

KNIT PATTERN

Arctic Light Sweater



#ARCTICLIGHTSWEATER

The Arctic Light Sweater is a gorgeous cable knit sweater with intricate patterns on the front, back and sleeves. It's worked top down on 5 mm (US8) needles with one strand of merino together with one strand of silk mohair to give it a lustrous sheen.

The length is slightly cropped which makes it the perfect companion to wear with high waisted jeans or a dress. When designing this sweater I was craving a project with lots of texture that would make it a fun and engaging project to knit.

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SIZES:

XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL

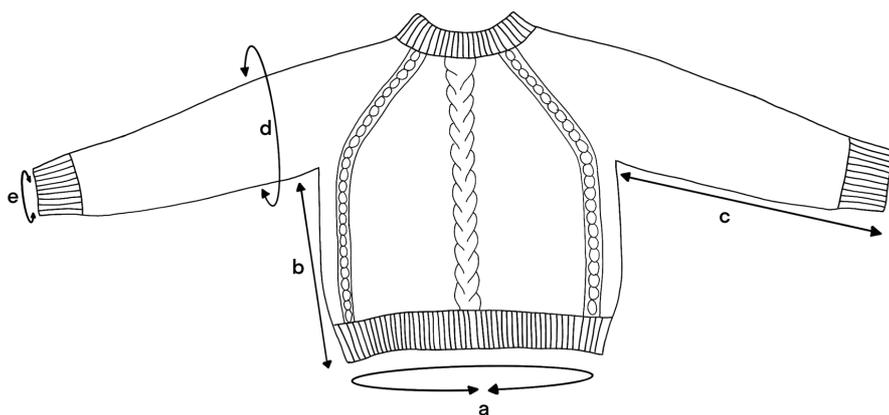
FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS:

a. Finished bust circumference: 92.5 (100) 107.5 (120) 134.5 (147.5) 158 cm / 37 (40) 43 (48) 53.75 (59) 63.25".

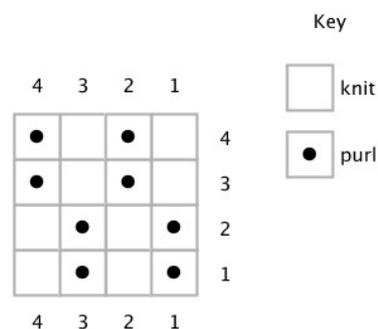
b. Length from underarm to hem: 35 cm / 13.75" all sizes.

c. Sleeve length from underarm: 45 (47) 47 (47) 49 (49) 49 cm / 17.75 (18.5) 18.5 (18.5) 19.25 (19.25) 19.25".

d. Upper sleeve circumference: 35.5 (39) 41 (48) 48 (56.5) 56.5 cm / 14.25 (15.75) 16.25 (19.25) 19.25 (22.5) 22.5".



DOUBLE SEED STITCH



Choose the size that is 10-20 cm / 4-8" bigger than your bust circumference.

Sample in size S, Kika has a bust of 87 cm / 34.25".

GAUGE:

22 sts x 26 rnds = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4" on 5 mm (US8) needles in Chart A cable stitch pattern holding one strand of merino and one strand of silk mohair together (before blocking).

NEEDLES:

3 mm (US2.5) circular needles 40-60 cm / 16-24" for neck opening and 80-100 cm / 32-40" for hem rib, and DPNs for sleeve rib (or use magic loop technique instead).

5 mm (US8) circular needles 40-60 cm / 16-24" for the sleeves and 80-100 cm / 32-40" for body, or just a 80-100 cm / 32-40" needle if you're using magic loop technique.

NOTIONS:

Cable needle, removable (open) stitch markers, tapestry needle.

SUGGESTED YARN:

500 (500) 550 (600) 650 (700) 750 g Sandnes Garn Double Sunday (100% merino wool - 108 m / 118 yds / 50 g) in color 1015.

150 (150) 175 (200) 225 (250) 300 g Along Avec Anna Silk Mohair (72% fine kid mohair, 28% mulberry silk - 210 m / 230 yds / 25 g) in color Colombe.

The sweater is worked holding one strand of merino and one strand of silk mohair together.

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NECK OPENING AND YOKE

CO 104 (104) 104 (112) 112 (112) 112 sts on 3 mm (US2.5) 40-60 cm / 16-24" circular needle using the backward loop (also known as single) standard cast on method. Note! The cast on edge will be hidden when the rib is folded together and attached by hand sewing on the inside. Join to work in rnd and place a marker to indicate the beginning of rnd (this is BOR-marker).

Work *k1tbl, p1* -ribbing for 28 rnds, or until work measures 11 cm / 4.25" in total.

Change to a 5 mm (US8) circular needle before continuing and place 7 removable markers for raglan seams as follows (starting from BOR-marker):

24 (24) 24 (26) 26 (26) 26 sts (=back), PM, 7 sts (=raglan seam), PM, 14 (14) 14 (16) 16 (16) 16 sts (=sleeve), PM, 7 sts (=raglan seam), PM, 24 (24) 24 (26) 26 (26) 26 sts (=front), PM, 7 sts (=raglan seam), 14 (14) 14 (16) 16 (16) 16 sts (=sleeve), PM, 7 sts (=raglan seam).

Start working the yoke according to the charts in your chosen size as follows:

Rnd 1:

Work rnd 1 of Chart A (=back), SM, work rnd 1 of Chart B (=raglan seam), SM, work rnd 1 of Chart C (=sleeve), SM, work rnd 1 of Chart B (=raglan seam), SM, work rnd 1 of Chart A (=front), SM, work rnd 1 of Chart B (=raglan seam), SM, work rnd 1 of Chart C (=sleeve), SM, work rnd 1 of Chart B (=raglan seam).

Continue in this manner, always working the following rnd of Chart A, B (follow the pattern repeat) and C until all 36 (48) 48 59 (59) 71 (71) rnds are finished.

You have 328 (360) 384 (436) 468 (524) 548 sts in total.

BODY

Next we're going to knit the body and put the sts for the sleeves on "hold".

On the next rnd, work Chart A as est(=back) to marker, RM, work Chart B as est to marker, RM, transfer 70 (78) 82 (96) 96 (112) 112 sleeve sts onto a holder (for example a stitch wire or just a long piece of yarn), CO 8 (8) 8 (10) 10 (12) 12 sts for underarm, RM, work Chart B as est to marker, RM, work Chart A as est(=front) to marker, RM, work Chart B as est to marker, RM, transfer 70 (78) 82 (96) 96 (112) 112 sleeve sts onto a holder (for example a stitch wire or just a long piece of yarn), CO 8 (8) 8 (10) 10 (12) 12 sts for underarm, RM, work Chart B as est to marker.

You have 204 (220) 236 (264) 296 (324) 348 sts for the body.

Continue working in est pattern for back and front according to Chart A and B, and work the new CO sts for underarm in double seed stitch as follows:

Rnd 1:

Work Chart A, work Chart B, work double seed stitch across 8 (8) 8 (10) 10 (12) 12 sts, work Chart B, work Chart A, work Chart B, work double seed stitch across 8 (8) 8 (10) 10 (12) 12 sts, work Chart B.

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Continue working like this until work measures 28 cm / 11" from underarm (or 7 cm / 2.75" less than desired total length).

Switch to a 3 mm (US2.5) circular needle and work 18 rnds of *k1tbl, p1* -ribbing (or until the rib hem measures 7 cm / 2.75") and BO using Italian BO technique (or a stretchy BO method).

SLEEVES

Transfer 70 (78) 82 (96) 96 (112) 112 sleeve sts that you had on hold onto a 5 mm (US8) 40-60 cm / 16-24" circular needle.

Starting from the middle of underarm, pick up and k 4 (4) 4 (5) 5 (6) 6 sts, work next 13 (17) 19 (27) 27 (34) 34 sts in double seed stitch, PM, work Chart C sleeve pattern repeat, PM, work next 13 (17) 19 (27) 27 (34) 34 sts in double seed stitch and then pick up and k 4 (4) 4 (5) 5 (6) 6 sts from underarm. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of rnd.

You have 78 (86) 90 (106) 106 (124) 124 sts in total for the sleeve.

Work in double seed stitch as est to marker, SM, work next rnd of Chart C sleeve pattern repeat, SM, work in double seed stitch as est to end of rnd until sleeve measures 5 cm / 2" from underarm, end so that the next rnd starts with a k stitch.

Rnd 1 (dec rnd): K1, p3tog, work as est to last 4 sts, sssp, k1. [4 sts decreased]

Note! Always work decreases on rnds that start with a k stitch!

You have 74 (82) 86 (102) 102 (120) 120 sts in total for sleeve.

Work dec rnd 5 (7) 7 (11) 11 (15) 15 more times approx. 5 (4) 4 (2.5) 2.5 (2) 2 cm / 2 (1.5) 1.5 (1) 1 (0.75) 0.75" apart.

When you've completed all decreases, you have 54 (54) 58 (58) 58 (60) 60 sleeve sts left.

Continue working in double seed stitch to marker, SM, work next rnd of Chart C sleeve pattern repeat, SM, work in double seed stitch to end of rnd until sleeve measures 38 (40) 40 (40) 42 (42) 42 cm / 15 (15.75) 15.75 (15.75) 16.5 (16.5) 16.5" in total from underarm.

Switch to a 3 mm (US2.5) circular needles (magic loop technique) or DPNs.

Sizes XS, S:

K1tbl, p1, k1tbl, p1, *k1tbl, p1, k1tbl, p2tog* repeat *-* until end of rnd.

Sizes M, L, XL:

K1tbl, p1, k1tbl, p1, k1tbl, p1, k1tbl, p1, *k1tbl, p1, k1tbl, p2tog* , repeat *-* until end of rnd.

Sizes 2XL, 3XL:

K1tbl, p1, k1tbl, p2tog repeat *-* until end of rnd.

You have 44 (44) 48 (48) 48 (48) 48 sleeve sts.

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Work 18 rnds in *k1tbl, p1* -ribbing (or until rib cuff is 7 cm / 2.75") and BO using the Italian BO method (or a stretchy bind off method).

Work the other sleeve the same.

FINISHING

Fold the collar double and attach it by hand sewing loosely on the inside to prevent the neckline from becoming too tight. Weave in all loose ends.

You can choose to either steam block or wet block the sweater to help the stitches relax and the cable pattern to bloom out fully. Soak it in cold or lukewarm water and gently shape it to the desired fit while the garment is wet. Dry flat and it will adapt to its new shape.

If you're unsure which method to choose, try it out with a sample swatch first to see how the fabric will react.



Hope you enjoyed this pattern!

You can use the hashtag **#arcticlightsweater** and **#knitwithkika** when you post on Instagram so we can admire your work :)

If you have any questions, you can contact me at kika@kutovakika.com

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ABBREVIATIONS

BO = bind off

BOR = beginning of round

CO = cast on

DPN = double pointed needle

est = established

K = knit

K2tog = knit 2 stitches together through front loops. *(1 stitch decreased)*

LC = left cross cable

M1L = make 1 left (left-leaning increase), knit the strand between two sts by inserting the left needle from front to back and knit the stitch twisted (through the back loop). *(1 st increased)*

M1R = make 1 right (right-leaning increase), knit the strand between two stitches by inserting the left needle from back to front and knit the stitch (through the front loop). *(1 st increased)*

P = purl

PM = place marker

P2tog = purl 2 stitches together *(1 stitch decreased)*

P3tog = purl 3 stitches together *(2 sts decreased)*

RC = right cross cable

RM = remove marker

Rnd(s) = round(s)

SM = slip marker

Sssp = slip, slip, slip, purl. Slip the first stitch as if to purl, slip the second stitch as if to knit, slip the third stitch as if to knit. Slide all three stitches from the right needle back to the left hand needle. Purl all 3 stitches through the back loops together as if they were one stitch. *(2 stitches decreased)*

St(s) = stitch(es)

Tbl(s) = through back loop(s)

Yo = yarn over

- = repeat the steps between the *

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SYMBOLS

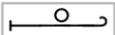
-  k = knit
-  p = purl
-  grey no stitch
-  ktbl = knit stitch through back loop (also known as twisted)
-  M1R = make 1 right (right-leaning increase), knit the strand between two stitches by inserting the left needle from back to front and knit the stitch through the front loop
-  M1L = make 1 left (left-leaning increase), knit the strand between two sts by inserting the left needle from front to back and knit the stitch twisted through the back loop
-  make bobble, knit front, back, front into the same stitch so that you have made 3 new stitches in one, turn work and purl across 3 sts, turn, k1, k2tog, slip 1st stitch over 2nd
-  1/1 RPT, transfer the next purl stitch onto a DPN and keep behind work, k1tbl, purl 1 from DPN
-  1/1 LPT, transfer the next knit stitch onto a DPN and keep in front of work, purl 1, k1tbl from DPN
-  1/1/1 LPT, transfer 2 sts onto a DPN and keep in front of work, k1tbl, transfer the last stitch from DPN (stitch number 2) onto the left needle and purl that stitch, k1tbl from DPN
-  3 stitch pass over, insert right needle into 3rd stitch on left needle and pass it over 1st and 2nd st on left needle and let go of the stitch, k1, yarn over, k1
-  2/3 RC, transfer 3 sts onto a DPN and keep behind work, k2, k3 from DPN
-  2/3 LC, transfer 2 sts onto a DPN and keep in front of work, k3, k2 from DPN
-  4/4 RC, transfer 4 sts onto a DPN and keep behind work, k4, k4 from DPN
-  4/4 LC, transfer 4 sts onto a DPN and keep in front of work, k4, k4 from DPN
-  4/3 LC, transfer 4 sts onto a DPN and keep in front of work, k1tbl, p1, k1tbl, transfer the last stitch from DPN (stitch number 4) onto the left needle and p that stitch, then from the DPN: k1tbl, p1, k1tbl
-  4/3 RC, transfer 4 sts onto a DPN and keep behind work, k1tbl, p1, k1tbl, transfer the last stitch from DPN (stitch number 4) onto the left needle and p that stitch, then from DPN: k1tbl, p1, k1tbl

Chart A size XS

Key

- purl
- knit
- k tbl
- bobble
- 1/1 RPT
- 1/1/1 LPT
- m1 right leaning
- 2/3 RC
- m1 left leaning
- 1/1/1 LPT
- grey no stitch
- Body pattern repeat
- 2/3 LC
- 4/4 LC
- 4/4 RC

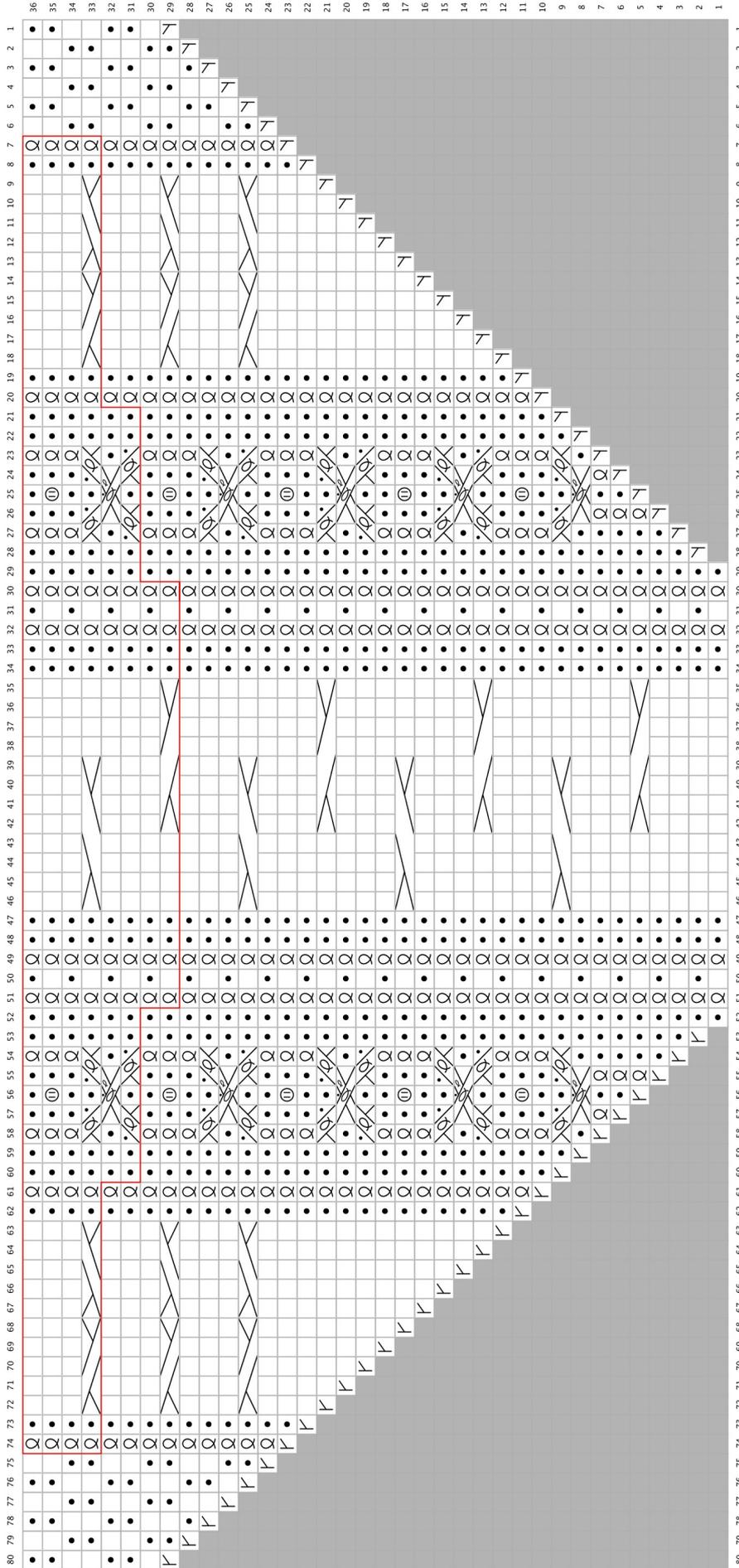


CHART B all sizes (raglan seams)

- knit
- purl
- k tbl
- 3 stitch pass over and yarn over

Chart A size S-M

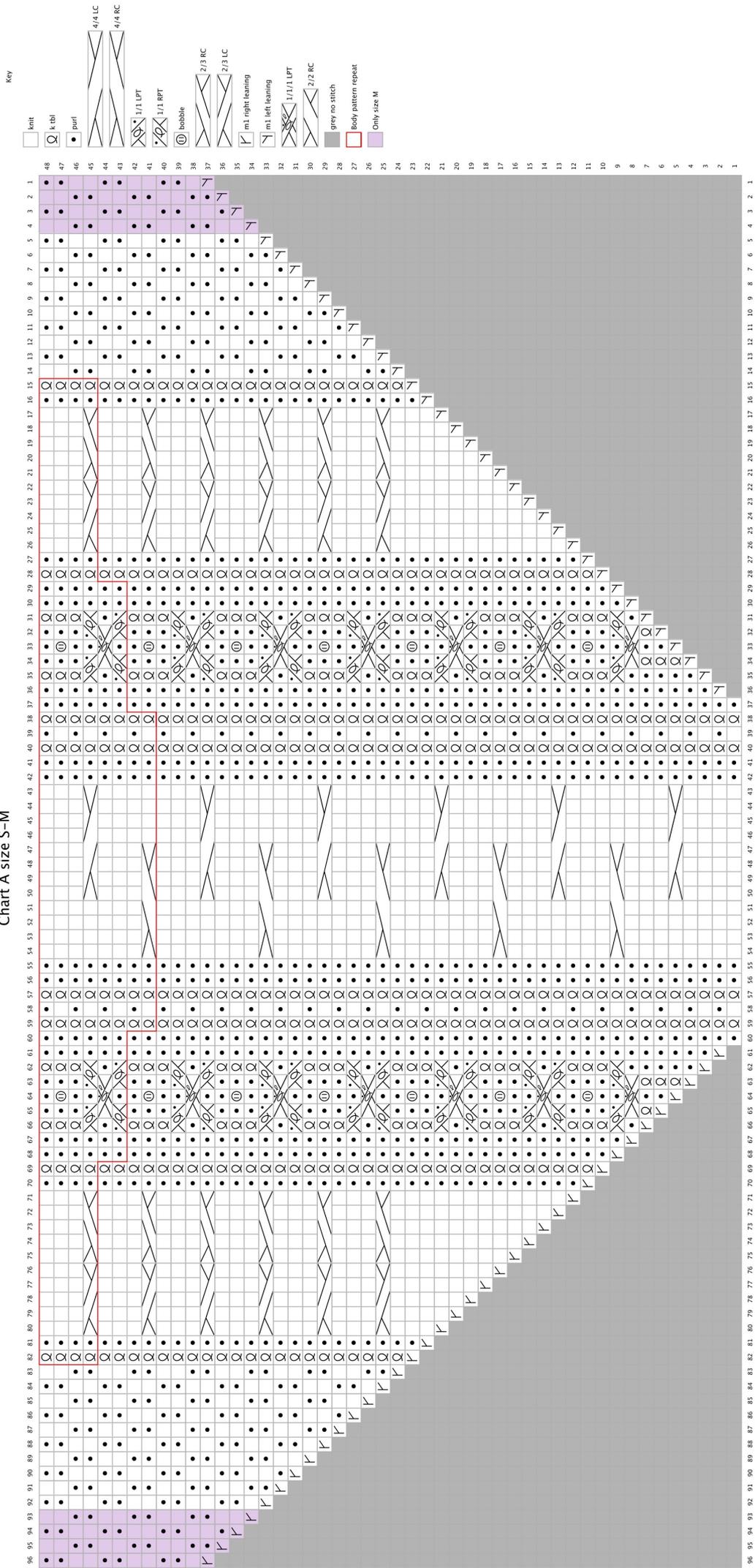


CHART B all sizes (raglan seams)

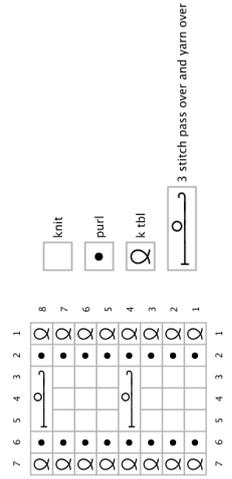


CHART A size L-XL

key

knit
 k tbl
 purl
 m1 right leaning
 m1 left leaning
 Body pattern repeat
 Only size XL

4/4 LC
 4/4 RC
 1/1 LPT
 1/1 RPT
 2/2 RC
 2/2 LC
 bobble

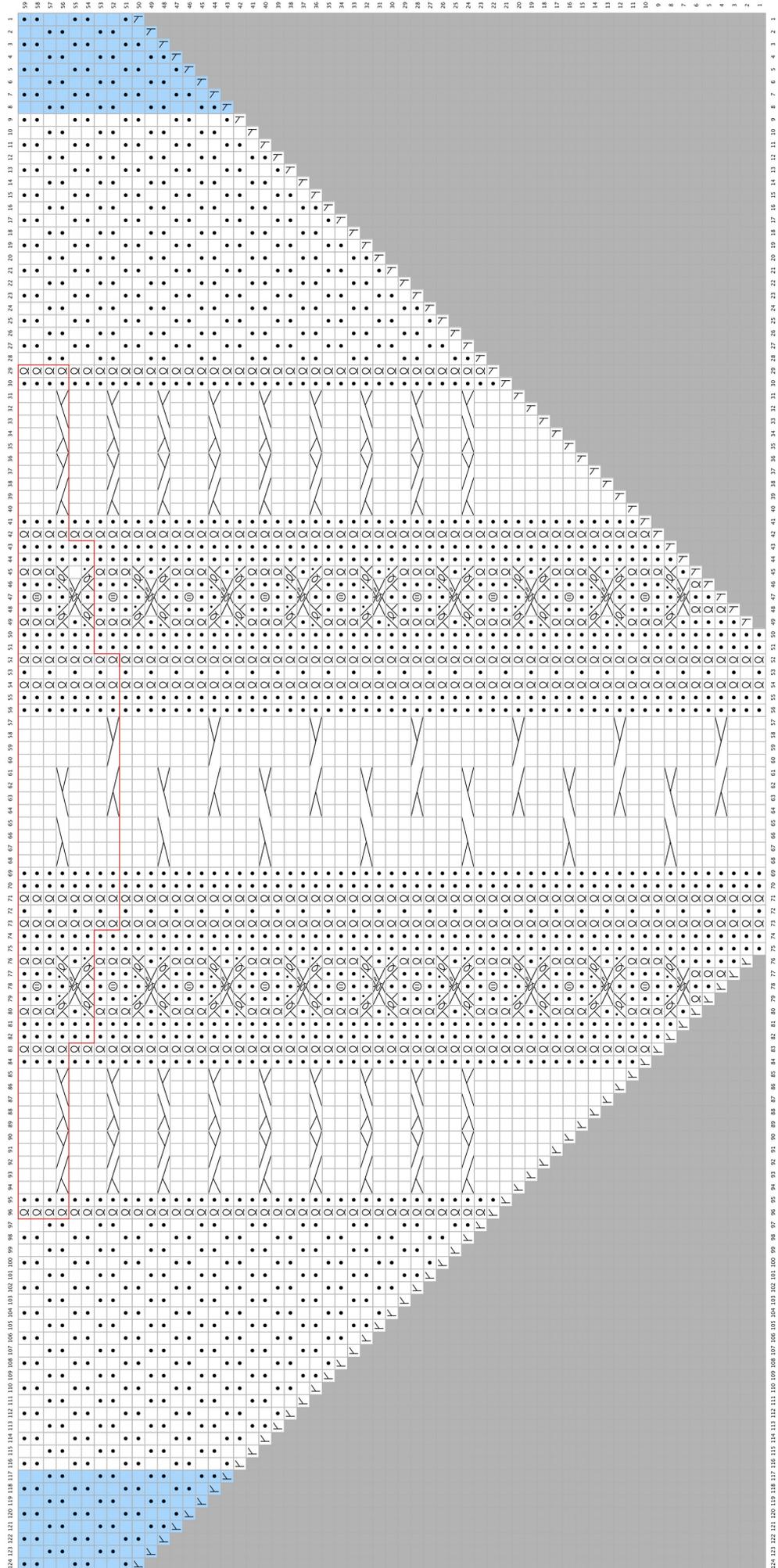


CHART B all sizes (raglan seams)

knit
 purl
 k tbl
 3 stitch pass over and yarn over

8
 7
 6
 5
 4
 3
 2
 1

Chart C size XS

Key

knit
 grey no stitch
 purl
 m1 right leaning
 m1 left leaning
 k tbl
 2/3 LC
 2/3 RC
 4/3 LC
 4/3 RC
 Sleeve pattern repeat

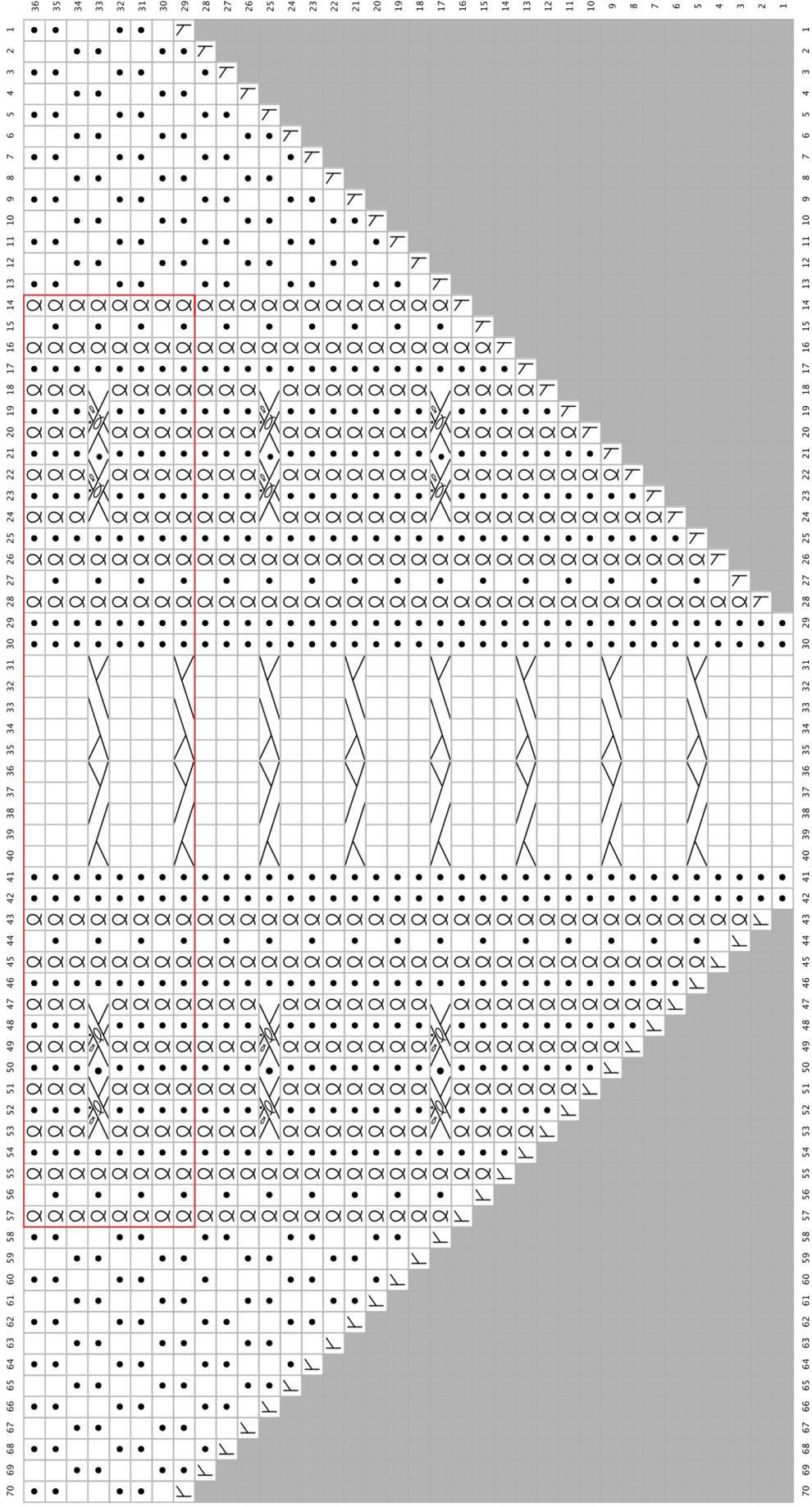


Chart C size S-M

Key

- knit
- grey no stitch
- purl
- m1 right leaning
- m1 left leaning
- k tbi
- 2/3 LC
- 2/3 RC
- 4/3 LC
- 4/3 RC
- Sleeve pattern repeat

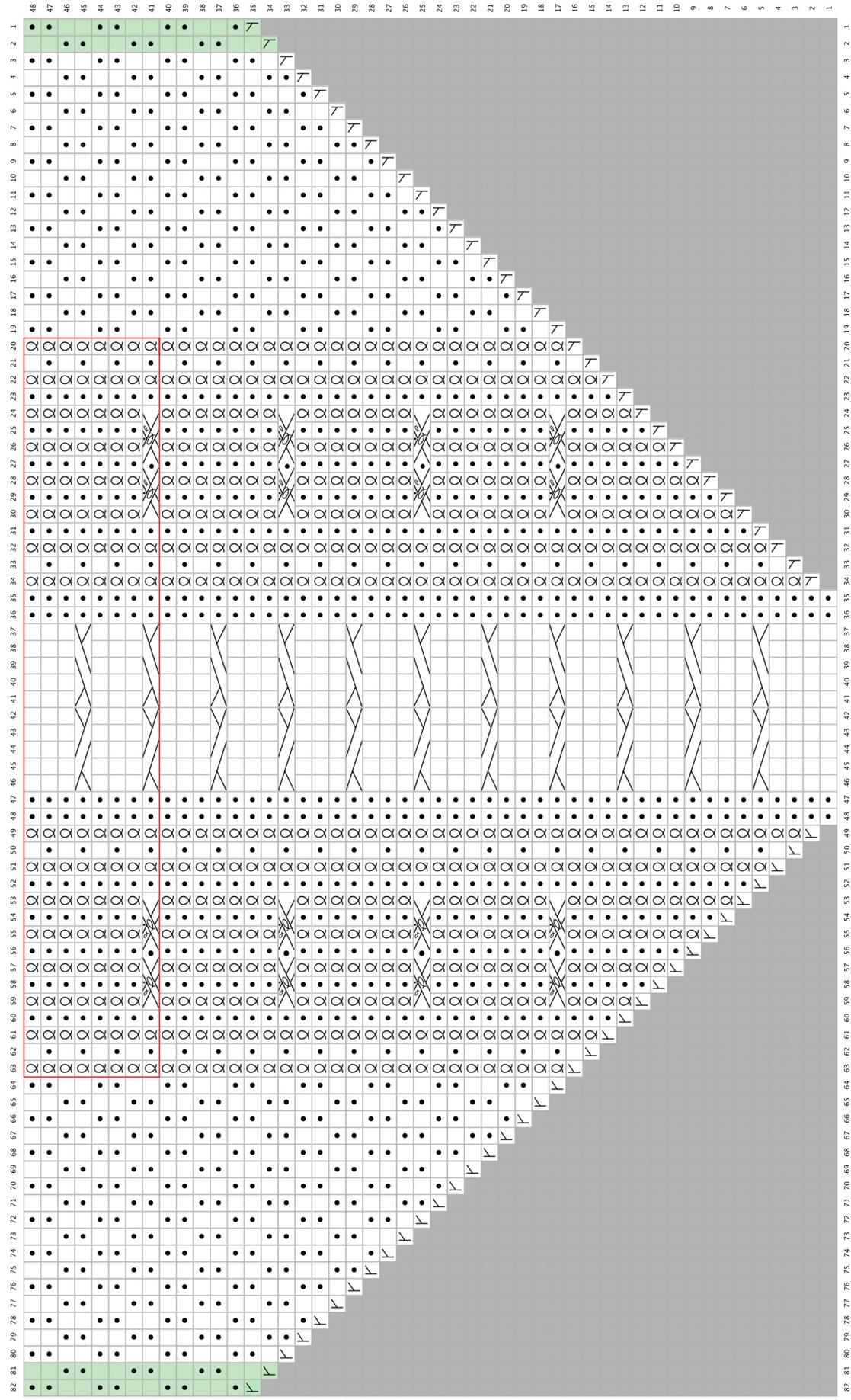


CHART C size L-XL

Key

Knit
 grey no stitch
 purl
 m 1 right leaning
 m 1 left leaning
 k tbi
 2/3 LC
 2/3 RC
 4/3 LC
 4/3 RC
 Sleeve pattern repeat

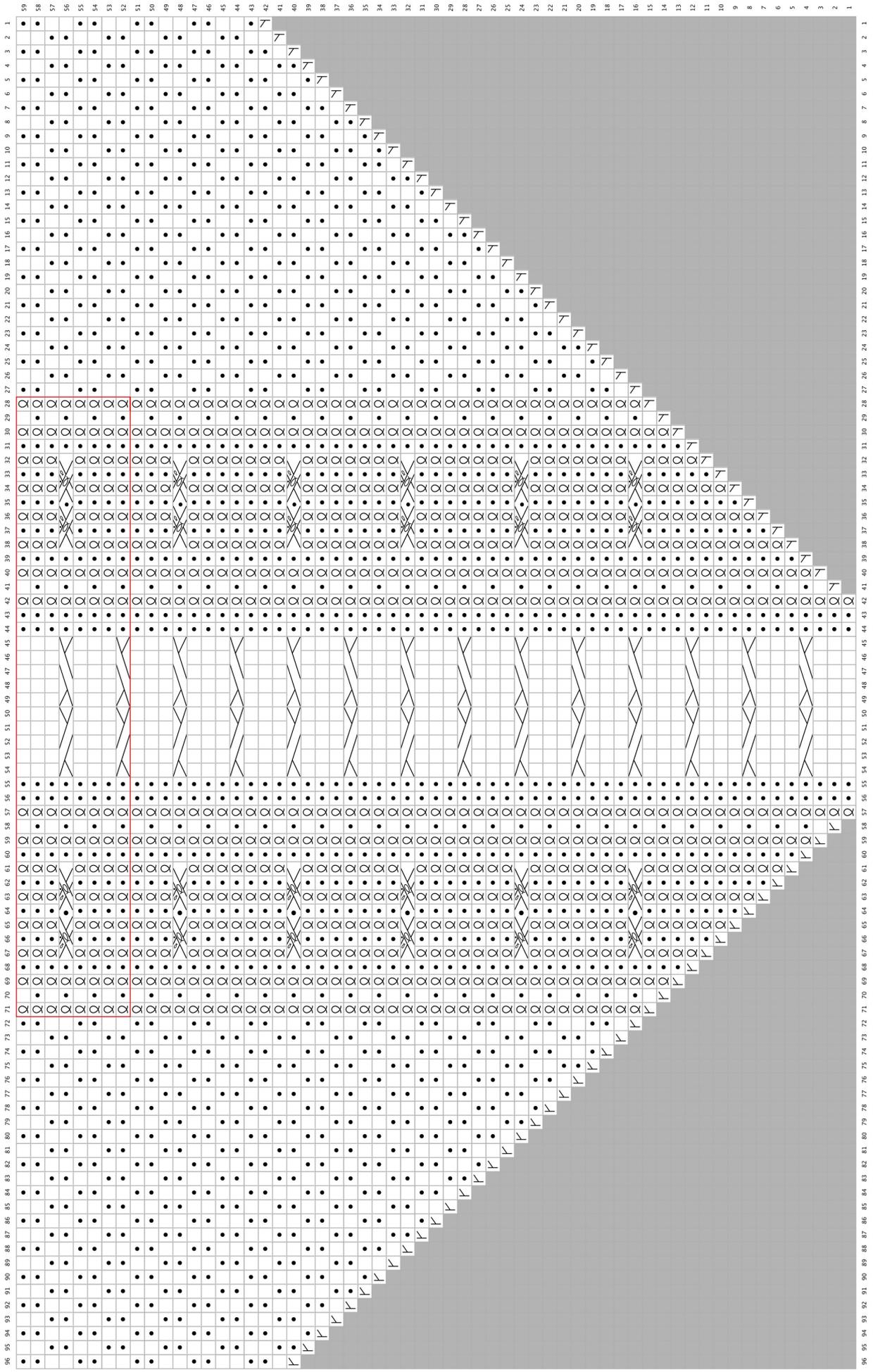


CHART C size 2XL-3XL

Key

- knit
- grey no stitch
- purl
- m1 right leaning
- m1 left leaning
- k, tbl
-  2/3 LC
-  2/3 RC
-  4/3 LC
-  4/3 RC
-  Sleeve pattern repeat

