

# Nimbus Pullover

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*Rhythmic cables form an elegant, ethereal sweater that wears like a cloud.*



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**Sizes** (1, 2, 3)[4, 5, 6]

Garment Full Chest Measurement

**(37.5, 43.5, 50)[56, 62, 68.5]"**

**(95.5, 110.5, 127)[142, 157.5, 174]cm**

*This top is designed with 5.5-8.5"/14-21.5 cm of positive ease at the full chest. To choose your size, add 5.5-8.5"/14-21.5 cm to your full chest measurement and choose the closest garment full chest measurement size. If there is a large differential between your full and upper bust sizes, feel free to size down one size.*

**Suggested Yarn**

[The Wandering Flock Fluff](#)

(Chainette Worsted/Aran, 35% Baby Suri, 15% Wool, 50% Cotton, 131yds/50g skein, *Sky Blue Colorway*)

**Suggested Needles**

**Main:** **US 9 (5.5mm)** 32"-40" circular needles, plus preferred needles for small circumference knitting

**Ribbing:** **US 8 (5.0mm)** 32" circular needles or preferred needles for small circumference knitting

**Gauge**

18 sts & 24 rows / 4" (10cm), cabled pattern (see **Body Chart**) flat & in the round, blocked

**I-cord gauge:** 3.5 rows per 1"

**Yarn Requirements**

(850, 950, 1050)[1150, 1250, 1350] yds

(777, 868, 960)[1051, 1143, 1234] m

**Materials**

Removable stitch markers, cable needle, additional stitch markers, scrap yarn or stitch holders, darning needle

**Techniques**

knitting in the round, cable cast-on, cables, increasing, decreasing, German short rows, reading knitting charts, tubular bind-off, blocking

**Construction**

Sweater is worked from the top down with short row shaping for back and shoulders. Sleeves are picked up and set-in with German short rows.

<u>Abbreviations</u>
<b>Cables</b>
3/3 LC (6 st left leaning cable): slip next 3 sts to cable needle and hold cable needle in front, knit next 3 sts on LN, knit 3 sts from cable needle
<b>General</b>
BOR: beginning of round
CO: cast on
Cont: continue
Inc: increased
k: knit
K2togtbl: knit two stitches together through the back loop
LN: left needle
M1l(p) (left leaning knit (purl) increase): pick up bar between the stitch you just knit (purl) and the next stitch from front to back, then knit (purl) through the back loop
M1r(p) (right leaning knit (purl) increase): pick up bar between the stitch you just knit (purl) and the next stitch from back to front, then knit (purl) through the front loop
p: purl
Pu&k: pick up and knit
Rd (rds): round (rounds)
Rep: repeat
RN: right needle
RS: right side
Sm: slip marker
St (sts): stitch (stitches)
<b>German Short Rows</b>
DS – Double stitch
Sl-gsr – Bring yarn to front. Slip 1 st purlwise from the left needle to right needle. Take the working yarn and pull it very tightly over the top of the right needle from the front to the back until you can see both legs of the stitch. This will look like two stitches but count as one; we will call this a double stitch, abbreviated DS. Work the next stitch tightly while maintaining tension on double stitch.
K-gsr – K through both legs of the DS as if the DS were a regular single stitch. Work following stitches as normal.
P-gsr – P through both legs of the DS as if the DS were a regular single stitch. Work following stitches as normal.

## Pattern

### Back

#### Cast On

On larger needles using a longtail cast-on, CO **(80, 94, 108)[108, 122, 136]** sts.

#### Left Back Short Row Shaping

**Setup Row (WS):** p **(57, 64, 71)[71, 78, 85]**, place removable marker on the stitch you just purl, purl to end.

**Row 1 (RS):** k **(24, 31, 38)[38, 45, 52]**, turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** sl-gsr, p **(4, 6, 7)[7, 8, 10]**, turn.

**Row 3 (RS):** sl-gsr, k to DS, k-gsr, k **2**, turn.

**Row 4 (WS):** sl-gsr, p to DS, p-gsr, p **(4, 6, 7)[7, 8, 10]**, turn.

**Cont:** rep rows 3-4 **2** more times.

**Next Row (RS):** rep row 3.

**Final Row (WS):** sl-gsr, purl to DS, p-gsr, purl to end.

#### Right Back Short Row Shaping

**Setup Row (RS):** knit to DS, k-gsr, knit to end.

**Row 1 (WS):** p **(24, 31, 38)[38, 45, 52]**, turn.

**Row 2 (RS):** sl-gsr, k **(4, 6, 7)[7, 8, 10]**, turn.

**Row 3 (WS):** sl-gsr, p to DS, p-gsr, p **2**, turn.

**Row 4 (RS):** sl-gsr, k to DS, k-gsr, k **(4, 6, 7)[7, 8, 10]**, turn.

**Cont:** rep rows 3-4 **2** more times.

**Next Row (WS):** rep row 3.

**Final Row (RS):** sl-gsr, knit to DS, k-gsr, knit to end.

#### Full Back

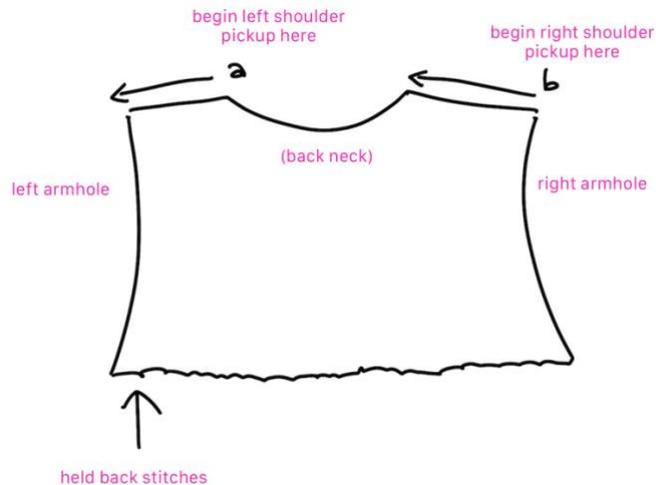
**Setup Row (WS):** purl to previous DS, p-gsr, purl to end.

**Next:** work **Back Chart** (p.6) until you have worked **(34, 36, 38)[42, 42, 42]** rows of the chart. You should have **(39, 41, 43)[47, 47, 47]** total rows counted along the armhole edge, including the short rows from the beginning, and you will have just completed Row **(2, 4, 6)[10, 10, 10]** of the chart repeat.

Break yarn leaving tail for weaving, and place sts on stitch holders.

## Front

For assistance visualizing pickup points for the front, see the diagram below.



## Left Front

### Left Shoulder Short Row Shaping

**Pick-up Row (RS):** with RS facing beginning at the stitch above which you placed the removable marker in the cast-on setup row, pu&k (24, 31, 38)[38, 45, 52] sts. Remove removable marker.

**Setup Row (WS):** purl to end, turn.

**Row 1 (RS):** k (4, 6, 7)[7, 8, 10], turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** sl-gsr, p to end, turn.

**Row 3 (RS):** k to previous DS, k-gsr, k (4, 6, 7)[7, 8, 10], turn.

**Cont:** rep rows 2-3 2 more times.

**Row 4 (WS):** sl-gsr, p to end, turn.

**Row 5 (RS):** knit to previous DS, k-gsr, k to end, turn.

**Row 6 (WS):** purl to end, turn.

### Left Neck Shaping

**Cont:** complete the **Left Front Chart** that corresponds to your size.

*You should have (34, 41, 48)[48, 55, 62] sts.*

Break yarn leaving tail for weaving and place sts on stitch holders.

## Right Front

### Right Shoulder Short Row Shaping

**Pick-up Row (RS):** on circular needle or DPN with RS facing using the tail end of the yarn (for video tutorial, click [here](#).) pu&k (24, 31, 38)[38, 45, 52] shoulder sts beginning at the back right cast-on edge. Slide needle all the way left (such that you will be drawing yarn from the ball now instead of the tail) to begin work at right armhole edge.

**Setup Row (RS):** knit to end, turn.

**Row 1 (WS):** p (4, 6, 7)[7, 8, 10], turn.

**Row 2 (RS):** sl-gsr, k to end, turn.

**Row 3 (WS):** p to previous DS, p-gsr, p (4, 6, 7)[7, 8, 10], turn.

**Cont:** rep rows 2-3 2 more times.

**Row 4 (RS):** sl-gsr, k to end, turn.

**Row 5 (WS):** purl to previous DS, p-gsr, p to end, turn.

**Row 6 (RS):** knit.

**Row 7 (WS):** purl.

### Right Neck Shaping

**Cont:** complete the **Right Front Chart** that corresponds to your size.

*You should have (34, 41, 48)[48, 55, 62] sts.*

### Join Right & Left Front

Place held left front sts on needles to prepare for join.

**Row 1 (RS):** work in pattern across all right front sts (there is no cabling, in this row, but be sure to purl the appropriate sts in pattern), turn work to WS to cable cast on (12, 12, 12)[12, 12, 12] sts, return work to RS and join to left front and work in pattern to end of left front section.

**Row 2 (WS):** work Row 4 of **Back Chart**.

*You should have (80, 94, 108)[108, 122, 136] sts.*

### Remaining Front

**Cont:** resume working **Back Chart** starting at Row 5, and continue until you have completed (39, 41, 43)[47, 47, 47] total rows counted along the armhole edge including the short rows and previously knit front sections. You will have just completed Row (2, 4, 6)[10, 10, 10] of the chart repeat.

## Join to back

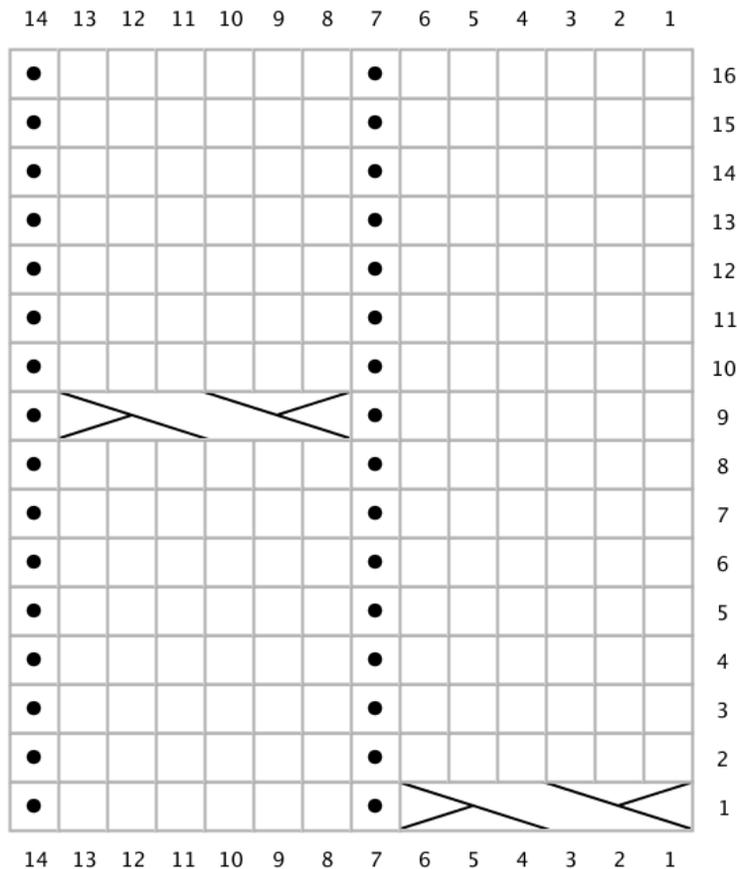
Place held back sts on spare needles to prepare for join.

**Join Row:** \*k1, (p1, k6) to last 2 sts of front, p1, k1, turn work to WS to cable cast on **(4, 4, 4)[18, 18, 18]** sts, return work to RS, rep from \* once, k1, to join to front panel, p1, place marker to mark BOR.

*You should have (168, 196, 224)[252, 280, 308] sts.*

## Body

**Body Chart**



## Remaining Body

*Reading cable rows can be somewhat difficult if you are new to cable knitting, so I recommend placing a removable stitch marker at the armhole edge every time you begin a cable round for easier counting.*

**Next:** beginning with Row **(4, 6, 8)[12, 12, 12]** of **Body Chart**, work all remaining rounds of body in sequence until sweater measures **(8.75, 9, 9)[10, 11, 12]" / [(22, 23, 23)[25.5, 28, 30.5]cm** from underarm, or approximately **3"/7.5 cm** shorter than total desired length of front.

## Hem

Switch to smaller needles.

**Rd 1:** k to BOR.

**Rd 2:** (k1, p1) to BOR.

**Cont:** repeat Rd 2 until hem section measures 3"/7.5cm.

**Bind-Off:** work tubular bind-off (see "Special Techniques" on p.15.)

## Sleeves (work 2)

*As written, sleeve circumference is (12.5, 12.5, 15.5)[15.5, 18.5, 22]" / [(32, 32, 39.5)[39.5, 47, 56]cm]. If you wish to work larger or smaller sleeves than written for your size, feel free to alter your pick-up along the armhole edge by 14 stitches, which will either increase or decrease the arm circumference by 3.5"/9cm*

*Sleeves are worked straight with no shaping. If you want to taper your sleeves or work a gathered wrist, guidelines on how to do so are included in the "Sleeve Modification Guidelines" section (p.15) of the pattern.*

## Pick-Up

Beginning at bottom center of underarm, pu&k **(2, 2, 2)[9, 9, 9]** sts from underarm cast-on stitches, pu&k **(52, 52, 66)[52, 66, 80]** sts along remaining armhole until you reach the other side of the underarm cast-on stitches, pu&k **(2, 2, 2)[9, 9, 9]** sts, place marker for BOR.

*You should have (56, 56, 70)[70, 84, 98] sts.*

## Remaining Sleeve

Work **Sleeve Chart** (p. 13) until length measured from underarm is **1.5"/4 cm** shorter than your total desired sleeve length, or around **17.5"/44.5cm**.

## Sleeve Cuff

Switch to smaller needles.

**Rd 1:** knit to BOR.

**Rd 2:** (k1, p1) to BOR.

**Cont:** repeat Rd 2 until cuff measures **1.5"/4cm**.

**Bind-Off:** work tubular bind-off (see "Special Techniques" on p.15.)

## Neckline

*The neckline as photographed is worked with an applied i-cord finish. If you prefer to work a classic 1x1 ribbed neckline with tubular bind-off to match the other finishes, feel free! Just make sure your total neckline pickup is an even number.*

## Neckline Pickup

On smaller needles with RS facing beginning at top right shoulder, pu&k sts in the following ratios, noting that precise stitch count is not important for the i-cord:

**Back Neck:** every stitch (for a tighter neckline, pick up 2 of every 3 sts here instead)

**Left & Right Neckline:** 3 of 4 vertical stitches along each neckline edge

**Lower Neck Cast-On Sts:** every stitch

## Neckline Finishing

Turn garment inside out (the i-cord will look neater on the opposite side from which it is worked.)

**Setup:** cable-cast on 3 additional sts.

**\*I-Cord:** k2, k2togtbl, slip 3 sts from RN to LN.

**Cont:** Rep from \* until you reach the beginning of your i-cord and 3 sts remain. Return those sts to your LN and k3togtbl.

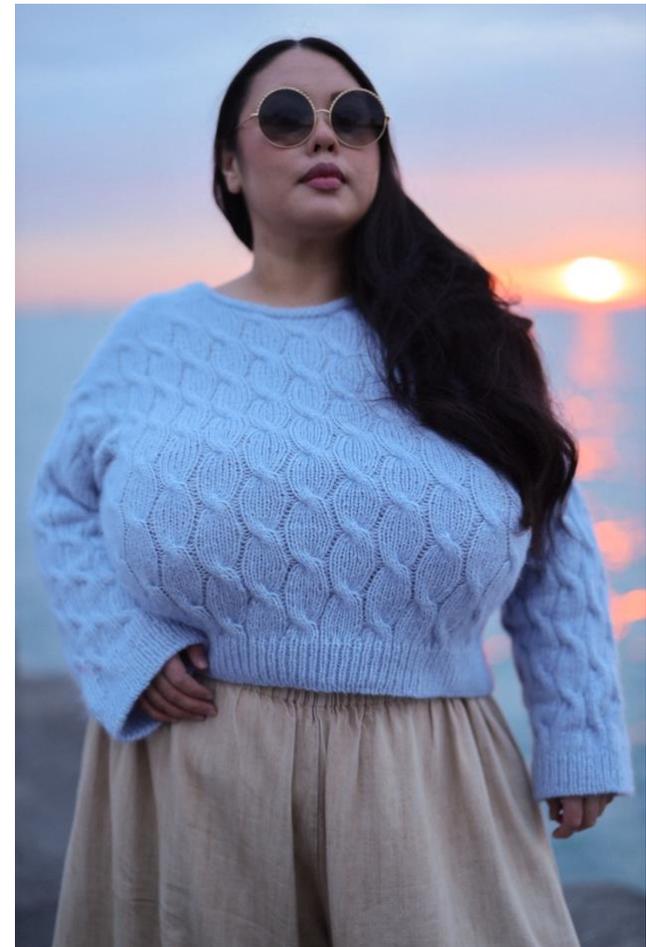
Break yarn leaving tail to graft ends of i-cord together to join.

## Finishing

Weave in ends, paying special attention to the neckline, shoulder, and underarms, making sure to tidy up any holes or gaps with your sewing. Block to desired measurements.

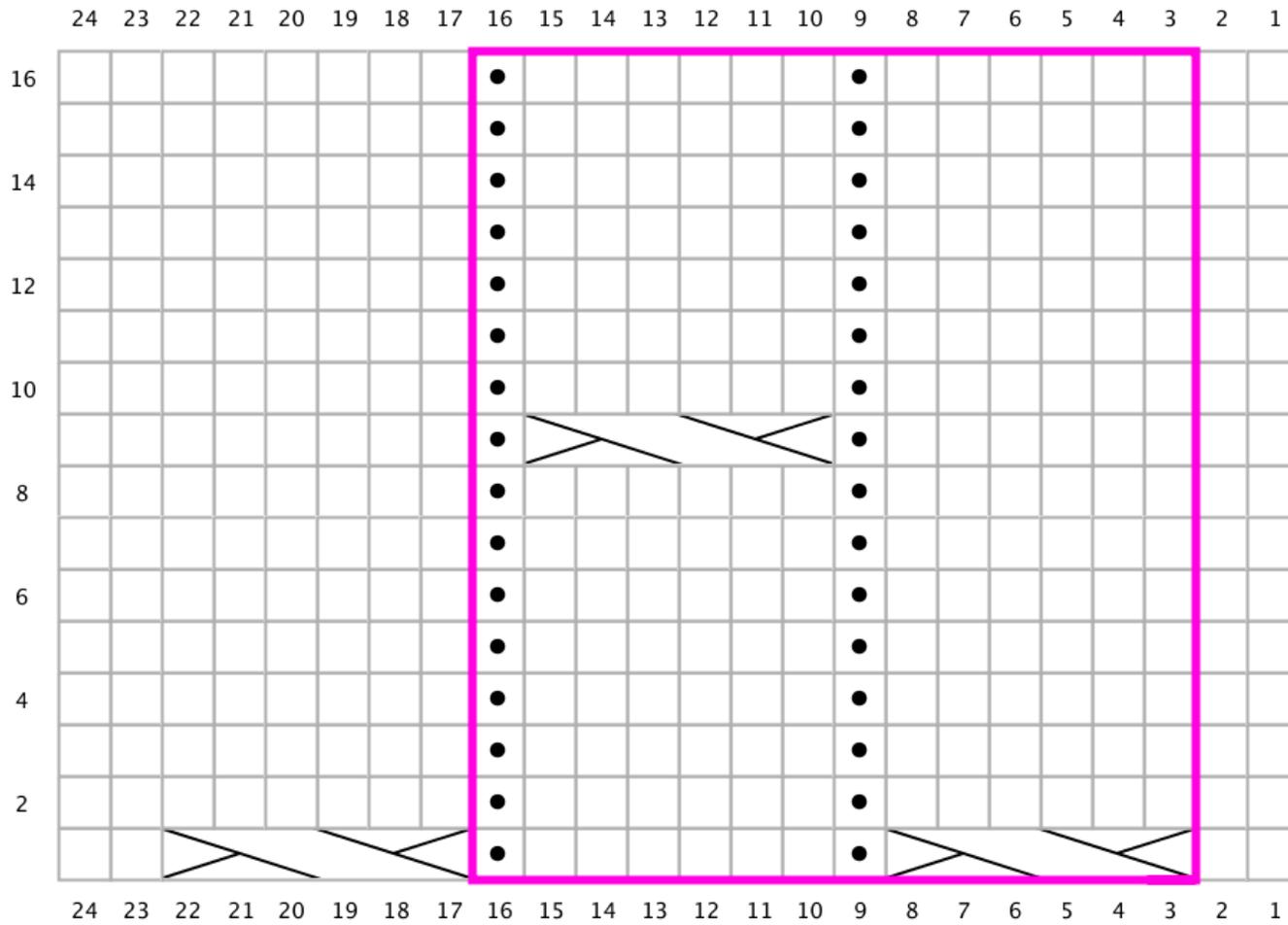
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# Charts

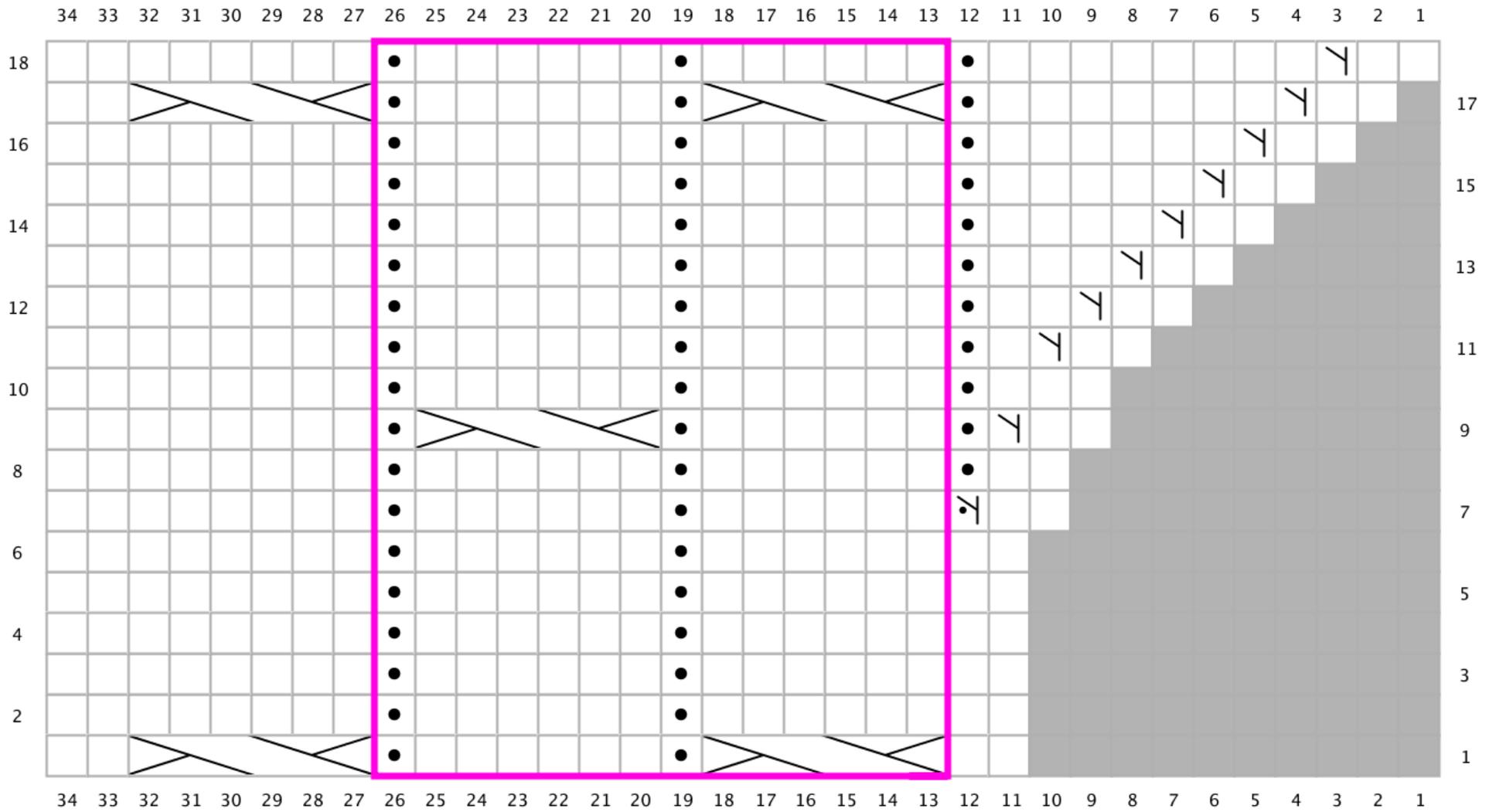
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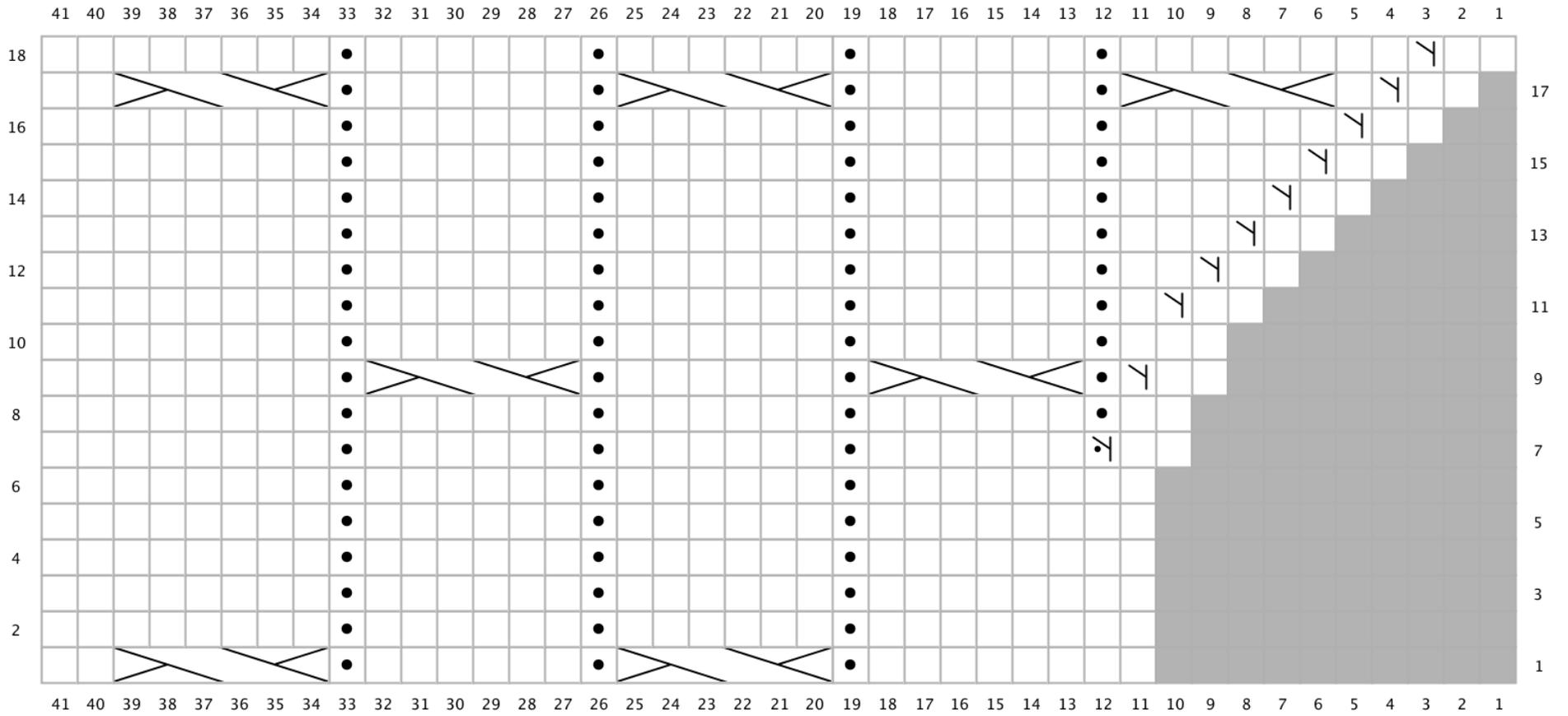
Key

- RS: knit  
WS: purl
- RS: purl  
WS: knit
- grey no stitch
- Repeat
- 3/3 LC
- m1lp
- m1rp
- RS: m1l  
WS: m1lp
- RS: m1r  
WS: m1rp

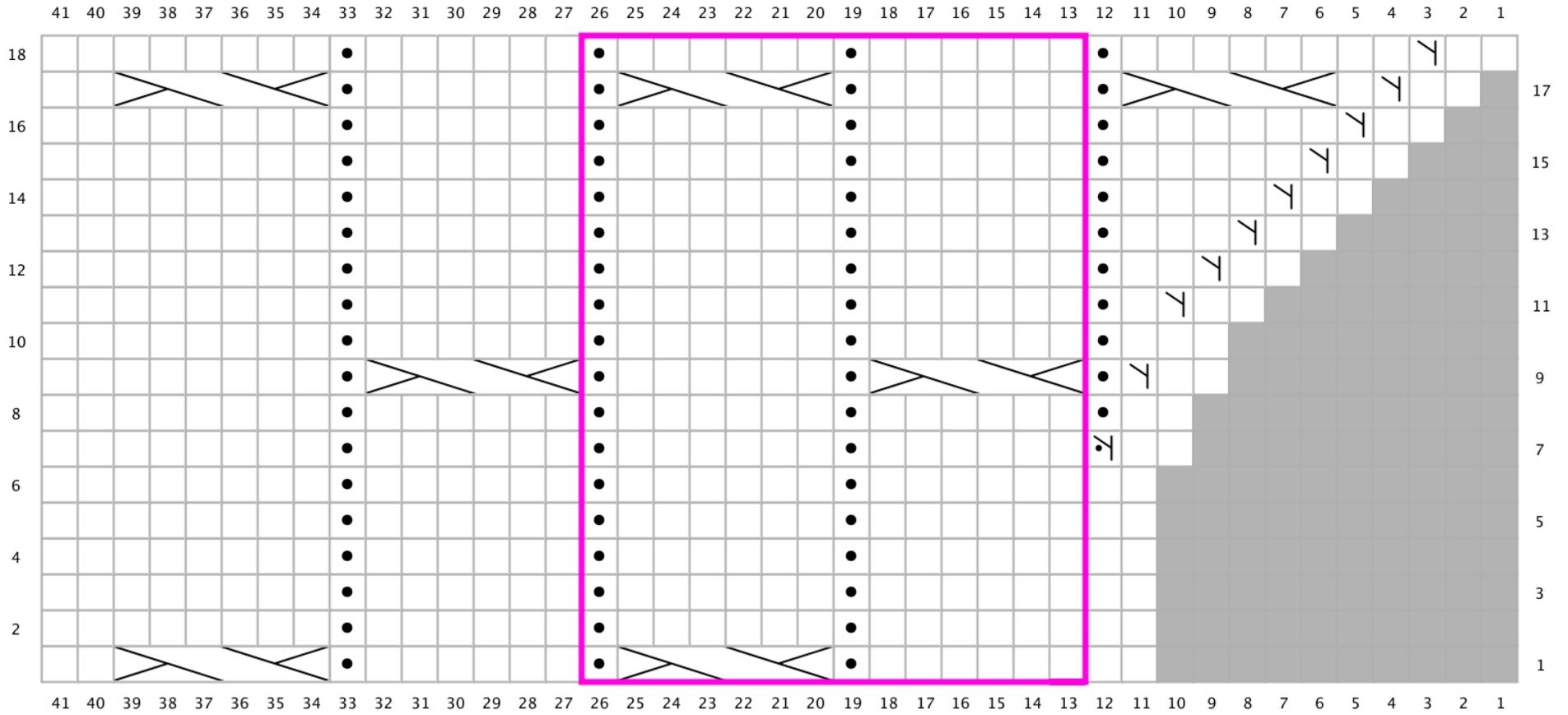
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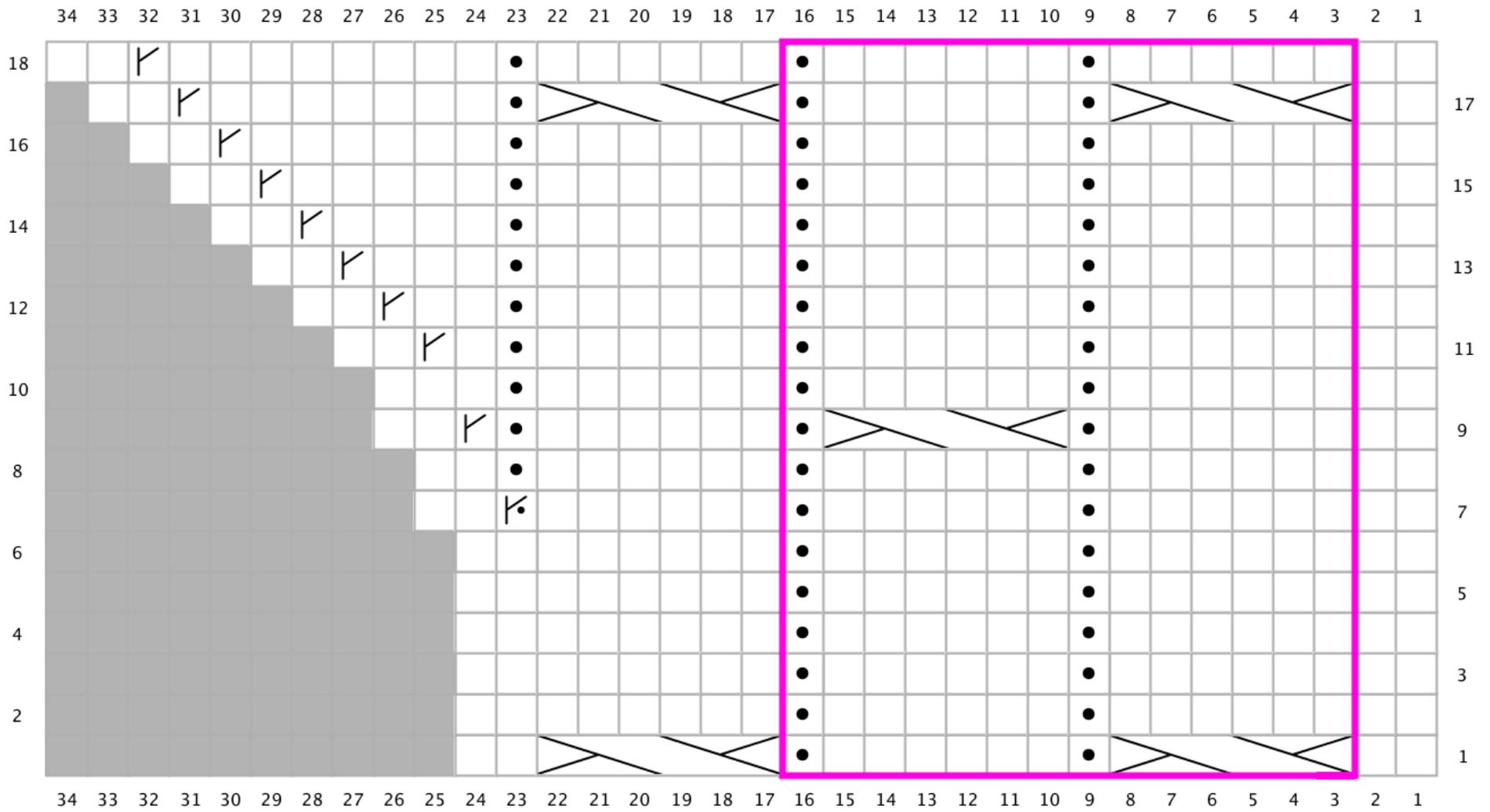
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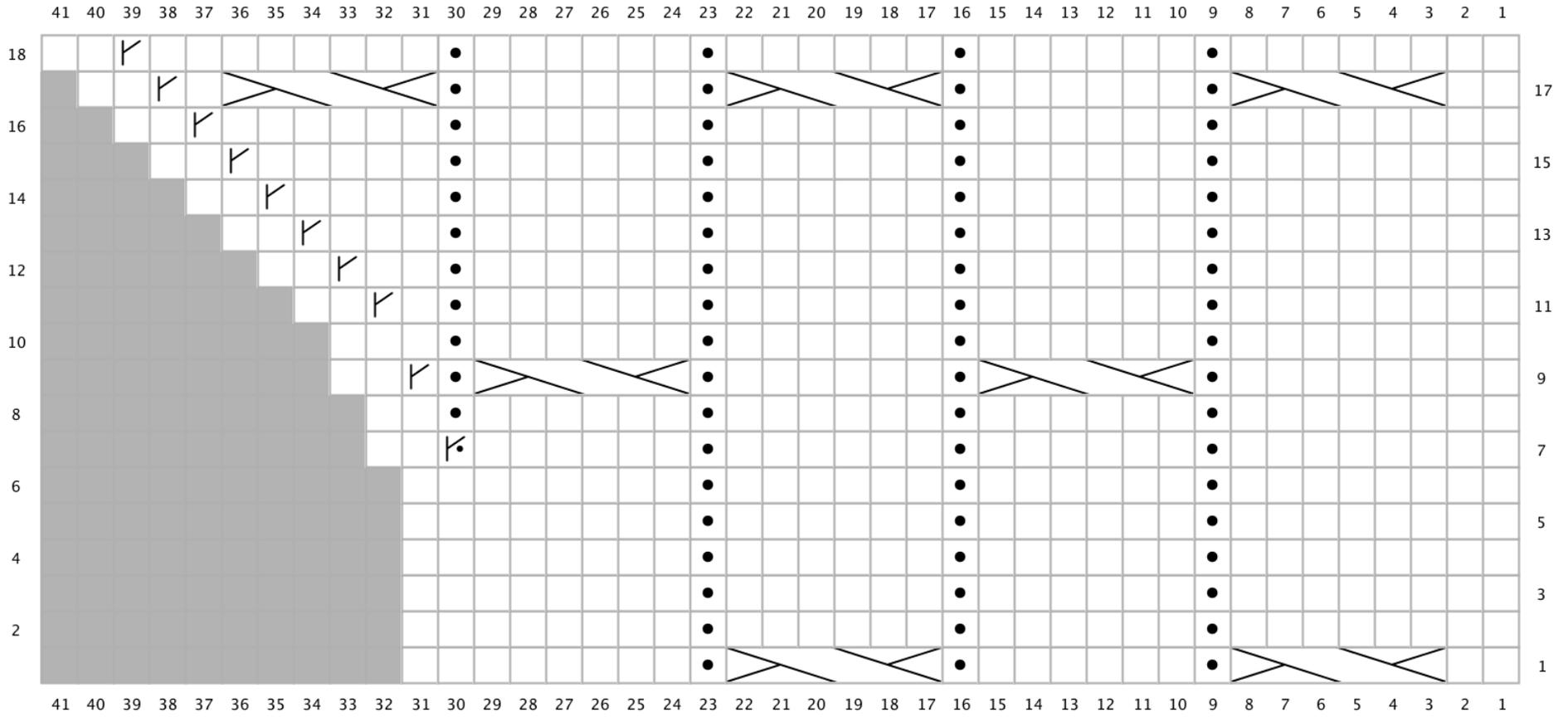
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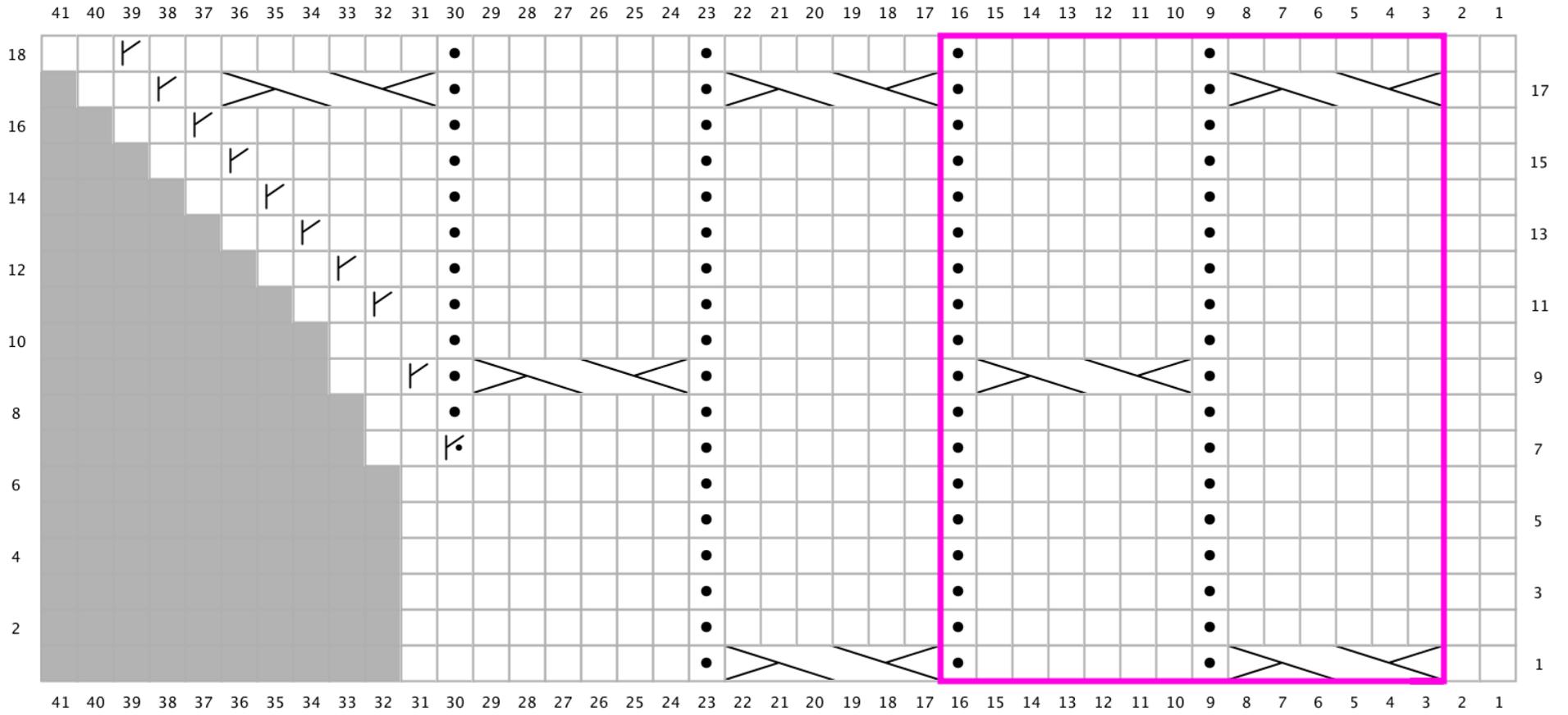
### Right Front - Sizes 1, 3, 4, & 6



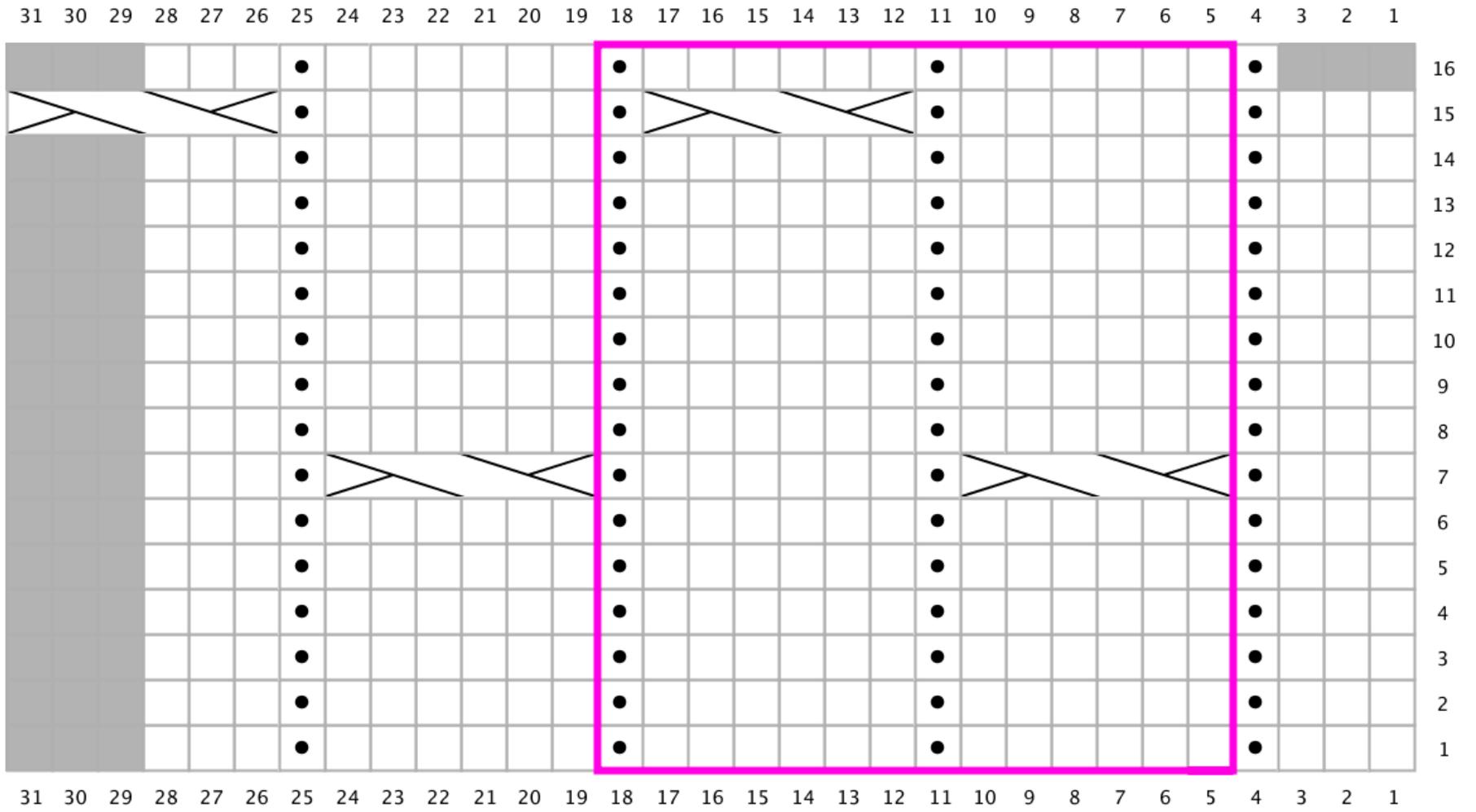
Right Front - Size 2



Right Front - Size 5



### Sleeve Chart



# SCHEMATIC

<b>INCHES</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
A Full Chest	37.5	43.5	50	56	62	68.5
B Bicep	12.5	12.5	15.5	15.5	18.5	22
C Neck Circ	22	22	22	22	22	22
D Yoke Depth	7.25	7.5	8	8.5	8.5	8.5
E Body Length from Underarm	11.75	12	12	13	14	15

<b>CENTIMETERS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
A Full Chest	95.5	110.5	127	142	157.5	174
B Bicep	32	32	39.5	39.5	47	56
C Neck Circ	56	56	56	56	56	56
D Yoke Depth	18.5	19	20.5	21.5	21.5	21.5
E Body Length from Underarm	30	30.5	30.5	33	35.5	38

## Special Techniques

### 1x1 Tubular Bind Off in the Round

#### Setup

We will work two rounds of double knitting to prepare for a 1x1 tubular bind off.

**Round 1:** \*Knit 1, slip 1 purlwise with yarn in **front**\* to BOR.

**Round 2:** \*Slip 1 purlwise with yarn in **back**, purl 1\* to BOR.

#### Sewn Kitchener Bind-off

We will now work a sewn Kitchener bind off. For a video tutorial on the sewn Kitchener repeat, [click here](#).

Cut a length of yarn three times the circumference of your hem. Thread a tapestry needle with the yarn.

#### Setup for Working in the Round

**Step 1:** Place a removable stitch marker on the front leg of the first stitch (a knit stitch) on the left needle. Enter the stitch knitwise with your tapestry needle and slide it off your needle.

**Step 2:** Enter what is now the second stitch on your left needle (a knit stitch) purlwise and leave it on the needle. Pull the yarn through.

**Step 3:** Place a removable stitch marker on the front leg of the first stitch on the left needle (a purl stitch) and let the marker hang off the back. Enter the stitch purlwise with your tapestry needle and slide it off your needle.

**Step 4:** Enter what is now the second stitch on your left needle (a purl stitch) knitwise from the back. This means you need to insert your tapestry needle \*between\* the first and second stitch from back to front in order to position it to enter the second stitch knitwise. Pull the yarn through.

#### The remaining bind off is worked as follows:

**Step 1:** Enter the first stitch on your needle (a knit stitch) as if to knit and slip it off the needle.

**Step 2:** Enter what is now the second stitch (a knit stitch) on the needle purlwise and pull the yarn through.

**Step 3:** Enter the first stitch on your needle (a purl stitch) as if to purl and slip it off the needle.

**Step 4:** Enter what is now the second stitch on your left needle (a purl stitch) knitwise from the back. This means you need to insert your tapestry needle \*between\* the first and second stitch from back to front in order to position it to enter the second stitch knitwise. Pull the yarn through.

Take care to use even tension that matches your ribbing tension, so the bind off matches the ribbing.

Repeat steps 1-4 until two stitches remain.

Slide your stitches to the other end of your circular needle or DPN. We will now pick up the stitches that we held with stitch markers from the setup rounds.

Insert the tip of the right needle into the first held stitch (the one held in the front) from back to front, making sure the right leg of the stitch is positioned in the front of the needle. Remove the stitch marker. You have picked up the first stitch.

Insert the tip of the right needle into the second held stitch (the one held in the back) from back to front, making sure the right leg of the stitch is positioned in the front of the needle. You have picked up the second stitch.

Slide your stitches back to the other end of the needle.

Repeat steps 1-4 of the Kitchener stitch repeat and pull the stitches off the needle. Use your tapestry needle to make any adjustments near the finished edge in case stitches are stretched out.

## Optional Sleeve Modifications

### Tapered Sleeve

To taper the sleeve to a **(10.75, 11, 11.25)[11.5, 12, 12.5]" / [(27.5, 28, 28.5)[29, 30.5, 32]cm** wrist circumference, decrease at an interval of **(5.75, 5.75, 2)[2, 1.25, 1]" / [(14.5, 14.5, 5)[5, 3, 2.5]cm** a total of **(3, 3, 9)[9, 15, 20]** times. As you decrease, you will interrupt the existing cable pattern. Once you have begun to decrease within a cable column, you will no longer work cables within those columns. You can simply continue on in stockinette.

For an even more fitted cuff, simply decrease at a quicker interval.

**Work decrease rounds as follows:** k1, k2tog, work in pattern to 3 sts before BOR, ssk, k1.

### Gathered Wrist

For a gathered wrist, work sleeve straight as written until you are ready to begin the cuff. In the final round before the cuff, decrease evenly by **(6, 6, 18)[18, 30, 40]** sts before proceeding to the cuff. For a more gathered wrist, you can decrease evenly by more sts than noted.