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**November Oak** is a drop shoulder constructed pullover knit from the bottom up. The body is knit in the round to the underarm then separated and knit flat, in front and back pieces, to the shoulders. Shoulders are seamed then stitches picked up around the armholes. Sleeves are then knit in the round to the cuff. The fit should be slightly oversized, shaping used only to create the curves of the neckline and taper of the sleeves. The stranded colorwork design, included in chart form, is repeated on the front and back of the sweater. Sleeves are worked in bands of wide stripes.

The stranded colorwork design was inspired by tree shadows cast on pristine snow in fading winter light. Clarity and ambiguity mingle in the lines and shapes sketched on the snow. Wide bands of shifting colors create an illusion of transparency, designed to further articulate the interesting qualities of fleeting light.

## Sizes

1 (2, 3, 4) (5, 6, 7) (8, 9, 10, 11)

Finished chest circumference: 36 (40, 44, 48) (52, 56, 60) (64, 68, 72, 76)" / 91.5 (101.5, 111.75, 122) (132, 142, 152.5) (162.5, 172.75, 183, 193) cm.

Recommended to be worn with 6-9" / 15.25 -22.75 cm of positive ease at the chest.

## Gauge

28 stitches & 30 rows = 4"/10 cm in colorwork, worked both flat and in the round, on size US 3– 3.25mm needles, blocked.

## Notions

Tapestry needle, stitch markers, stitch holder or scrap yarn.

## Yarn

Kokon, Fingering Weight Merino (100% Merino; 100g/ 349 yards)

**Color A**– Oxidized: 2 (2, 2, 2) (3, 3, 3) (3, 3, 4, 4) skeins  
Or approximately 495 (555, 620, 680) (750, 815, 890) (955, 1035, 1105, 1190) yards / 455 (510, 570, 625) (690, 745, 815) (875, 950, 1010, 1090) meters of Fingering weight yarn.

**Color B**– Ice: 1 (1, 1, 2) (2, 2, 2) (2, 2, 2, 2) skeins  
Or approximately 270 (300, 335, 370) (405, 440, 480) (520, 560, 600, 645) yards / 250 (275, 310, 340) (370, 405, 440) (480, 515, 550, 590) meters of Fingering weight yarn.

**Color C**– Dune: 2 (2, 2, 2) (2, 2, 2) (2, 3, 3, 3) skeins  
Or approximately 350 (390, 435, 480) (525, 570, 625) (675, 730, 780, 835) yards / 320 (360, 400, 440) (480, 525, 575) (620, 670, 715, 765) meters of Fingering weight yarn.

**Color D**– Clay: 1 (1, 1, 1) (2, 2, 2) (2, 2, 2, 2) skeins  
Or approximately 230 (255, 285, 315) (345, 375, 410) (440, 475, 510, 550) yards / 215 (235, 265, 290) (320, 345, 375) (405, 435, 470, 505) meters of Fingering weight yarn.

Alternate sample knit in Color A– Cacti, Color B– Cress, Color C– Dune, Color D– Clay.

## Needles

US 3– 3.25mm circular needle with a cable length of at least 32" / 80cm (or needle size to obtain gauge)- for Main Fabric and Sleeves  
One extra needle in size US 3– 3.25mm for bind-off

US 2– 2.75mm circular needle with a cable length of at least 32" / 80cm (or one needle size smaller than size used to obtain gauge)- for Neckline and Sleeve Cuffs

This pattern uses the magic loop technique for the neckline, sleeves and cuffs. Double-pointed needles or smaller circumference cable lengths can be substituted.

## Special Techniques

### Three-needle bind off- Shoulder seams

Divide sts evenly onto 2 needles (1 needle for front panel sts, 1 needle for back panel sts). The side edge stitches should be at the needle tips, ready to be worked. With RS of garment pieces facing each other, knit the first st of front needle together with the first st of back needle, \*k next st of each needle together (2 sts on RH needle) and bind off 1 st; rep from \* until all sts have been bound off.

### Sloped bind off

Step 1: Work the first bind off row as usual.

Step 2: One row before the next bind off, work to the last stitch of the row, slip last stitch pwise.

Step 3: Begin the next bind off by slipping 2 sts kwise, one at a time, then pass the first slipped st over the second to bind off 1 st. Bind off the remaining stitches as usual.

### Binding off in the center of a row

Work to last stitch before bind off. Kf&b of this st. Knit the next st then begin bind off section by passing the extra st over the next st on your LH needle. Do not count this extra st in your total number to be bound off. Bind off specified amount of st less one. Sl 1 st from RH needle to LH needle. K2tog TBL. This is your final bind off st.

## Stitch Patterns

### 1 x 1 rib

Rnd 1: \*K1, p1; rep from \* to end.

Next: Rep rnd 1 until desired length.

### Stockinette stitch (St st) in the rnd

Knit every rnd.

### Stockinette stitch (St st) flat

Knit on the RS, purl on the WS.

## Notes

-When working the stranded colorwork, hold branch colors (A & C) as the dominant strands.

-Check for gauge consistency when garment changes from knit in the round to knit flat. Some knitters work the purl stitches more tightly when knitting flat. If this is the case, try sizing up a need when working the purl rows and returning to the original needle size when working the knit rows.

## Pattern

Using Color A and US 3– 3.25mm needles, cast on 252 (280, 308, 336) (364, 392, 420) (448, 476, 504, 532) sts using the Long-Tail Cast On or preferred Cast On method.

Place BOR marker and join to work in the rnd.

### 1x1 Ribbing

Use Color A and US 3– 3.25mm needles.

Rnd 1: \*K1, p1; rep from \* to end.

Next: Repeat rnd 1 until hem measures 2"/ 5 cm.

## LOWER BODY

(knit in the rnd)

Rnd 1: Introduce Colors B, C, and D as called for in the chart, working in St st, begin rnd 1 from Pattern Chart 1. The chart will be repeated 9 (10, 11, 12) (13, 14, 15) (16, 17, 18, 19) times within the rnd. Place markers between each repeat, making sure they differ from the BOR marker.

Next: Continue in pattern as established until body, including hem, measures 14.5 (14.5, 15, 15) (15.5, 15.5, 16) (16, 16.5, 16.5, 17)" [37 (37, 38, 38) (39.5, 39.5, 40.5) (40.5, 42, 42, 43) cm] or until desired length from hem to underarm. Make a note of ending round number on chart.



## UPPER BODY

(knit flat)

Change to Pattern Chart 2 (FRONT & BACK) for even sizes or Pattern Chart 2 (BACK) for odd sizes, find row location based on end point from previous section, separate front and back as follows. Pattern Chart 2 (FRONT & BACK)/ Pattern Chart 2 (BACK) should be continued throughout neckline shaping all the way up to the shoulder seams.

## BACK

Row 1 (RS): From BOR, using background color (either color B or D depending on current chart location), cast on 1 st using the Backward Loop Cast-On, knit 126 (140, 154, 168) (182, 196, 210) (224, 238, 252, 266) sts, put the remaining sts on a stitch holder or scrap piece of yarn. 127 (141, 155, 169) (183, 197, 211) (225, 239, 253, 267) sts on needle.

Row 2 (WS): Using background color (either color B or D depending on current chart location), cast on 1 st using the Backward Loop Cast-On, purl across until 1 st rem, p1. 128 (142, 156, 170) (184, 198, 212) (226, 240, 254, 268) sts on needle.

Next: Continue as established, working the chart progression with extra edge stitch on each side until back measures 5.5 (6, 6.5, 7.25) (7.75, 8.25, 8.75) (9.25, 9.75, 10.5, 11)" [14 (15, 16.5, 18.5) (19.5, 21, 22) (23.5, 25, 26.5, 28) cm] from underarm separation. Edge stitches will be used when picking up sleeve stitches.

## SHAPE NECK (BACK)

Next row (RS): Continue following chart progression throughout neck shaping, k 55 (61, 67, 74) (80, 87, 94) (100, 107, 114, 120) sts, BO 18 (20, 22, 22) (24, 24, 24) (26, 26, 26, 28) sts (see special BO technique for binding off in the center of a row), place worked sts on holder, k to end. Take note of Chart st and row number. This will be needed when you come back to the right side after completing the left side.

## LEFT BACK

Use the sloped bind off method throughout neck shaping.

Row 1 (WS): P to end of row.

Row 2 (RS): BO 8 (8, 8, 9) (9, 10, 10) (10, 11, 11, 11) sts, k to end.

Rows 3, 5, 7, 9 (WS): P to end.

Row 4: BO 6 (6, 6, 6) (7, 7, 8) (8, 8, 9, 9) sts, k to end.

Row 6: BO 4 (4, 4, 5) (5, 5, 5) (5, 5, 5, 5) sts, k to end.

Row 8: BO 1 (2, 3, 2) (2, 2, 2) (2, 2, 2, 2) sts, k to end.

Place rem 36 (41, 46, 52) (57, 63, 69) (75, 81, 87, 93) sts on a holder or scrap piece of yarn. Break yarn.

## RIGHT BACK

Using the sloped bind off method throughout, return 55 (61, 67, 74) (80, 87, 94) (100, 107, 114, 120) sts from holder to needle, join yarn with WS facing.

Row 1 (WS): BO 8 (8, 8, 9) (9, 10, 10) (10, 11, 11, 11) sts, p to end.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8 (RS): K to end.

Row 3 (WS): BO 6 (6, 6, 6) (7, 7, 8) (8, 8, 9, 9) sts, p to end.

Row 5: BO 4 (4, 4, 5) (5, 5, 5) (5, 5, 5, 5) sts, p to end.

Row 7: BO 1 (2, 3, 2) (2, 2, 2) (2, 2, 2, 2) sts, p to end.

Row 9: P to end.

Place rem 36 (41, 46, 52) (57, 63, 69) (75, 81, 87, 93) sts on holder. Break yarn.

## FRONT

Move sts from holder to needle with RS facing. Change to Pattern Chart 2 (FRONT & BACK) for even sizes/ Pattern Chart 2 (FRONT) for odd sizes, find row location based on end point from body section.

Row 1(RS): Using background color (either color B or D depending on current chart location), cast on 1 st using the Backward Loop Cast On, knit 126 (140, 154, 168) (182, 196, 210) (224, 238, 252, 266) sts. 127 (141, 155, 169) (183, 197, 211) (225, 239, 253, 267) sts on needle.

Row 2 (WS): Using background color (either color B or D depending on current chart location), cast on 1 st using the Backward Loop Cast On, purl across until 1 st rem, p1. 128 (142, 156, 170) (184, 198, 212) (226, 240, 254, 268) sts on needle.

Next: Continue as established, working the chart progression with extra edge stitch on each side until front measures 3.25 (3.5, 4, 4.5) (4.75, 5.25, 5.5) (6, 6.25, 7, 7.25) [8.5 (9, 10, 11.5) (12, 13.5, 14) (15, 16, 18, 18.5) cm] from underarm separation. Edge stitches will be used when picking up sleeve stitches.

### SHAPE NECK (FRONT)

Next row (RS): K57 (64, 70, 77) (83, 90, 97) (103, 110, 117, 124) sts, BO 14 (14, 16, 16) (18, 18, 18) (20, 20, 20, 20) sts (see special BO technique for binding off in the center of a row), place worked sts on holder, k to end. Place the first set of sts on holder for left front. Take note of Chart row number. This will be needed when you come back to the left side after completing the right side.

Next row: P to end.

### RIGHT FRONT

Using the sloped bind off throughout, BO 5 (5, 5, 5) (5, 6, 6) (6, 7, 7, 7) sts at beg of next RS row, then BO 4 (4, 4, 5) (5, 5, 5) (5, 5, 6, 6) sts at beg of next RS row, then BO 2 (3, 3, 3) (3, 3, 3) (3, 3, 3, 3) st at beg of next RS row, then BO 2 (2, 3, 3) (3, 3, 3) (3, 2, 2, 2) sts at beg of next RS row, then BO 1 st at beg of next RS rows 8 (9, 9, 9) (10, 10, 11) (11, 12, 12, 13) times.

Next: Work 3 rows ending with a WS row.

Place rem 36 (41, 46, 52) (57, 63, 69) (75, 81, 87, 93) sts on a holder or scrap piece of yarn. Break yarn.

### LEFT FRONT

Return 57 (64, 70, 77) (83, 90, 97) (103, 110, 117, 124) sts from holder to needle, join yarn with WS facing.

Using the sloped bind off throughout, BO 5 (5, 5, 5) (5, 6, 6) (6, 7, 7, 7) sts at beg of next WS row, then BO 4 (4, 4, 5) (5, 5, 5) (5, 5, 6, 6) sts at beg of next WS row, then BO 2 (3, 3, 3) (3, 3, 3) (3, 3, 3, 3) st at beg of next WS row, then BO 2 (2, 3, 3) (3, 3, 3) (3, 2, 2, 2) sts at beg of next WS row, then BO 1 st at beg of next WS rows 8 (9, 9, 9) (10, 10, 11) (11, 12, 12, 13) times.

Next: Work 2 rows ending with a WS row.

Place rem 36 (41, 46, 52) (57, 63, 69) (75, 81, 87, 93) sts on a holder or scrap piece of yarn. Break yarn.

### PRELIMINARY FINISHING

Wet-block sweater body to finished measurements. Once dry, return held shoulder stitches to needles, join using the 3 needle bind off method.

### NECK EDGING

With RS facing, using color A and US 2 (2.75 mm) DPNs (or needle in preferred style for working small circumferences) and beg at center back of neck, pick up and knit 9 (10, 11, 11) (12, 12, 12) (13, 13, 13, 14) sts along the base, 19 (20, 21, 22) (23, 24, 25) (25, 26, 27, 27) sts along the left slope to shoulder seam, 22 (22, 22, 22) (24, 24, 24) (24, 28, 28, 28) sts along left front slope, 14 (14, 16, 16) (18, 18, 18) (20, 20, 20, 20) sts along front base, 22 (22, 22, 22) (24, 24, 24) (24, 28, 28, 28) sts along right front slope to shoulder seam, 19 (20, 21, 22) (23, 24, 25) (25, 26, 27, 27) sts along the right back slope to base, 9 (10, 11, 11) (12, 12, 12) (13, 13, 13, 14) sts to center back. 114 (118, 124, 126) (136, 138, 140) (144, 154, 156, 158) sts.

Do not turn, PM for BOR.

### 1x1 Ribbing

Rnd 1: \*P1, k1; rep from \* to end.

Next: Rep rnd 1 until neckline ribbing measures 1" / 2.5 cm.

Bind off all sts loosely in rib pattern.

## SLEEVES

Using Color A and US 3– 3.25mm needles, beginning at the base of the armhole, pick up and knit 49 (52, 56, 61) (64, 68, 71) (76, 79, 84, 87) sts to the shoulder seam then pick up and knit 49 (52, 56, 61) (64, 68, 71) (76, 79, 84, 87) sts from the shoulder seam to the underarm. [98 (104, 112, 122) ( 128, 136, 142) (152, 158, 168, 174) sts]. Place marker at center base. Begin working the sleeve sts in st st, in the rnd, following the sleeve stripe chart. Note— sleeve stripes consist of 24 rnds of Color A alternating with 24 rnds of Color C.

Next: Knit 7 rnds.

**Sleeve Decrease Rnd:** K2, k2tog, k to 4 sts rem before marker, ssk, k2. (2 sts dec)

Repeat Sleeve Decrease Rnd every 5th (5th, 4th, 3rd) (3rd, 3rd, 3rd) (2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd) rnd 20 (22, 21, 24) (26, 33, 34) (30, 30, 44, 46) more times, then every - (-, 6th, 6th) (5th, -, -) (5th, 4th, -, -) rnd -(-, 4, 5) (5, -, -) (7, 9, -, -) more times.

Upon completion of this section you will have worked the Sleeve Decrease Round a total of 21 (23, 26, 30) (32, 34, 35) (38, 40, 45, 47) times; you now have 56 (58, 60, 62) (64, 68, 72) (76, 78, 78, 80) sts on your needle(s).

Work even until sleeve measures 16.25 (16.75, 16.75, 16.25) (16, 15.75, 15.5) (15.25, 15, 14.5, 14.25)" [41.5 (42.5, 42.5, 41.5) (40.5, 40, 39.5) (38.5, 38, 37, 36) cm] from underarm, or 2" / 5 cm less than desired length.

\*Note— sleeves can be lengthened or shortened to keep stripe widths consistent. Cuff color can be also be adjusted to keep stripe widths consistent/ alternating.

## CUFF

Switch to US 2 (2.75 mm) DPNs (or needle in preferred style for working small circumferences), maintain stripe color sequence.

## 1x1 Ribbing

Rnd 1: \*P1, k1; rep from \* to end.

Next: Rep rnd 1 until cuff ribbing measures 2" / 5 cm.

Bind off all sts loosely in rib pattern.

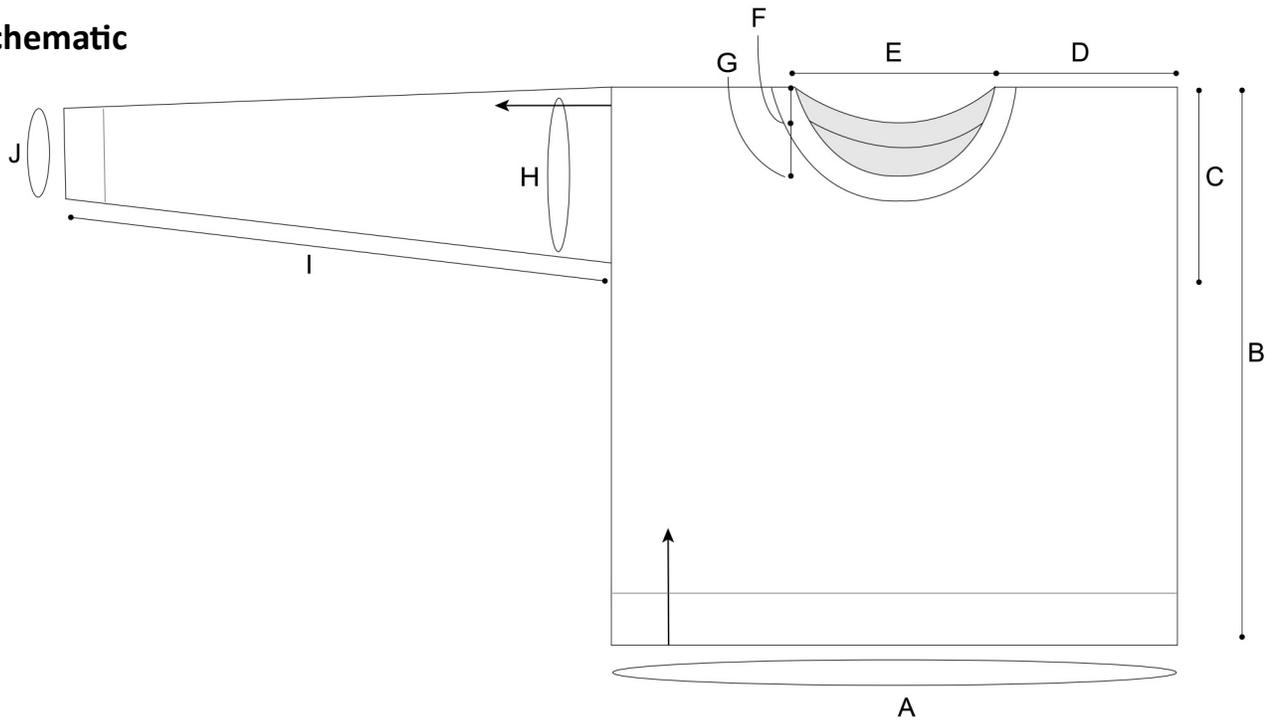
## FINISHING

Weave in all ends neatly on the WS of fabric. For a polished finish, wet-block the garment to schematic measurements.

## ABBREVIATIONS

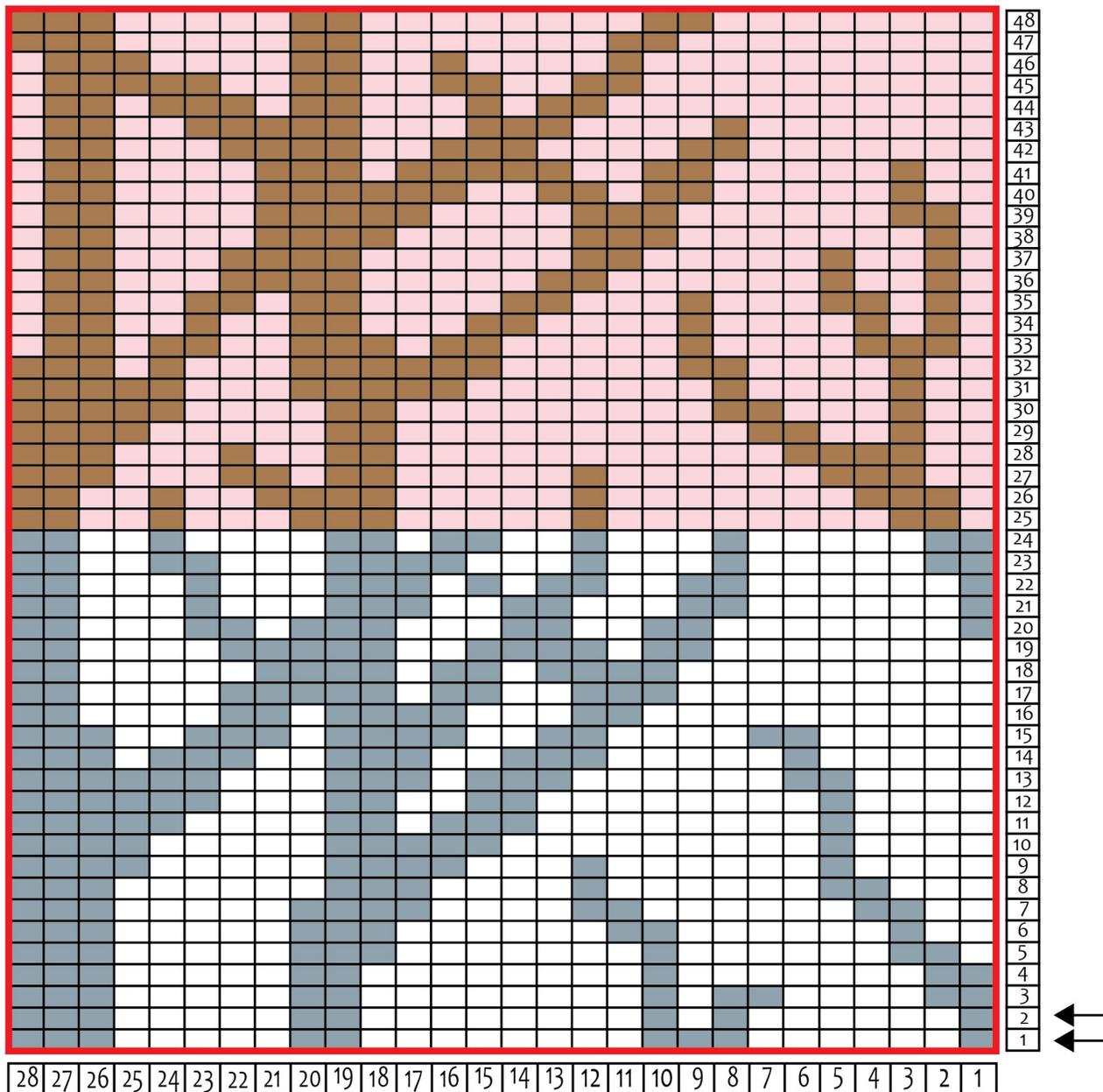
<b>beg</b>	beginning
<b>BO</b>	bind off
<b>BOR</b>	beginning of round
<b>dec('d)</b>	decrease(d)
<b>DPNs</b>	double pointed needle(s)
<b>k</b>	knit
<b>kf&amp;b</b>	Knit Front & Back: Knit into front and then into back of same stitch. (1 stitch increased)
<b>k2tog</b>	Knit 2 stitches together. (1 stitch decreased)
<b>kwise</b>	knitwise
<b>LH</b>	left hand
<b>p</b>	purl
<b>pm</b>	place marker
<b>pwise</b>	purlwise
<b>rem(s)</b>	remain(s)(ing)
<b>rep</b>	repeat
<b>RH</b>	right hand
<b>rnd</b>	round
<b>RS</b>	right side
<b>Sl</b>	slip
<b>ssk</b>	Slip slip knit: Slip the first and the second stitch on the left-hand needle separately knitwise onto the right-hand needle, slide both stitches back onto the left-hand needle and knit them together. (1 stitch decreased)
<b>st(s)</b>	stitch(es)
<b>St st</b>	stockinette stitch (knit every rnd)
<b>TBL</b>	through the back loop
<b>WS</b>	wrong side

## Schematic



Sizes	1 (2, 3, 4) (5, 6, 7) (8, 9, 10, 11)
	6-9"
Intended Ease	15.25 -22.75 cm of positive ease at the chest
A- Chest Circumference	36 (40, 44, 48) (52, 56, 60) (64, 68, 72, 76)" 91.5 (101.5, 111.75, 122) (132, 142, 152.5) (162.5, 172.75, 183, 193) cm 21.5 (22, 23, 23.75) (24.75, 25.25, 26.25) (26.75, 27.75, 28.5, 29.5)"
B- Total Length	54.5 (56, 58.5, 60.5) (63, 64, 66.5) (68, 70.5, 72.5, 75) cm 7 (7.5, 8, 8.75) (9.25, 9.75, 10.25) (10.75, 11.25, 12, 12.5)"
C- Armhole Depth	18 (19, 20.5, 22) (23.5, 25, 26) (27.5, 28.5, 30.5, 32) cm 5.25 (5.75, 6.5, 7.5) (8.25, 9, 9.75) (10.75, 11.5, 12.5, 13.5)"
D- Shoulder Width	13 (15, 16.5, 19) (20.5, 23, 25) (27, 29.5, 31.5, 33.5) cm 8 (8.5, 9.25, 9.5) (10, 10.25, 10.5) (10.75, 11.25, 11.5, 11.75)"
E- Neck Width	20.5 (22, 23, 24) (25.5, 26, 27) (27.5, 28.5, 29, 30) cm 1.5"
F- Back Neck Drop	4 cm (pre neckline ribbing) 3.75 (4, 4, 4.25) (4.5, 4.5, 4.75) (4.75, 5, 5, 5.25)"
G- Front Neck Drop	9.5 (10, 10, 11) (11.5, 11.5, 12) (12, 12.5, 12.5, 13.5) cm (pre neckline ribbing) 14 (14.75, 16, 17.5) (18.25, 19.5, 20.25) (21.75, 22.5, 24, 24.75)"
H- Upper Arm Circumference	35.5 (37.5, 40.5, 44.5) (46.5, 49.5, 51.5) (55, 57.5, 61, 63) cm 18.25 (18.75, 18.75, 18.25) (18, 17.75, 17.5) (17.25, 17, 16.5, 16.25)"
I- Sleeve Length	46.5 (47.5, 47.5, 46.5) (45.5, 45, 44.5) (44, 43, 42, 41.5) cm 8 (8.25, 8.5, 9) (9.25, 9.75, 10.25) (10.75, 11.25, 11.25, 11.5)"
J- Cuff Circumference	20.5 (21, 22, 22.5) (23, 24.5, 26) (27.5, 28.5, 28.5, 29) cm

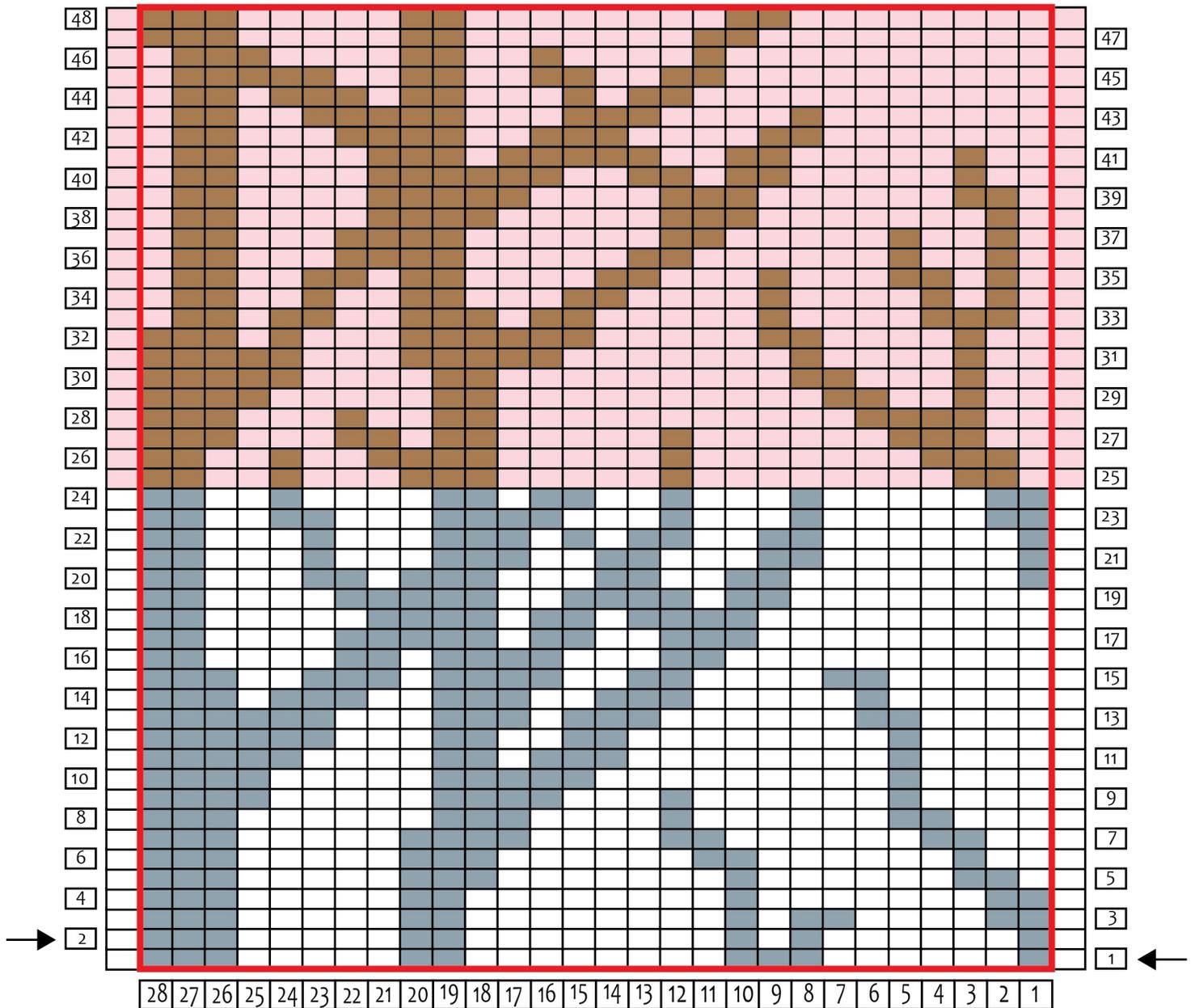
# Pattern Chart 1- all sizes (Lower body knit in the round)



**Key**

- knit in color A
- knit in color B
- knit in color C
- knit in color D
- pattern repeat

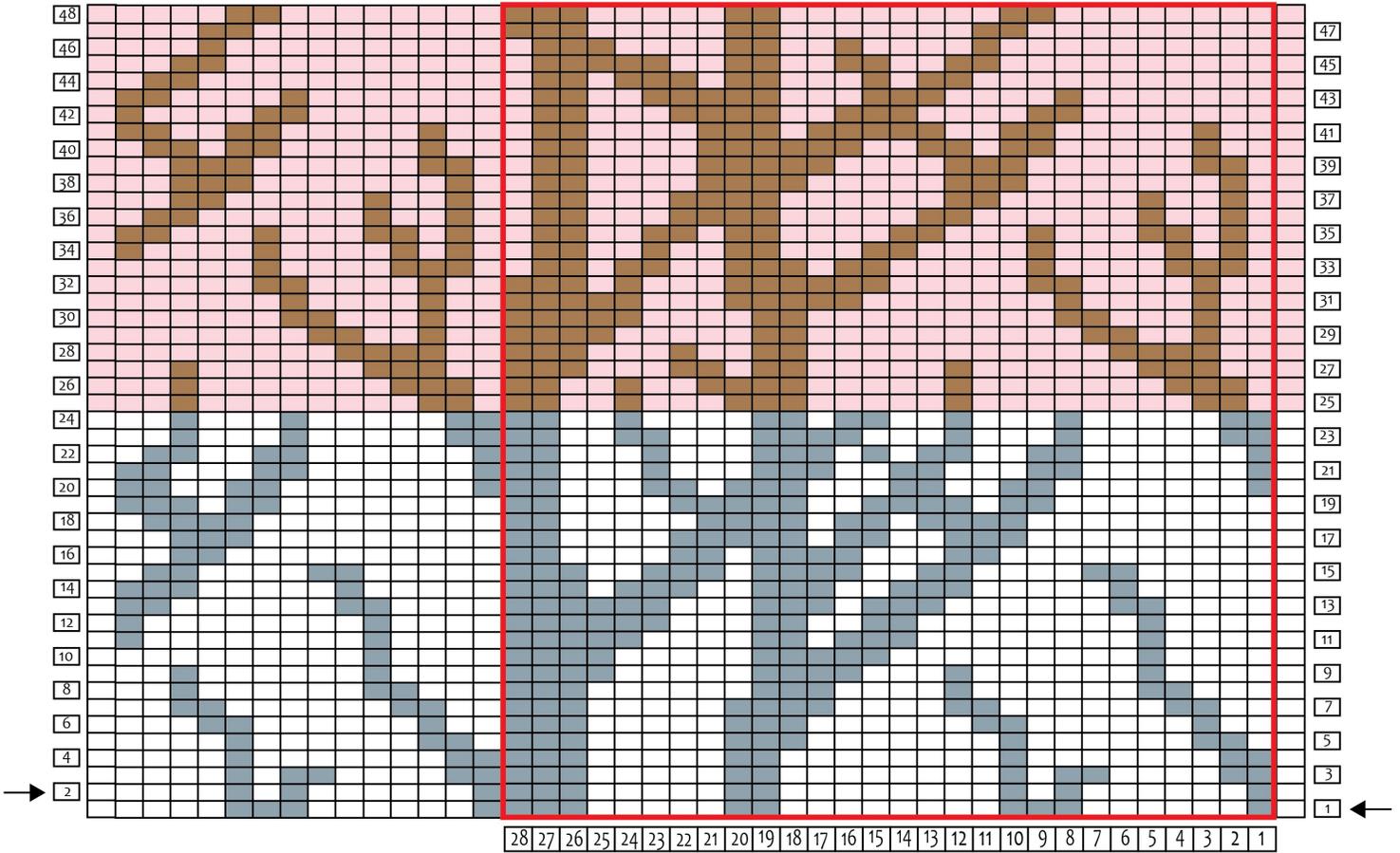
Pattern Chart 2 (FRONT & BACK)- sizes 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 only  
 (Upper body knit flat)



**Key**

- knit on RS; purl on WS in color A
- knit on RS; purl on WS in color B
- knit on RS; purl on WS in color C
- knit on RS; purl on WS in color D
- pattern repeat

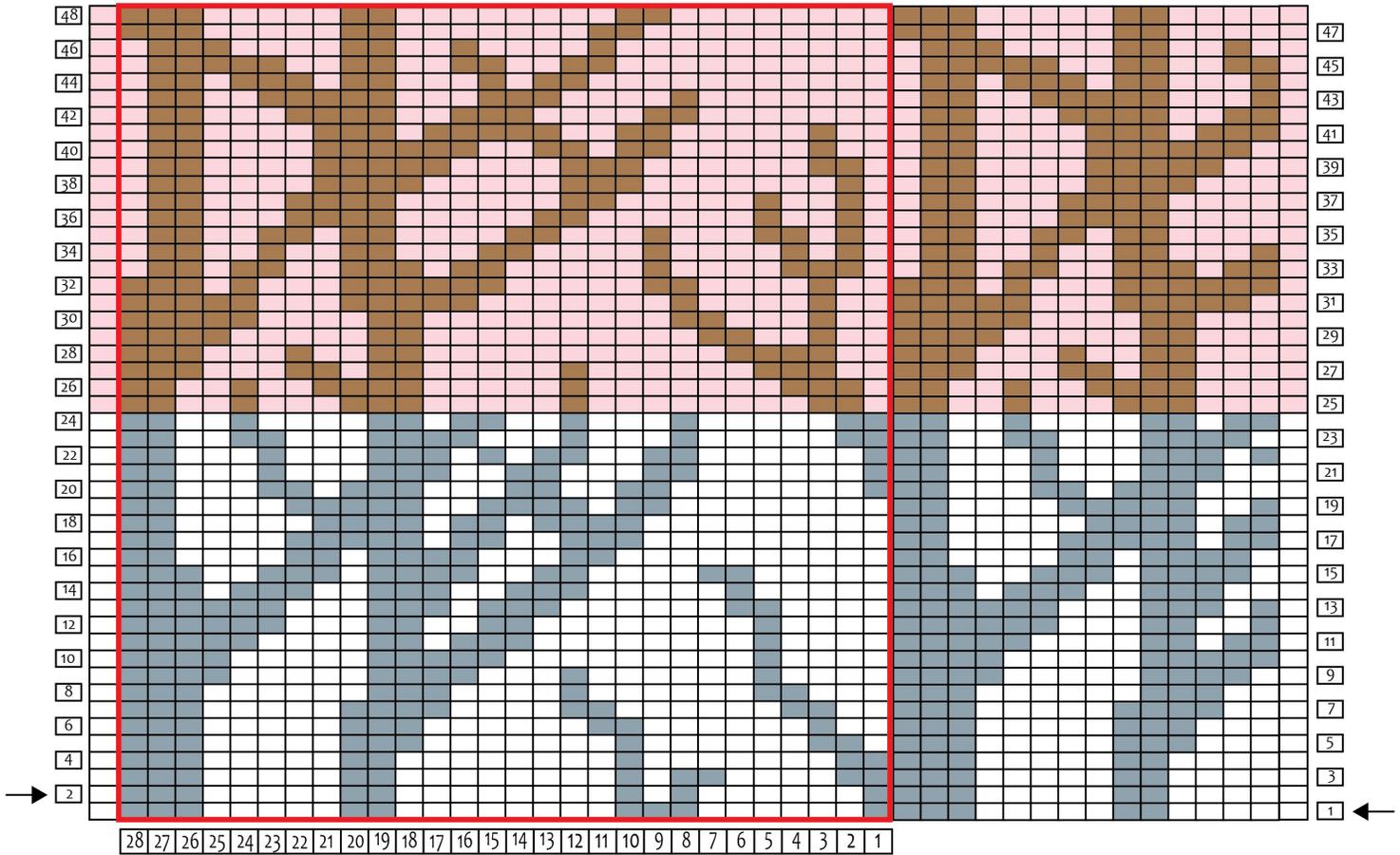
Pattern Chart 2 (BACK)- sizes 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 only  
 (Upper body knit flat)



**Key**

- knit on RS; purl on WS in color A
- knit on RS; purl on WS in color B
- knit on RS; purl on WS in color C
- knit on RS; purl on WS in color D
- pattern repeat

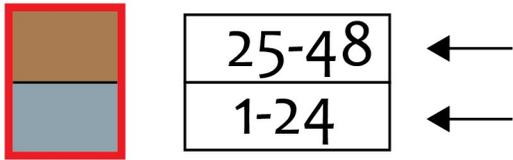
Pattern Chart 2 (FRONT)- sizes 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 only  
 (Upper body knit flat)



**Key**

- knit on RS; purl on WS in color A
- knit on RS; purl on WS in color B
- knit on RS; purl on WS in color C
- knit on RS; purl on WS in color D
- pattern repeat

# Sleeve Stripe Chart- all sizes (Knit in the round)



Key

-  knit in color A
-  knit in color C
-  pattern repeat

