Kuutar wrap cardigan

Lace wrap cardigan pattern by Sari Nordlund

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#KuutarWrap

Kuutar is a Finnish word meaning "the lady of the moon" or "the goddess of moon".

The Kuutar wrap is knitted seamlessly top down. The back is first knitted flat until the armholes, then the stitches for the fronts are picked up from the shoulders and worked separately until the armholes, before joining all pieces together. The body is worked in one piece until the hem. A lace pattern is knitted at the edge of both fronts. The increases for the fronts and the armholes are easily tracked using a row-by-row cheat sheet.

The Kuutar wrap has the same beautiful lace pattern as my other Kuutar patterns. The lace is originally from the Japanese knitting stitch bible by Hitomi Shida.

Sizes
- 1 (2, 3, 4, 5) (6, 7, 8, 9)
- Finished bust circumference: 79 (88, 100, 109, 119) (128, 140, 149, 159) cm / 31 (34.75, 39.25, 43, 46.75) (50.5, 55, 58.75, 62.5) inches including the intended ease of 0-5 cm / 0-2 inches
- Length from hem to underarm (adjustable): 30 (30, 30, 30, 33) (33, 33, 35, 35) cm / 11.75 (11.75, 11.75, 11.75, 13) (13, 13, 13.75, 13.75) inches
- Armhole depth: 19 (20, 21, 22, 23) (24, 26, 28, 30) cm / 7.5 (7.75, 8.25, 8.75, 9) (9.5, 10.25, 11, 11.75) inches
- Sleeve length from cuff to underarm (adjustable): 43 (43, 43, 45, 45) (45, 45, 45, 45) cm / 17 (17, 17, 17.75, 17.75) (17.75, 17.75, 17.75, 17.75) inches
- Upper arm circumference: 36 (38, 40, 42, 44) (46, 50, 54, 58) cm / 14.25 (15, 15.75, 16.5, 17.25) (18, 19.75, 21.25, 22.75) inches

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

Yarn
690 (760, 840, 920, 1010) (1110, 1220, 1350, 1480) m / 750 (830, 910, 1000, 1110) (1220, 1340, 1470, 1620) yards of similar fingering weight yarn and 690 (760, 840, 920, 1010) (1110, 1220, 1350, 1480) m / 750 (830, 910, 1000, 1110) (1220, 1340, 1470, 1620) yards of similar lace weight yarn.

Sample: 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) (5, 5, 6, 6) skeins of Knitting for Olive Merino (100% merino; 250 meters / 273 yards per 50 g) shown in the colorway Putty, and 4 (4, 4, 5, 5) (5, 6, 6, 7) skeins of Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair (70% mohair, 30% silk; 225 m / 246 yards per 25 g), shown in colorway Putty.

Gauge
17 sts (1 pattern repeat) = 10 cm / 4 inches in charted pattern on larger needles
17 sts and 22 rounds = 10 cm / 4 inches of Stockinette stitch in the round on larger needles, gently blocked

Needles
For the ribbing:
- 4 mm / US6 DPNs or a circular needle with a cable suitable for small circumference knitting for cuffs and the belts
- 4 mm / US6 circular needle with a cable length of 80 cm / 32 inches for smaller sizes and 100 cm / 40 inches for larger sizes for the hem

For the main part:
- 5 mm / US8 DPNs or a circular needle with a cable suitable for small circumference knitting for sleeves
- 5 mm / US8 circular needle with a cable length of 80 cm / 32 inches for smaller sizes and 100 cm / 40 inches for larger sizes for the body
- Note: Always use the needle size that gives you the right gauge!

Notions
- 2 locking markers
- 3 stitch markers
- waste yarn
- sewing needle
- blocking tools

Instructions

BACK

Holding both yarns together, CO 57 (59, 61, 63, 65) (67, 69, 71, 73) sts on the larger needles using the Long Tail Cast On method. Do not join in the round, continue knitting flat. Place locking markers into the CO edge below 21st (21st, 21st, 21st, 25th) (25th, 27th, 27th, 27th) stitch both from the beginning of the row and also from the end of the row (2 locking markers). These markers will guide you when picking up stitches for the fronts.

Set Up Row (WS): P all.

Row 1 (RS): K all.
Row 2 (WS): Sl1 wyif, p until 1 st remains, sl1 wyif.

Repeat Rows 1-2 another 18 (16, 13, 11 10) (8, 7, 7, 6) times. A total of 39 (35, 29, 25, 23) (19, 17, 17, 15) rows worked since the cast on.

START SHAPING THE ARMHOLES

Row 1 (RS): K2, m1R, k until 2 sts remain, m1L, k2. 2 sts inc'd.
Row 2 (WS): Sl1 wyif, p until 1 st remains, sl1 wyif.

Repeat Rows 1-2 another 1 (4, 8, 11, 13) (16, 20, 22, 25) times. 61 (69, 79, 87, 93) (101, 111, 117, 125) sts on needles.

Break yarns and put the stitches on hold on a piece of waste yarn.

RIGHT FRONT

Place the back piece in front of you so that the RS is facing you and the cast on edge is at the top. Pick up 21 (21, 21, 21, 25) (25, 27, 27, 27) sts along the cast on edge starting at the top right corner by picking up 1 st per each casted on stitch and working your way to the locking marker placed to the cast on edge.

Set Up Row (WS): Sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif, (m1L, p7) x 2, m1L, pm, p until 1 st remains, sl1 wyif. 3 sts inc'd, 24

(24, 24, 24, 28) (28, 30, 30, 30) sts on needles.

From here onwards you can use the cheat sheet for the increases as we will start shaping the front neck and the armhole at the same time.

Row 1 (RS): K until next m, sm, work Row 1 of the chart over the next 17 sts or follow the written pattern, k1, sl1 wyif, k1.
Row 2 (WS): Sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif, work Row 2 of the chart until next m, sm, p until 1 st remains, sl1 wyif.

Row 3 (RS): K until next m, sm, work Row 3 of the chart, k1, sl1 wyif, k1.
Row 4 (WS): Sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif, work Row 4 of the chart until next m, sm, p until 1 st remains, sl1 wyif.

Start increasing for the front neck:
Row 5 (RS): K until 1 st remains before next m, m1L, k1, sm, work Row 5 of the chart, k1, sl1 wyif, k1. 1 st inc'd.

Repeat the front neck increase as established one stitch before the marker on every 4th row (another 7 (7, 8, 10, 9) (8, 8, 5, 2) times, then on every second row another 4 (5, 4, 3, 4) (7, 10, 18, 26) times, and at the same time when you have worked 38 (34, 28, 24, 22) (18, 16, 16, 14) rows worked after the set-up row, start shaping the armhole on every RS row:

Row 39 (35, 29, 25, 23) (19, 17, 17, 15) (RS): K2, m1R, k until 1 st remains before next m, make the front neck increase if necessary for your size, k1, sm, work next row of the chart, k1, sl1 wyif, k1.

Repeat the armhole increase as established another 1 (4, 8, 11, 13) (16, 20, 22, 25) times and continue the front neck increases as established at the same time.

After finishing the armhole increases, work the last row from the WS, then break yarns and put the stitches on hold on a piece of waste yarn. 38 (42, 46, 48, 56) (61, 70, 77, 85) sts on needles.

LEFT FRONT

Place the back piece in front of you so that the RS is facing you and the cast on edge is at the top. Pick up the leftmost 21 (21, 21, 21, 25) (25, 27, 27, 27) sts along the back cast on edge starting at the locking marker placed into the cast on edge and working your way until the left corner by picking up 1 st per each casted on stitch.

Set Up Row (WS): Sl1 wyif, p3 (3, 3, 3, 7) (7, 9, 9, 9), pm, (m1L, p7) x 2, m1L, sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif. 3 sts inc'd, 24 (24, 24, 24, 28) (28, 30, 30, 30) sts on needles.

From here onwards you can use the cheat sheet for the increases as we will start shaping the front neck and the armhole at the same time.

Row 1 (RS): K1, sl1 wyif, k1, work Row 1 of the chart over the next 17 sts or follow the written pattern, sm, k to end.
Row 2 (WS): Sl1 wyif, p until next m, sm, work Row 2 of the chart until next m, sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif.

Row 3 (RS): K1, sl1 wyif, k1, work Row 3 of the chart, sm, k to end.
Row 4 (WS): Sl1 wyif, p until next m, sm, work Row 4 of the chart until next m, sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif.

Start increasing for the front neck:
Row 5 (RS): K1, sl1 wyif, k1, work Row 5 of the chart, sm, k1, m1R, k to end. 1 st inc'd.

Repeat the front neck increase as established one stitch after the marker on every 4th row another 7 (7, 8, 10, 9) (8, 8, 5, 2) times, then on every second row another 4 (5, 4, 3, 4) (7, 10, 18, 26) times, and at the same time when you have worked a 38 (34, 28, 24, 22) (18, 16, 16, 14) rows worked after the set-up row, start shaping the armhole on every RS row:

Row 39 (35, 29, 25, 23) (19, 17, 17, 15) (RS): K1, sl1 wyif, k1, work next row of the chart, sm, k1, make the front neck increase if necessary for your size, k until 2 sts remain, m1L, k2.

Repeat the armhole increase as established another 1 (4, 8, 11, 13) (16, 20, 22, 25) times and continue the front neck increases as established at the same time.

After finishing the armhole increases, work the last row from the WS. 38 (42, 46, 48, 56) (61, 70, 77, 85) sts on needles.

JOINING THE FRONTS AND THE BACK

Row 43 (45, 47, 49, 51) (53, 59, 64, 67) (RS): On the left front, k1, sl1 wyif, k1, work next row of the chart, sm, k1, m1R, k until the end of the row. Using the Back Loop or the Cable Cast On method, CO 6 (6, 6, 6, 8) (8, 8, 10, 10) sts for the underarm. Take the stitches held for the back piece on your needles and knit them. CO another 3 (3, 3, 3, 4) (4, 4, 5, 5) sts for the right underarm, pm for side, then CO another 3 (3, 3, 3, 4) (4, 4, 5, 5) sts. Take the right front sts on your needles and k until 1 st remains before next m, m1L, k1, sm, work the same row of the chart as you did for the left front, k1, sl1 wyif, k1. 151 (167, 185, 197, 223) (241, 269, 293, 317) sts on needles.

Next Row (WS): Sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif, work next row of the chart, sm, (p until next m, sm) x 2, work next row of the chart, sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif.

Continue as established and at the same time increase as established one stitch before the markers on each front on every 2nd row another 9 (9, 10, 12, 11) (10, 11, 11, 11) times, then on every 4th row another 2 times. End with a WS row.

After finishing all increases, there are 173 (189, 209, 225, 249) (265, 295, 319, 343) sts on needles.

STRAIGHT PART

Make a hole for the belt as instructed on the following row:

Next Row (RS): K1, sl1 wyif, k1, work next row of the chart, sm, k until next m. Remove marker, then k2tog, yo, knit until next m, sm, work the same row of the chart as you did for the left front, k1, sl1 wyif, k1.

Next Row (WS): Sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif, work next row of the chart, sm, p until next m, sm, work next row of

the chart, sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif.

Next Row (RS): K1, sl1 wyif, k1, work next row of the chart, sm, k until next m. Work the same row of the chart as you did for the left front, k1, sl1 wyif, k1.

Work as established without any further increases until the body measures 25 (25, 25, 25, 28) (28, 30, 30, 30) cm / 9.75 (9.75, 9.75, 9.75, 11) (11, 11.75, 11.75, 11.75) inches from the underarm or 5 cm / 2 inches less than the desired length. End with a WS row.

HEM

Change to the smaller needles and start the hem ribbing:

Row 1 (RS): K1, sl1 wyif, *k1, p1; repeat from * until 3 sts remain, k1, sl1 wyif, k1.
Row 2 (WS): Sl1 wyif, k1, sl1 wyif, *k1, p1; repeat from * until 4 sts remain, (k1, sl1 wyif) x 2.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until the hem measures 5 cm / 2 inches or the desired length, ending with a WS row.

BO all sts loosely in pattern. I used the Sewn Tubular Bind Off for all the bind offs, because I like how it makes the edge neat and stretchy. You can find a good tutorial here:
https://shibuiknits.com/pages/tubular-bind-off

SLEEVES

Hold both yarns together and use the larger needles. Starting at the middle of the underarm cast on edge, pick up and knit 31 (32, 34, 36, 37) (39, 43, 46, 49) sts along the first side of the sleeve opening up to the shoulder seam, the pick up and knit another 31 (32, 34, 36, 37) (39, 43, 46, 49) sts along the second half of the sleeve opening down to the middle of the underarm. Pm for the beginning of the round and continue knitting in the round. 62 (64, 68, 72, 74) (78, 86, 92, 98) sts on needles.

The sleeve cap is worked back and forth with German short rows.

Row 1 (RS): K55 (56, 56, 57, 56) (57, 61, 64, 67) and turn the work.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1 wyif and yo at the same time, pulling the working yarn so that the "legs" of the slipped st rise up on the right needle and look like a pair of sts. From now on, this is called a "stitch pair." P49 (47, 43, 41, 37) (35, 35, 35, 35) and turn the work.

Row 3 (RS): Sl1 wyif and yo at the same time, pulling the yarn as above, k until the next stitch pair, work the stitch pair as k2tog, k1 and turn the work.
Row 4 (WS): Sl1 wyif and yo at the same time, pulling the yarn as above, p until the next stitch pair, work the stitch pair as p2tog, p1 and turn the work.

Repeat Rows 3-4 another 2 (3, 7, 10, 12) (15, 19, 21, 24) times.

Next Row (RS): Sl1 wyif and yo at the same time, pulling the yarn as above, k until the next stitch pair, work the stitch pair as k2tog, k until the end of the round.

Continue working in the round:
Next Round: K until the next stitch pair, work the stitch pair as k2tog, k until the end of the round.

Work 2 more rounds in Stockinette stitch and start shaping the sleeve with decreases:

Decrease Round: K1, k2tog, k until 3 sts remain, ssk, and k1. 2 sts dec'd, 60 (62, 66, 70, 72) (76, 84, 90, 96) sts on needles.

Repeat the Sleeve Decrease Round on every 7th (6th, 8th, 7th, 6th) (7th, 5th, 4th, 4th) round another 10 (11, 9, 11, 12) (11, 15, 17, 20) times. 40 (40, 48, 48, 48) (54, 54, 56, 56) sts.

Work in Stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 38 (38, 38, 40, 40) (40, 40, 40, 40) cm / 15 (15, 15, 15.75, 15.75) (15.75, 15.75, 15.75, 15.75) inches from the underarm, or 5 cm / 2 inches less than the desired sleeve length.

CUFFS

Change to the smaller needles and start the ribbing:

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Ribbing Round: *K1, p1; repeat from * until end. Continue as established until the cuff measures 5 cm / 2 inches or the desired length for the sleeve.

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

Work the second sleeve accordingly.

BELT

CO 4 sts using both yarns, smaller needles and the Long Tail Cast On method.

Work the belt as an i-cord: K4, *then slip the sts back to the left needle with yarn in back and knit them again; repeat from * until the i-cord measures 40 cm / 15.75 inches (slightly stretched, the belt will stretch when you use it). Break yarns and pull them through the 4 live sts. Pull the yarns to tighten, then secure the ends by weaving them in.

Then work another similar i-cord belt for the other side of the cardigan, but make it 90 (96, 106, 112, 118) (124, 130, 134, 140) cm / 35.5 (37.75, 41.75, 44, 46.5) (48.75, 51.25, 52.75, 55) inches long. Take the measurements from a slightly stretched belt.

Sew the belts in place at the edge of the fronts, at the same height as the lowest increase, so that the longer belt is on the left front and shorter on the right front.
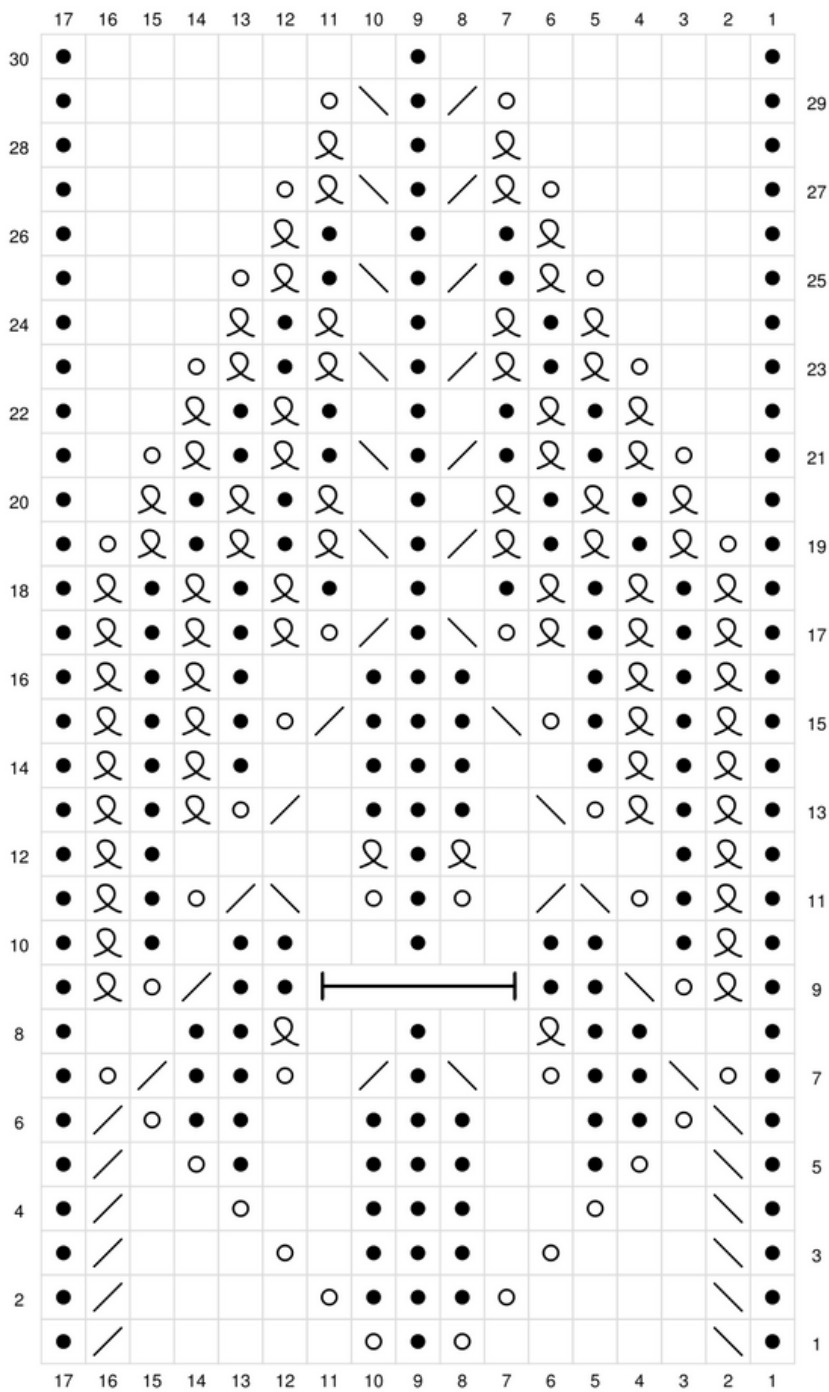
FINISHING

Weave in all remaining yarn ends. Wet block to measurements.

Abbreviations

CO	Cast on
dec'd	Decreased
DPNs	Double pointed needles
inc'd	Increased
k	Knit
k2tog	Knit 2 sts together
m	Marker
m1L	Make 1 st (left-leaning)
m1R	Make 1 st (right-leaning)
p	Purl
p2tog	Purl 2 sts together
pm	Place marker
RS	Right side
sl1	Slip 1 st
sm	Slip marker
ssk	Slip, slip, knit the slipped sts together through the back loops
ssp	Slip, slip, purl the slipped sts together through the back loops
st(s)	Stitch(es)
tbl	Through the back loop
Wrap 5	With yarn in back, slip next 5 sts from left needle to right needle, bring yarn to front and slip the sts back to the left needle. Bring yarn to back and slip the sts again to the right needle. Repeat the wrap another 2 times. Give the yarn a little tug to tighten it around the base of the wrapped sts, and continue knitting as established. (Note: the 5 stitches will only be slipped back and forth and not knitted on this round)
WS	Wrong side
wyif	With yarn in front
yo	Make a yarn over

Chart

RS: Knit
WS: Purl

● RS: Purl
WS: Knit

＼ RS: Ssk
WS: Ssp

／ RS: K2tog
WS: P2tog

○ RS: Yarn over
WS: Yarn over

Ϙ RS: K1 tbl
WS: P1 tbl

⊢———⊣ Wrap 5

WRITTEN CHART

Row 1 (RS): P1, ssk, k5, yo, p1, yo, k5, k2tog, p1.
Row 2 (WS): K1, p2tog, p4, yo, k3, yo, p4, ssp, k1.
Row 3 (RS): P1, ssk, k3, yo, k1, p3, k1, yo, k3, k2tog, p1.
Row 4 (WS): K1, p2tog, p2, yo, p2, k3, p2, yo, p2, ssp, k1.
Row 5 (RS): P1, ssk, k1, yo, p1, k2, p3, k2, p1, yo, k1, k2tog, p1.
Row 6 (WS): K1, p2tog, yo, (k2, p2, k1) x 2, k1, yo, ssp, k1.
Row 7 (RS): P1, yo, ssk, p2, yo, k1, ssk, p1, k2tog, k1, yo, p2, k2tog, yo, p1.
Row 8 (WS): K1, p2, k2, p1 tbl, p2, k1, p2, p1 tbl, k2, p2, k1.
Row 9 (RS): P1, k1 tbl, yo, ssk, p2, wrap 5, p2, k2tog, yo, k1 tbl, p1.
Row 10 (WS): K1, p1 tbl, k1, p1, k1, (k1, p2) x 2, k2, p1, k1, p1 tbl, k1.
Row 11 (RS): P1, k1 tbl, p1, yo, ssk, k2tog, k1, yo, p1, yo, k1, ssk, k2tog, yo, p1, k1 tbl, p1.
Row 12 (WS): K1, p1 tbl, k1, p4, p1 tbl, k1, p1 tbl, p4, k1, p1 tbl, k1.
Row 13 (RS): (P1, k1 tbl) x 2, yo, ssk, k1, p3, k1, k2tog, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) x 2.
Row 14 (WS): (K1, p1 tbl) x 2, k1, p2, k3, p2, (k1, p1 tbl) x 2, k1.
Row 15 (RS): (P1, k1 tbl) x 2, p1, yo, ssk, p3, k2tog, yo, (p1, k1 tbl) x 2, p1.
Row 16 (WS): (K1, p1 tbl) x 2, k1, p2, k3, p2, (k1, p1 tbl) x 2, k1.
Row 17 (RS): (P1, k1 tbl) x 3, yo, ssk, p1, k2tog, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) x 3.
Row 18 (WS): (K1, p1 tbl) x 3, (k1, p1) x 2, (k1, p1 tbl) x 3, k1.
Row 19 (RS): P1, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) x 2, k1 tbl, k2tog, p1, ssk, (k1 tbl, p1) x 2, k1 tbl, yo, p1.
Row 20 (WS): (K1, p1, p1 tbl, k1, p1 tbl, k1, p1 tbl, p1) x 2, k1.
Row 21 (RS): P1, k1, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) x 2, k2tog, p1, ssk, (p1, k1 tbl) x 2, yo, k1, p1.
Row 22 (WS): K1, p2, (p1 tbl, k1) x 2, (p1, k1) x 2, p1 tbl, k1, p1 tbl, p2, k1.
Row 23 (RS): P1, k2, yo, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, k2tog, p1, ssk, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, yo, k2, p1.
Row 24 (WS): K1, p3, p1 tbl, k1, p1 tbl, p1, k1, p1, p1 tbl, k1, p1 tbl, p3, k1.
Row 25 (RS): P1, k3, yo, k1 tbl, p1, k2tog, p1, ssk, p1, k1 tbl, yo, k3, p1.
Row 26 (WS): K1, p4, p1 tbl, (k1, p1) x 2, k1, p1 tbl, p4, k1.
Row 27 (RS): P1, k4, yo, k1 tbl, k2tog, p1, ssk, k1 tbl, yo, k4, p1.
Row 28 (WS): K1, p5, p1 tbl, p1, k1, p1, p1 tbl, p5, k1.
Row 29 (RS): P1, k5, yo, k2tog, p1, ssk, yo, k5, p1.
Row 30 (WS): (K1, p7) x 2, k1.

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