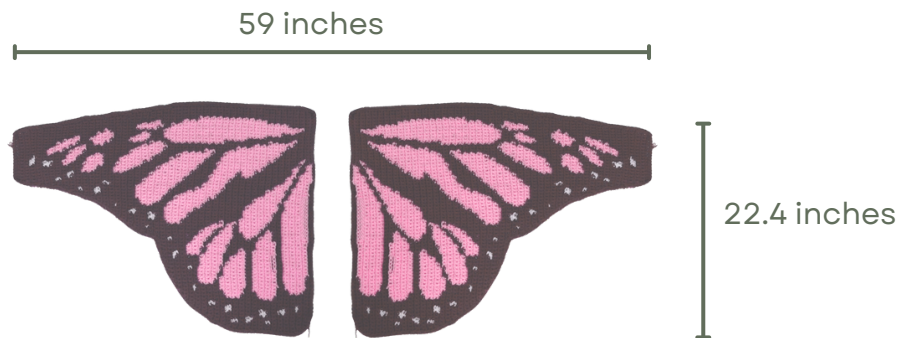
**Now, let's get started!**

## CHOOSE YOUR SIZE

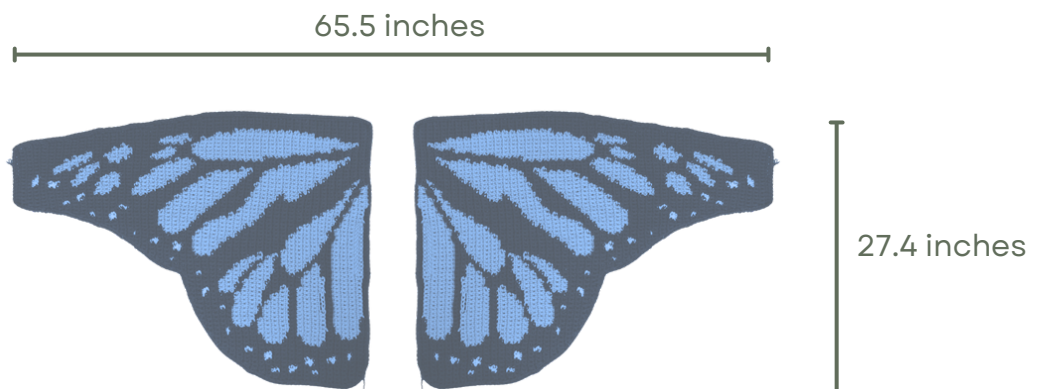
**SMALL (XS-S) Link:** <https://www.stitchfiddle.com/c/sh2gg0-hl6uq6>



**MEDIUM (M-L) Link:** <https://www.stitchfiddle.com/c/sh2ghs-d73fsy>



**LARGE (XL-2XL) Link:** <https://www.stitchfiddle.com/c/sh2gh2-g5we58>



# HOW TO USE STITCH FIDDLE

**Step 1:** Choose the size of cardigan/sweater

**Step 2:** Copy and paste the link into your browser of choice: safari, google. etc

**Step 3:** Set up

The screenshot shows the Stitch Fiddle web application interface. At the top, there are menu tabs: File, Edit, View, and Help. Below these are various icons for file operations, search, and settings. The main area is a large grid representing a knitting chart. The grid has columns numbered 1 to 43 and rows numbered 1 to 20. A dark brown pattern is visible on the grid. To the right of the grid is a vertical sidebar with a 'Share' button, a '1 Change' indicator, and a 'click this to go up and down within the chart' label pointing to a vertical arrow. Below the grid, there is a legend section. The legend shows a dark brown square labeled 'Coffee' and a white square labeled 'No stitch'. Below the legend, there are three buttons: a close button (X), a text size button (A<sup>+</sup>), and a toggle button (↔). Annotations with arrows point to these buttons: 'click this to change the text size' points to the A<sup>+</sup> button, and 'click this to change between text and block reading' points to the ↔ button. The text '(pic 1)' is located at the bottom left of the image.

click this symbol for the text box at the bottom

click this symbol for the location of your current row to be highlighted

click this to go up and down within the chart

click this to change the text size

click this to change between text and block reading

← Row 1 [RS]: (Coffee) x 16

Coffee Red Heart Super Saver 0365 - Coffee

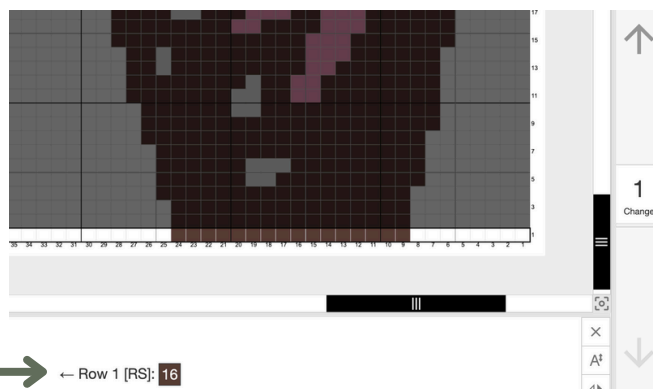
No stitch

(pic 1)

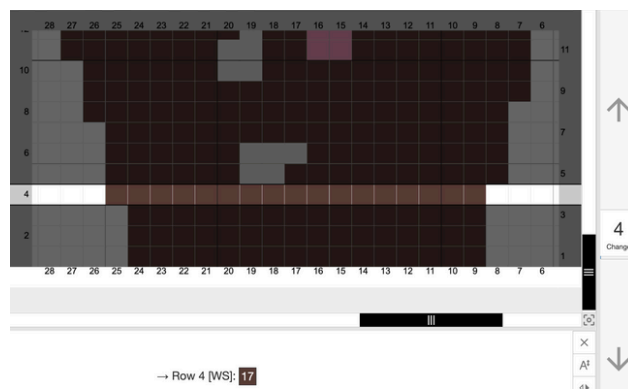


## HOW TO READ & CROCHET TAPESTRY CHART

- For the most part, you can read the chart like a normal tapestry crochet chart. The difference is that we won't be crocheting the background. The 3 charts are slightly different, but they all follow the same steps showing here.
- The basics: Odd number rows = right side (RS)  
Even number rows = wrong side (WS)
- Arrow indicates which direction you're reading the chart.
- Every chart will start with Row 1, but we still need to create Row 0 (chain row).
- For example (like in pic 2): Row 1 is 16 single crochet (sc), you'll start by making  
**Row 0:** 16 + 1 (turning chain) = 17 chains



(pic 2)



(pic 3)

### FRONT LEFT PANEL

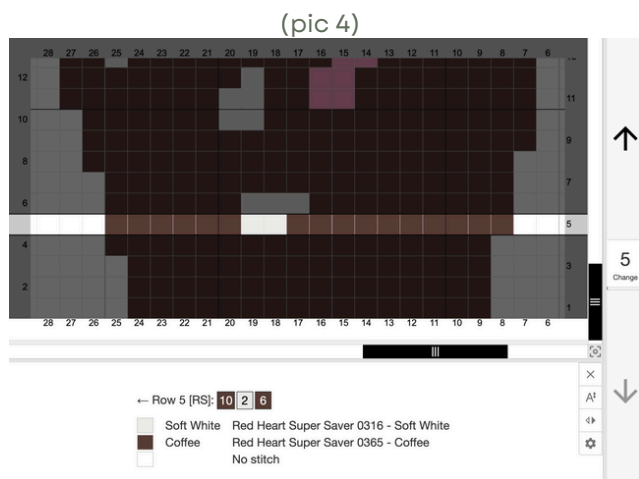
- ☐ **ROW 1:** skip the 1 turning chain, and make 1 sc into each chain (16 sc - each block is a sc stitch)  
**Note:** medium to loose tension throughout the whole project
- ☐ **ROW 2-3:** Turn your work. Nothing changes, so you just chain 1 (turning chain), then make 1 sc into each stitch from the 1<sup>st</sup> stitch (16 sc each row)
- ☐ **ROW 4:** (like in pic 3)
  - **Tip #1:** +1 stitch = sc increase, -1 stitch = sc decrease/skip
  - **Note:** All of the increases/decreases will be at the beginnings/ends of a row, and all of the color changing will be mainly in the middle of the wings.
  - So you chain 1, turn your work, then make 2 sc into the first stitch (increase), then make 1 sc into each stitch until the end of the row (17 sc)

## HOW TO READ & CROCHET TAPESTRY CHART (CONTINUE)

### FRONT LEFT PANEL



**ROW 5:** similar to row 4, there's one increase at the beginning of the row. So you chain 1, and make 2 sc into the first stitch (inc), then make 1 sc into each stitch for the next 9 stitches, then change to the white color for 2 stitches, then change back to your dark color for the rest of the row (check out tutorial at 3:38 for how to change color). **Note:** these rows reading are for size medium chart for example. Small and large chart might read differently, but the principles are the same.



#### Tip #2:

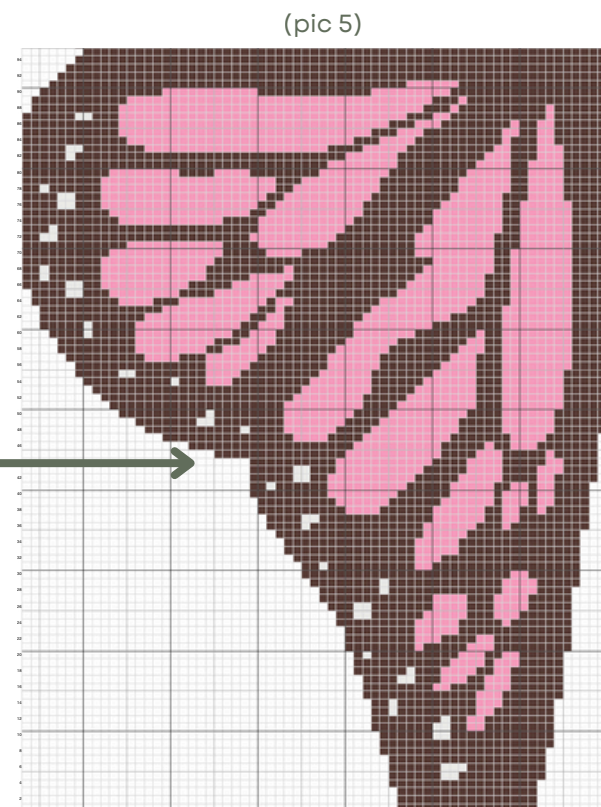
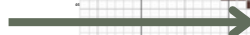
- same color = whole stitch
- different color (RS) = back loop only
- different color (WS) = front loop only

#### Tip #3: Carry your yarn every 2 stitches

please check out tutorial (3:38-12:20) for demonstration

**Note:** tip 2 & 3 are optional but highly recommended since they will help the look of the wing pattern to show up more clearly.

You will read & crochet the chart the same way up until here because there will only be increases at beginnings and ends of a row and color changing.



## HOW TO READ & CROCHET TAPESTRY CHART (CONTINUE)

### FRONT LEFT PANEL

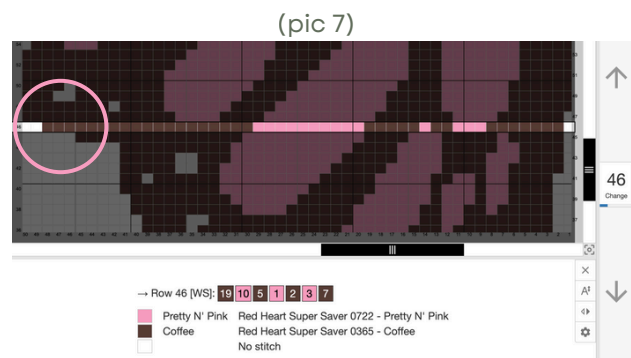
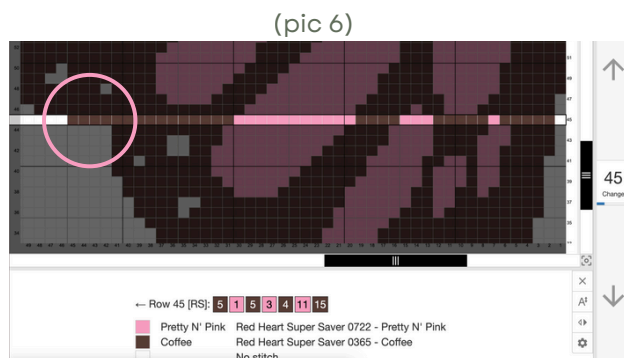
#### Tip #4:

- +2 or more stitches (RS) = foundation single crochet
- +2 or more stitches (WS) = chain amount + 1 (turning chain), then sc as usual
- **Note:** we won't have worry about -2 or more stitches (RS) & -2 or more stitches (WS) until the top half of the chart.

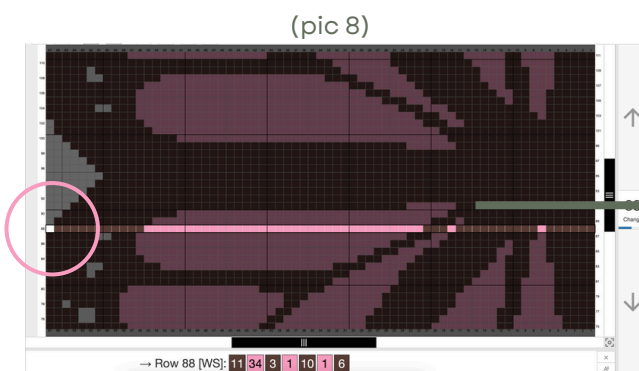
please check out tutorial (12:20-16:25) for demonstration

☐ **ROW 45:** (pic 6) crochet as normal until you reach the +4 stitches (RS) = foundation single crochet

☐ **ROW 46:** (pic 7) right after the foundation single crochet stitches, we have +3 stitches (WS), so chain 3 + 1 (turning chain) = 4, then turn your work, and skip 1 chain, make 1 sc into each chain for the next 3 chains, then continue to sc as usual.



☐ **ROW 47-87:** continue crocheting your chart following the same tips



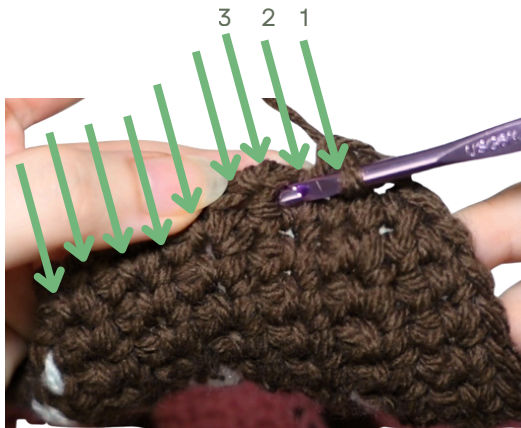
☐ **ROW 88:** (pic 8) chain 1, turn your work, skip 1 stitch, and continue crocheting from the 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch.

**Note:** for the front left panel, crochet up to the last row with your main color, then stop, and make an outline (video tutorial demonstration 16:54-23:13 & the next page)

## HOW TO READ & CROCHET TAPESTRY CHART (CONTINUE)

### FRONT LEFT PANEL - outline

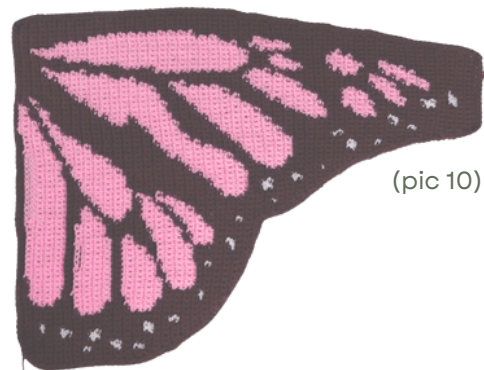
**Using** the 4mm hook, and make 1 sc into each stitch or the gap between each row (like in pic 9 - the pattern is with bumps and without bump, 1 is with bumps, 2 is without bumps, then 3 is with bumps again)



(pic 9)

**The** tutorial will show you more clearly how to crochet the outline for each panel, and if you would like to add more length to the body part of your cardigan/sweater, you can add another row or 2 on the shoulder and sleeve part of the outline of each panel (size M & L might need this more than size S). Be sure not to add too many because this will make your sleeves bigger as well.

### Shoulder & sleeve part



(pic 10)

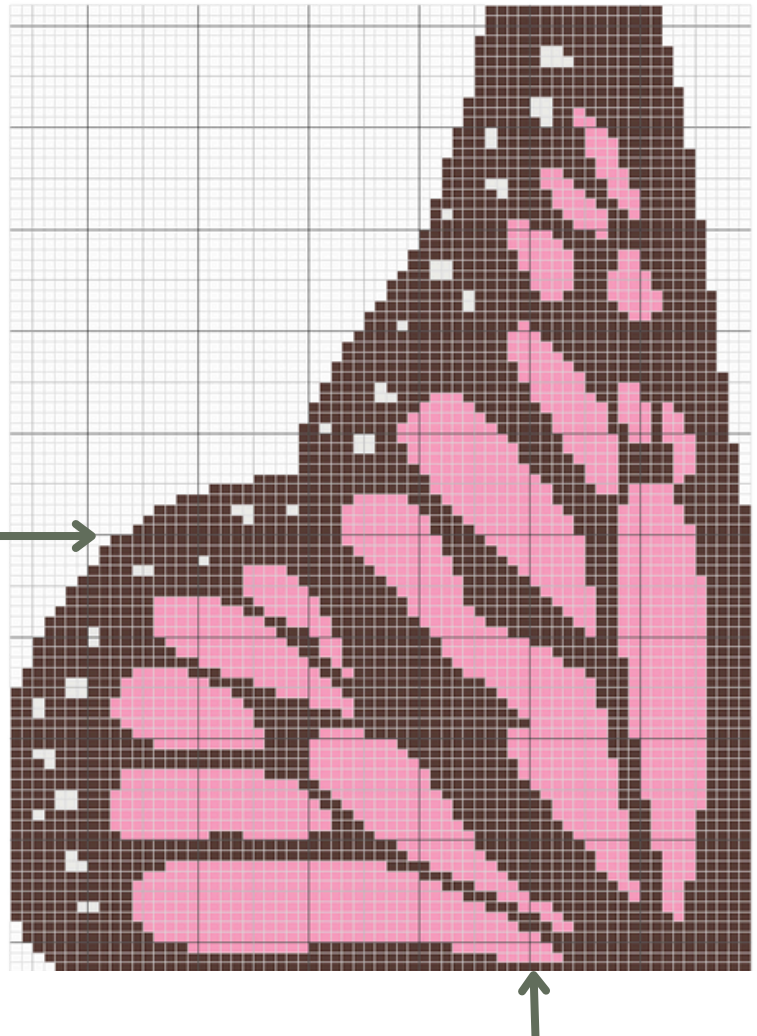
**Then** cut and pull your yarn through, and you have your first panel. Let's make the front right panel next.



## HOW TO READ & CROCHET TAPESTRY CHART (CONTINUE)

### FRONT RIGHT PANEL

(pic 11)



**Note:** To start the front right panel, we'll start with the row with the main color. And similar to how we started with row 1, make a chain row (number of stitch/block + 1 turning chain 23:13-24:56 in tutorial)

#### Tip #5:

- -2 or more stitches (RS) = leave stitches empty
- -2 or more stitches (WS) = make 1 chain as long as the amount of stitches you need to skip, and skip those stitches, then sc as usual

**Note:** then make an outline like you did with front left panel.

please check out tutorial (25:15-26:54) for demonstration

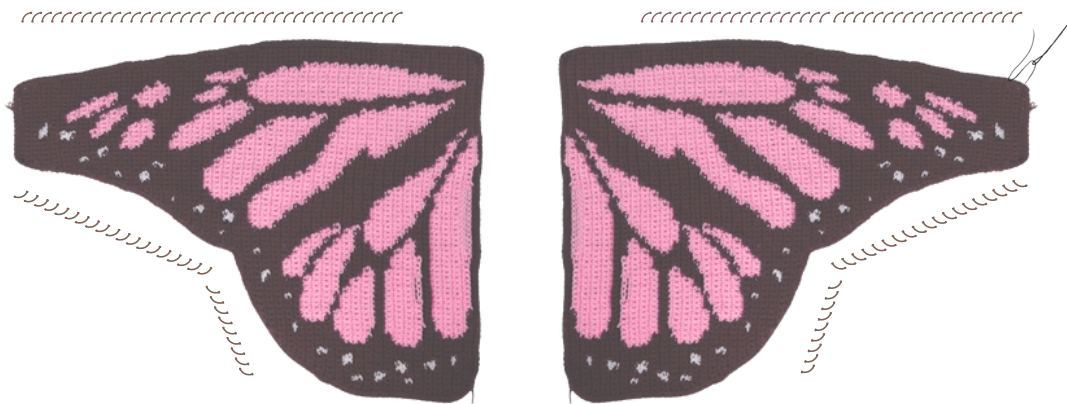
## HOW TO READ & CROCHET TAPESTRY CHART (CONTINUE)

### BACK PANEL

**Start** just like front left panel, and continue **all the way** until the end of the chart without skipping any rows, then make an outline to complete just like the front panels.

## CONNECTING THE PANELS TOGETHER

**After** you have all three panels, you can either sew or crochet the panels together. The tutorial shows a simple yet sturdy sewing technique (29:04-31:45)



(pic 12)

## FRONT RIBBING, SECURITY LINES, & ANTENNAS

**For** this cardigan/sweater, a simple ribbing is best so we don't take the attention away from the wing pattern. The tutorial shows a simple double crochet row ribbing that also works as button holes. Since it's a thinner ribbing, we'll add security lines (slip stitches) to make it more tight. The antennas are optional, but they're pretty cute and can act as ribbon (tutorial 31:45-37:48)

## BUTTONS

**The** recommended button size is 1 inch, but you can use small or bigger buttons, you'd just have to change your ribbing stitch accordingly. For smaller buttons, use single or half double crochet stitches, and for bigger buttons, use treble crochet stitch (tutorial 37:50-39:02)

You've built your wings, now fly...



Did you have fun? I hope you did. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or feedback. I'm here for you, and I would also love to see your beautiful creation so send me a picture or tag me. See you on our next crochet adventure!