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Bubblegum Sweater



#BUBBLEGUMSWEATER

The Bubblegum Sweater was inspired by those gumball machines that were always outside the supermarkets as a kid which I absolutely loved! I still remember the excitement of holding out my hands ready to catch the bubblegums as they came rolling down to hatch... and I almost always missed one or two - oh the stress!

The Bubblegum Sweater is worked from top down on 8 mm (US11) needles holding 1 strand of merino wool and 2 strands of mohair silk together which makes it incredibly soft and really quick to knit. The fit is loose and relaxed with voluminous balloon shaped sleeves that give this sweater a really contemporary look together with the playful all over bobble pattern.

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SIZES:

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

FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS:

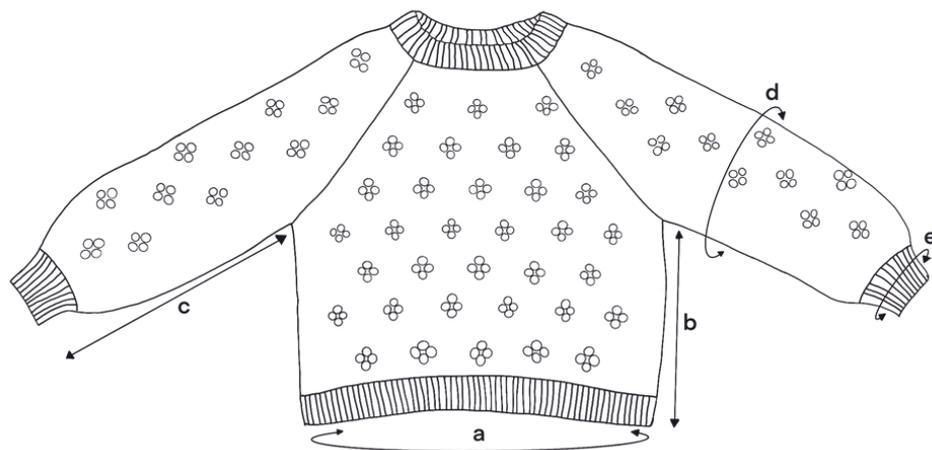
a. Finished bust circumference: 111 (118) 129 (136.5) 140 (147.5) cm / 44.25 (47.25) 51.75 (54.5) 56 (59)".

b. Length from underarm to hem: 32 (33.5) 33.5 (34.5) 36.5 (38) cm / 13 (13.25) 13.75 (14.74) 15".

c. Sleeve length from underarm: 33.5 (34.5) 34.5 (35.5) 38 (39) cm / 13.25 (13.75) 13.75 (14.25) 15 (15.5)".

d. Upper sleeve circumference: 50 (52) 57.5 (61) 61 (64.5) cm / 20 (20.75) 23 (24.25) 24.25 (25.75)".

e. Cuff circumference: 20 (20) 22 (25.5) 25.5 (27.5) cm / 8 (8) 8.75 (10.25) 10.25 (11)".



Choose the size that is 10-30 cm / 4-11.75" bigger than your bust circumference. The fit of this sweater is quite oversized with a lot of positive ease, so for a tighter fit I recommend going down one size.

Sample in size M (Kikas bust circumference is approx 87 cm / 34.25").

GAUGE:

11 sts x 18 rnds = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4" on 8 mm (US11) needles in St st, after blocking.

NEEDLES:

6 mm (US10) circular needles 40-60 cm / 16-24" for neck opening and 80-100 cm / 32-40" for body hem rib, and DPNs for sleeve rib (or use magic loop technique instead).

8 mm (US11) circular needles 80-100 cm / 32-40" for body and 40-60 cm / 16-24" or DPNs for the sleeves (or use magic loop technique).

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NOTIONS:

4-6mm (US6-10) crochet hook depending on personal tension when working crochet bobble (try to see which one gets the result you're looking for), stitch markers, stitch holders, tapestry needle.

SUGGESTED YARN:

350 (400) 400 (450) 500 (550) g of Sandnes Garn Double Sunday (100% merino wool - 108 m / 118 yds / 50 g) in color 3521.

75 (75) 100 (100) 125 (125) g Gepard Kid Seta (70% super kid mohair, 30% silk - 210 m / 230 yds / 25 g) in color 413.

75 (75) 100 (100) 125 (125) g Isager Silk Mohair (75% super kid mohair, 25% silk - 212 m / 232 yds / 25 g) in color 0.

The sweater is worked holding one strand of merino and one strand of each silk mohairs together (3 strands altogether).

NECK OPENING AND YOKE

CO 48 (52) 60 (68) 72 (72) sts loosely with the wrap on technique (or your preferred cast on method, the collar will be folded double and attached on the inside by hand sewing at the end) on a 6 mm (US10) 40-60 cm / 16-24" circular needle and join to work in the round.

Place a marker to indicate the beginning of rnd.

Work 20 rnds of *k1tbl, p1*-ribbing.

Change to a 8 mm (US11) circular needle before continuing and place 7 more markers for raglan seams:

K1, PM, k7 (7) 9 (11) 11 (11) (=sleeve), PM, k1, PM, k15 (17) 19 (21) 23 (23) (=back), PM, k1, PM, k7 (7) 9 (11) 11 (11) (=sleeve), PM, k1, PM, k15 (17) 19 (21) 23 (23) (=front).

Start working according to the yoke Charts A (front & back) and B (sleeves) in your chosen size.

Rnd 1:

K1, SM, work rnd 1 of Chart B, SM, k1, SM, work rnd 1 of Chart A, SM, k1, SM, work rnd 1 of Chart B, SM, k1, SM, work rnd 1 of Chart A, SM.

8 sts increased, 56 (60) 68 (76) 80 (80) sts in total.

Continue in this manner, always working the following rnd of charts until all rnds of Charts A and B are finished.

You have 204 (216) 240 (256) 260 (276) sts in total.

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BODY

Next, transfer sts for sleeves on hold while working the body of the sweater following Chart C for your size.

Continue like this:

Rnd 1:

K1, RM, transfer 45 (47) 53 (57) 57 (61) sleeve sts onto a holder (for example a stitch wire or just a long piece of yarn), RM, CO 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) sts for underarm, PM (this is new BOR-marker), CO 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) more sts, k1, SM, work rnd 1 of Chart C to m, SM, k1, RM, transfer 45 (47) 53 (57) 57 (61) sleeve sts onto a holder, CO 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) sts for underarm, PM, CO 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) more sts, RM, k1, SM, work rnd 1 of Chart C to m, SM, k to end of rnd, SM.

You have 122 (130) 142 (150) 154 (162) sts for body.

Next rnd: K to m, SM, work next rnd of Chart C to m, SM, k to m, SM, k to m, SM, work next rnd of Chart C to m, SM, k to end, SM.

Continue repeating this rnd, until you have finished all the rnds.
Then work rnds 12-35 (10-33) 6-29 (4-27) 4-27 (2-25) one more time.

Change to a 6 mm (US10) circular 80-100 cm / 32-40" needle and continue 10 rnds of *k1tbl, p1*- ribbing and BO using a stretchy bind off method.

SLEEVES

Sleeves are worked following Chart D for your size.

Transfer 45 (47) 53 (57) 57 (61) sleeve sts that you had on hold onto a 8 mm (US11) 40-60 cm / 16-24" circular needle.

Rnd 1:

Starting from the middle of underarm, pick up and k 3 sts from underarm and pick up and k 2 more sts from the gap before sleeve sts. Work rnd 1 of Chart D to end of sleeve sts (see How to read chart section), pick up and k 2 sts from gap and 3 sts from underarm. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of rnd.

You have 55 (57) 63 (67) 67 (71) sts in total for the sleeve.

Rnd 2:

K3, k2tog, work next rnd of Chart D to last 5 sts, ssk, k3.

2 sts decreased, 53 (55) 61 (65) 65 (69) sts in total.

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Rnd 3:

K2, k2tog, work next rnd of Chart D to last 4 sts, ssk, k2.

2 sts decreased, 51 (53) 59 (63) 63 (67) sts in total.

When sleeve measures 5 cm / 2" from underarm work decrease rnd as follows:

K1, k2tog, work next rnd of Chart D to last 3 sts, ssk, k1.

2 sts decreased, 49 (51) 57 (61) 61 (65) sts in total.

Continue working according to Chart D until you finish all the rnds at the same time working decrease rnd 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) more times approx. 5 cm / 2" apart.

You have 45 (47) 53 (57) 57 (61) sts in total.

Then work rnds 12-35 (10-33) 6-29 (4-27) 4-27 (2-25) of Chart D one more time.

Before working sleeve rib cuff, work one more decrease rnd as follows:

Sizes XS, L, XL and 2XL:

K1, k2tog, k to end of rnd.

Size S:

K1,*k2tog, k13* twice, k2tog, k to end of rnd.

Size M:

K1,*k2tog, k8* 4 times, k2tog, k to end of rnd.

1 (3) 5 (1) 1 (1) st(s) decreased, you have 44 (44) 48 (56) 56 (60) sts in total.

Switch to a 6 mm (US10) circular needle (magic loop technique) or use DPNs.

On the next rnd *k2tog, p2tog* to end of rnd.

You have 22 (22) 24 (28) 28 (30) sts in total.

Continue *ktbl1, p1*-ribbing for 10 more rnds and BO with stretchy bind off method.

Work the other sleeve like the first one.

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FINISHING

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

Before blocking the sweater, you can give the crochet bobbles a neater finish by using the little wrap around trick shown in the pictures. The stitches around the bobbles often get stretched out, but by pulling out and wrapping the stitch that is close by around the bobble you can fix this issue and prevent holes appearing.

Block the sweater by soaking it in cold water and gently shape it to the desired measurements while the garment is wet. Dry flat and enjoy!



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HOW TO READ THE CHARTS

At the end of this pattern you'll find all the charts for the different sizes.

The charts are read from right to left, from bottom up. This sweater is knit in the round, so every rnd is on the right side of the work.

How to read Charts C (body) and D (sleeves)

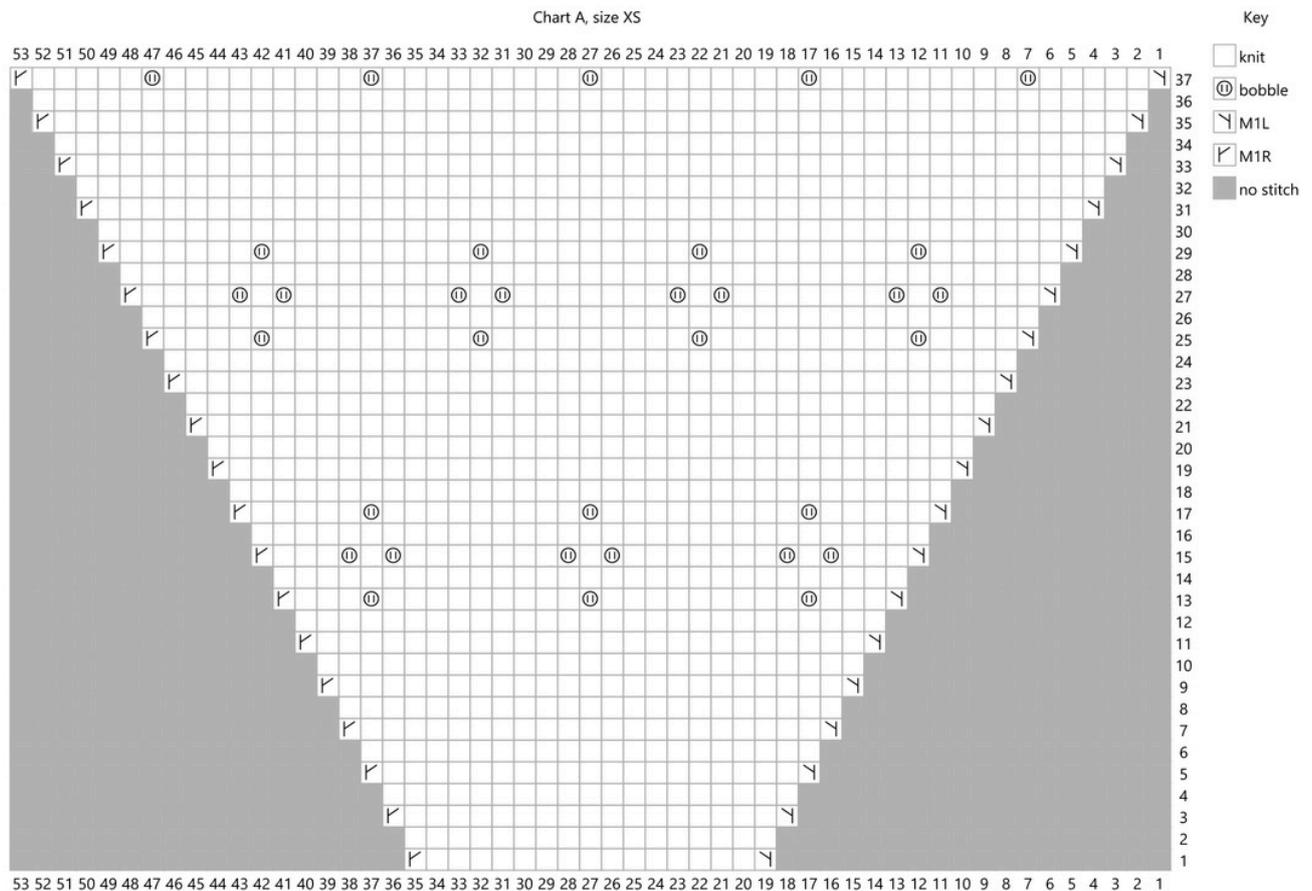
Charts C and D both have a pattern repeat that is marked in the chart. To follow the chart, begin at the bottom right corner and knit all the stitches of the first round, then go back to the point where the pattern repeat starts and knit according to the pattern repeat until the end of the round.

So, for example for Chart D size XS, work the first round of the chart like this:

Work stitch numbers 1-25, then repeat stitch numbers 7-16 until the end of the round.

CHARTS

Chart A Body Front and Back



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Chart A, size S

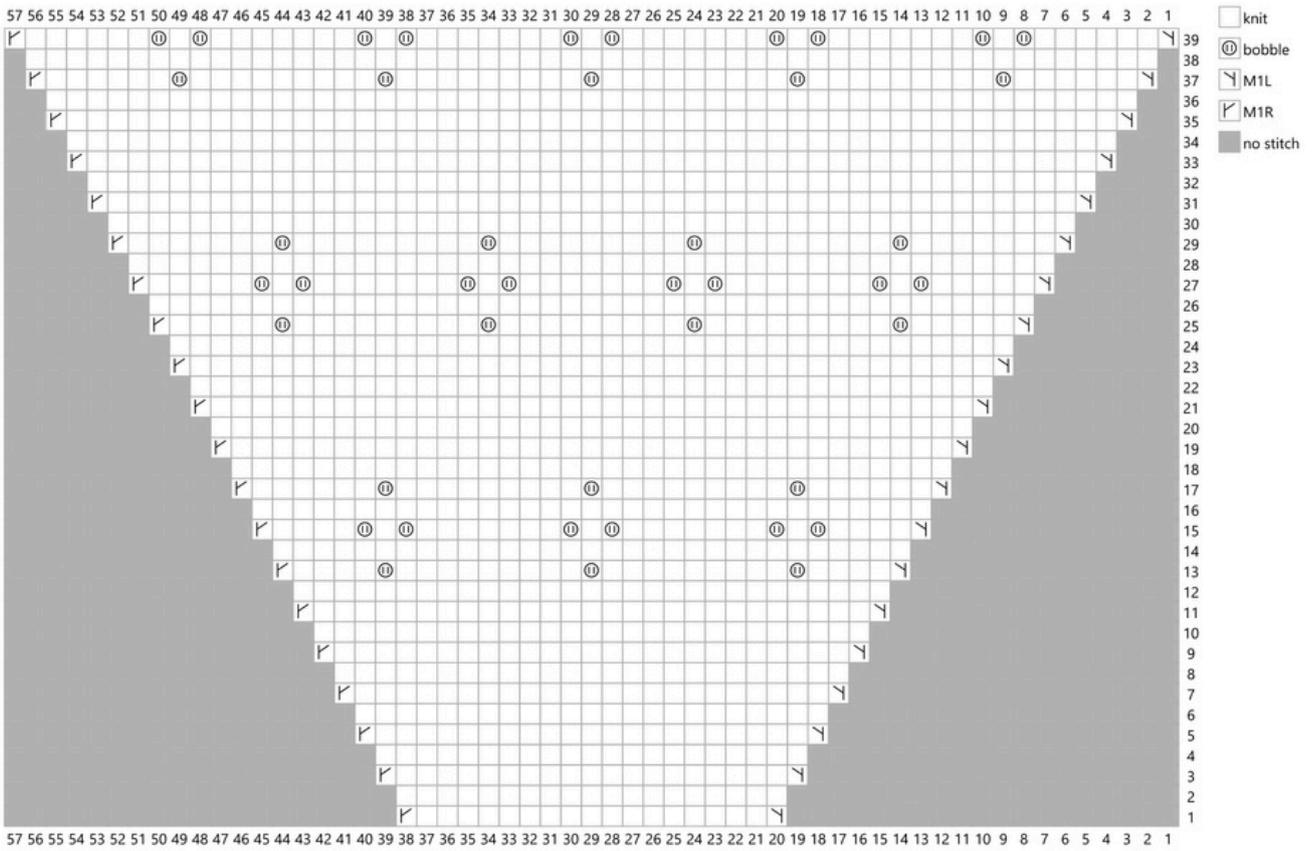
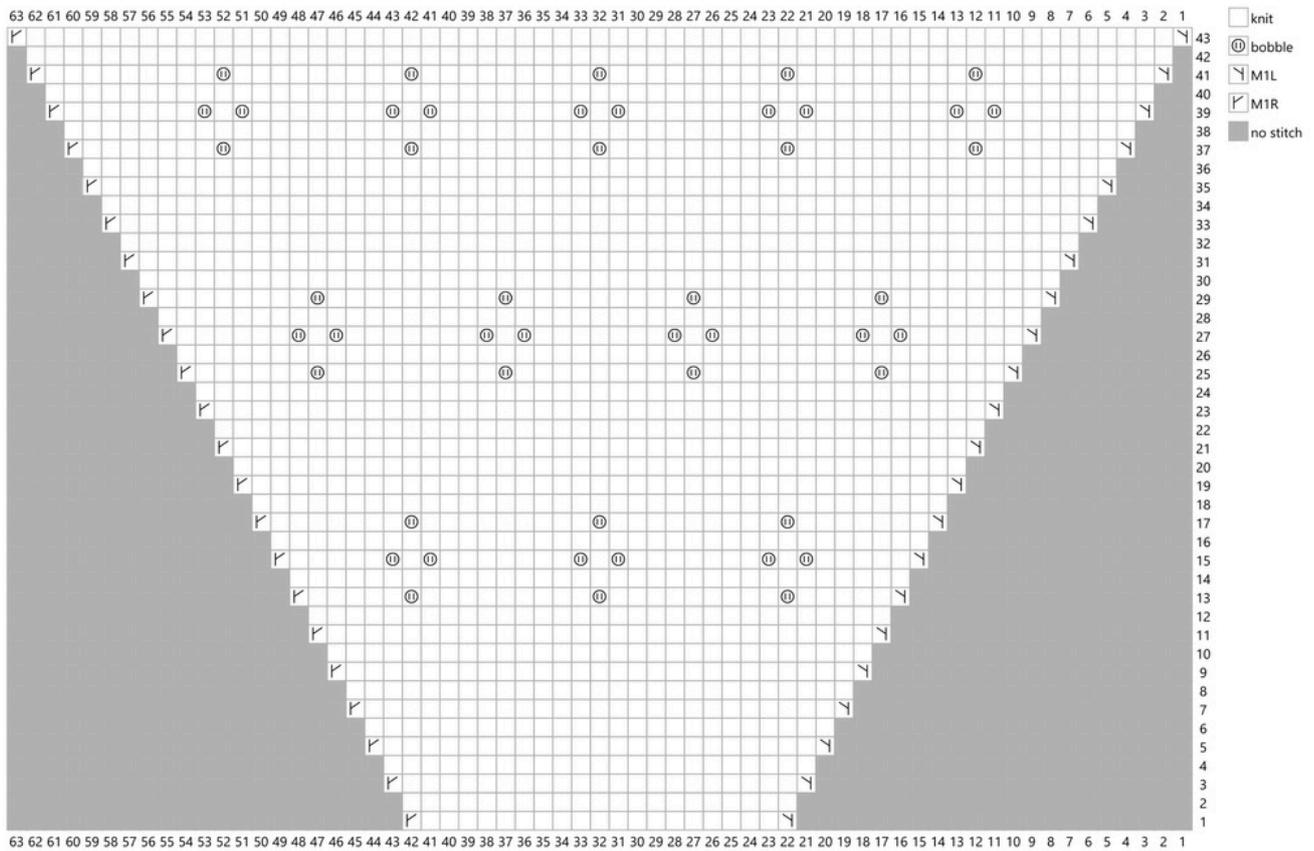
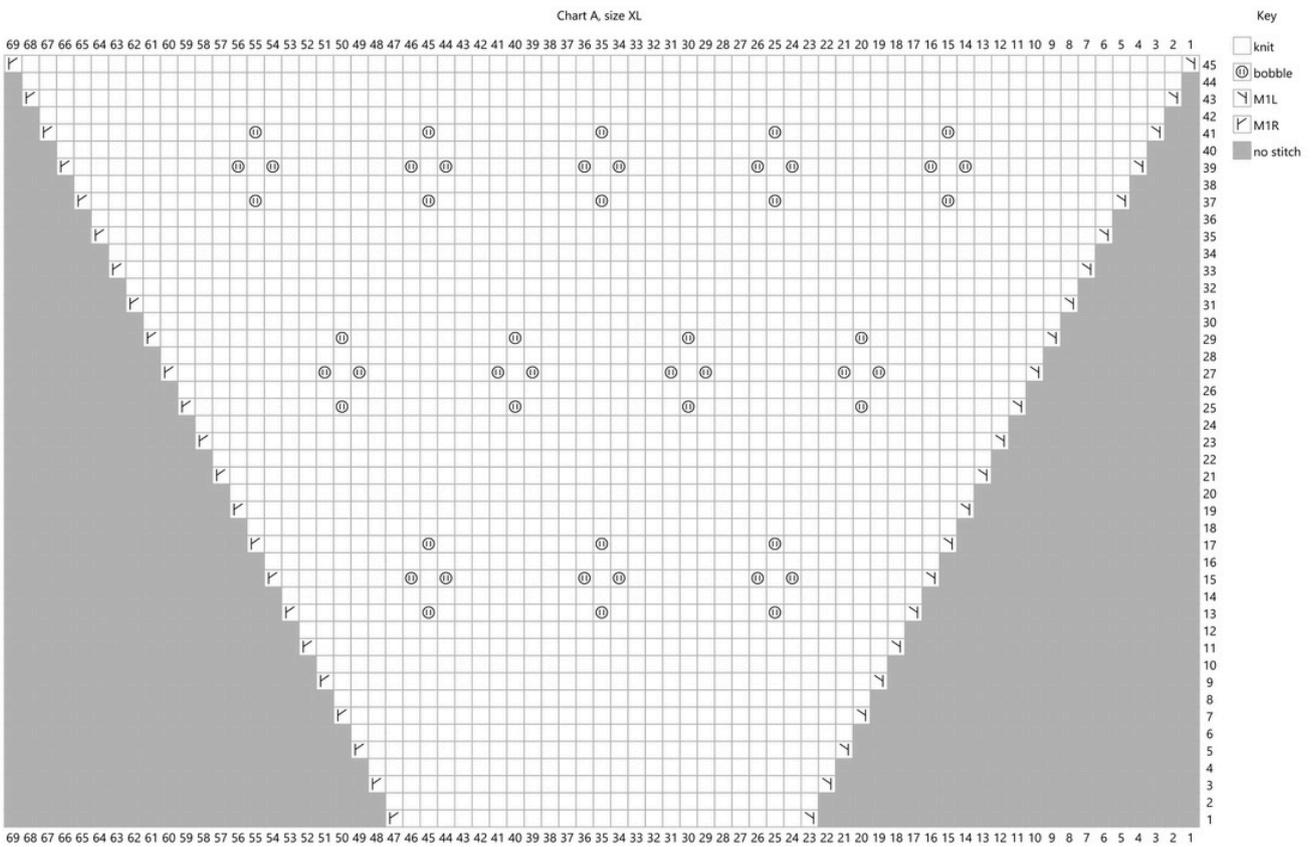
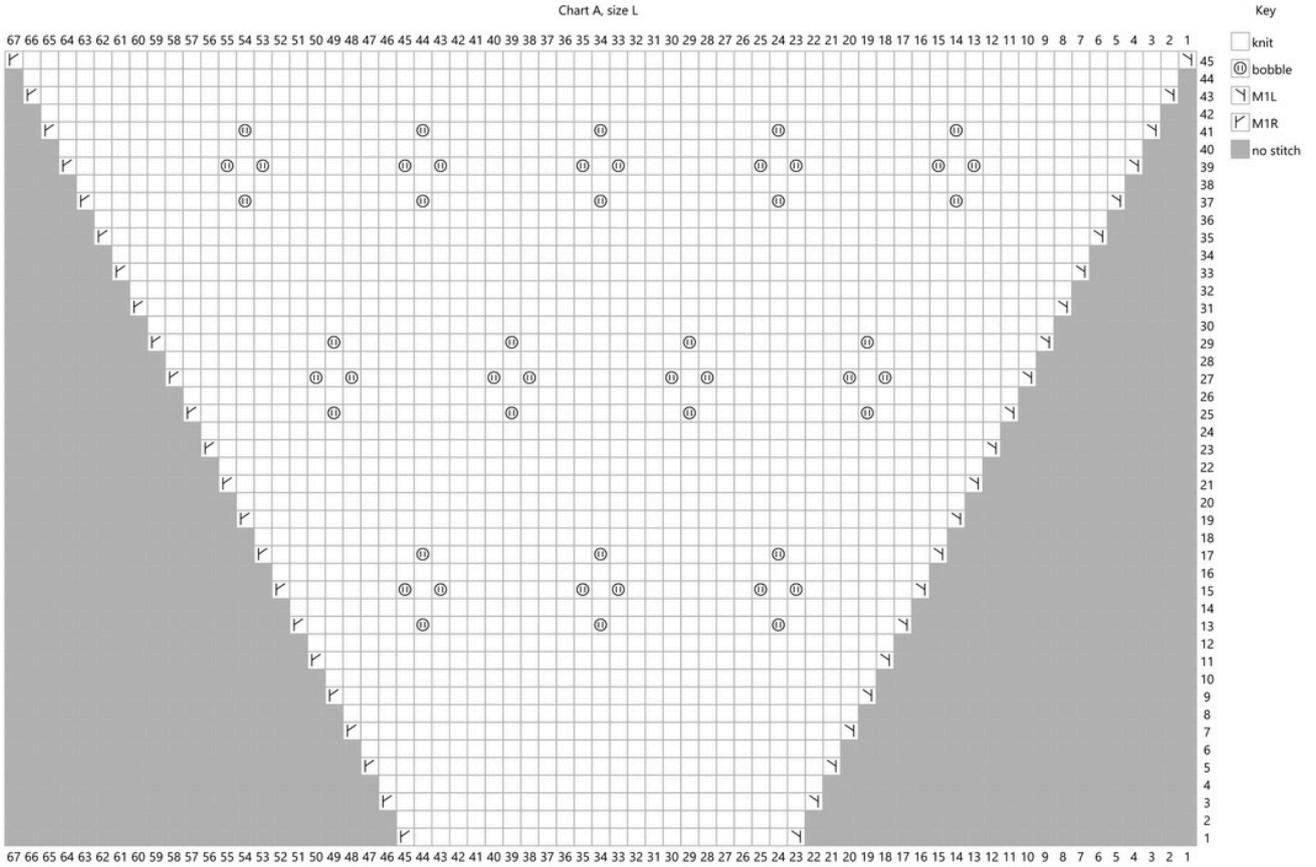


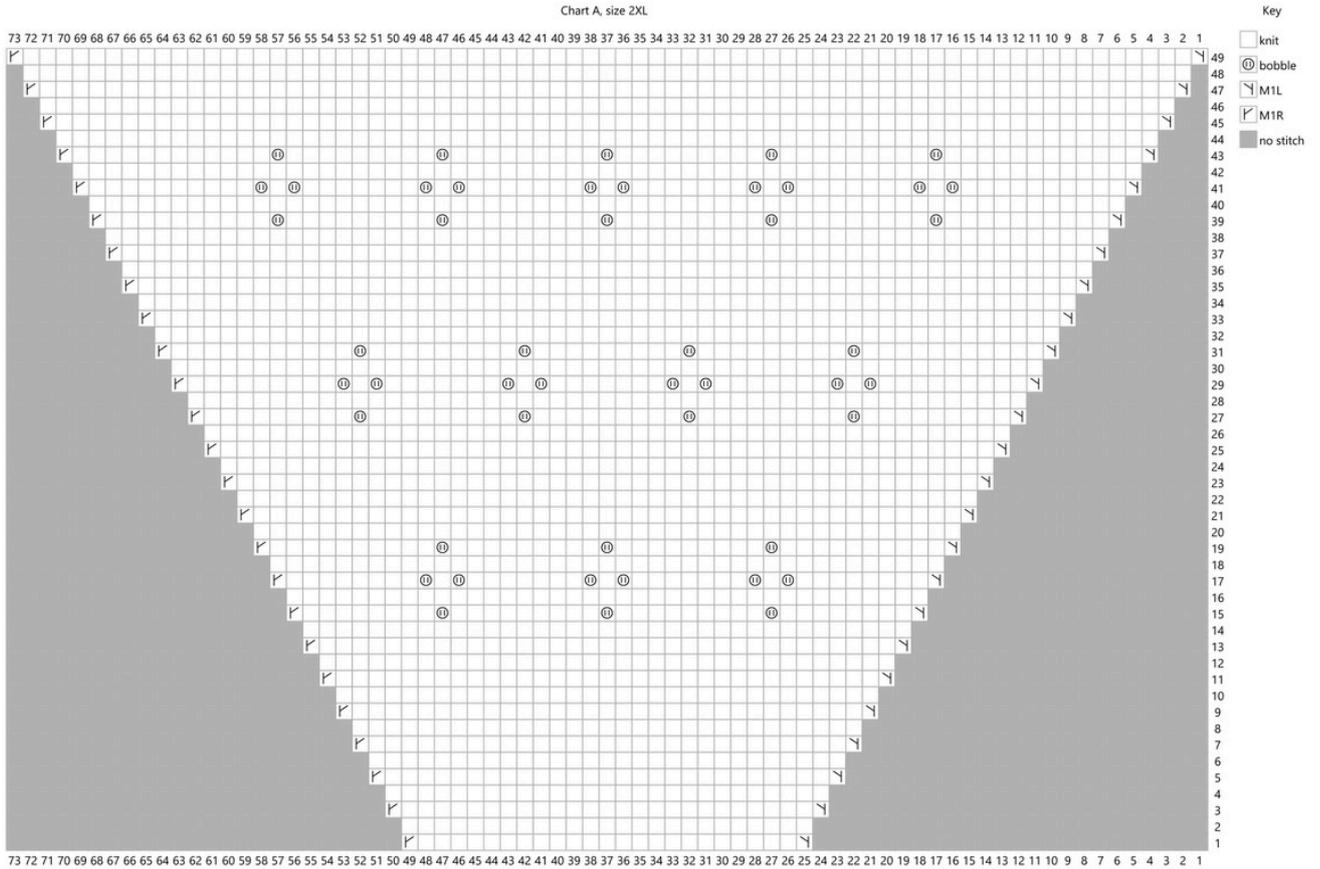
Chart A, size M



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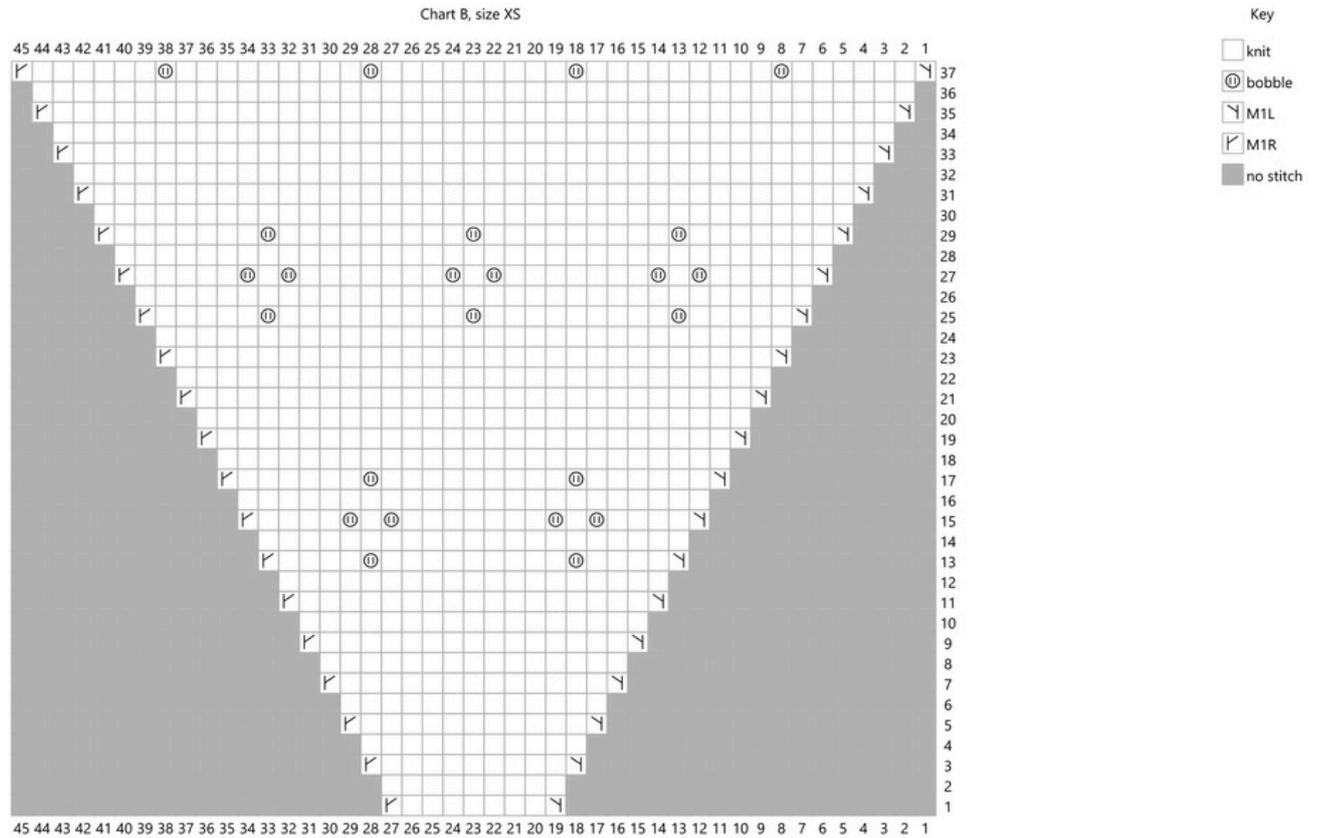


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Chart B Sleeve



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Chart B, size S

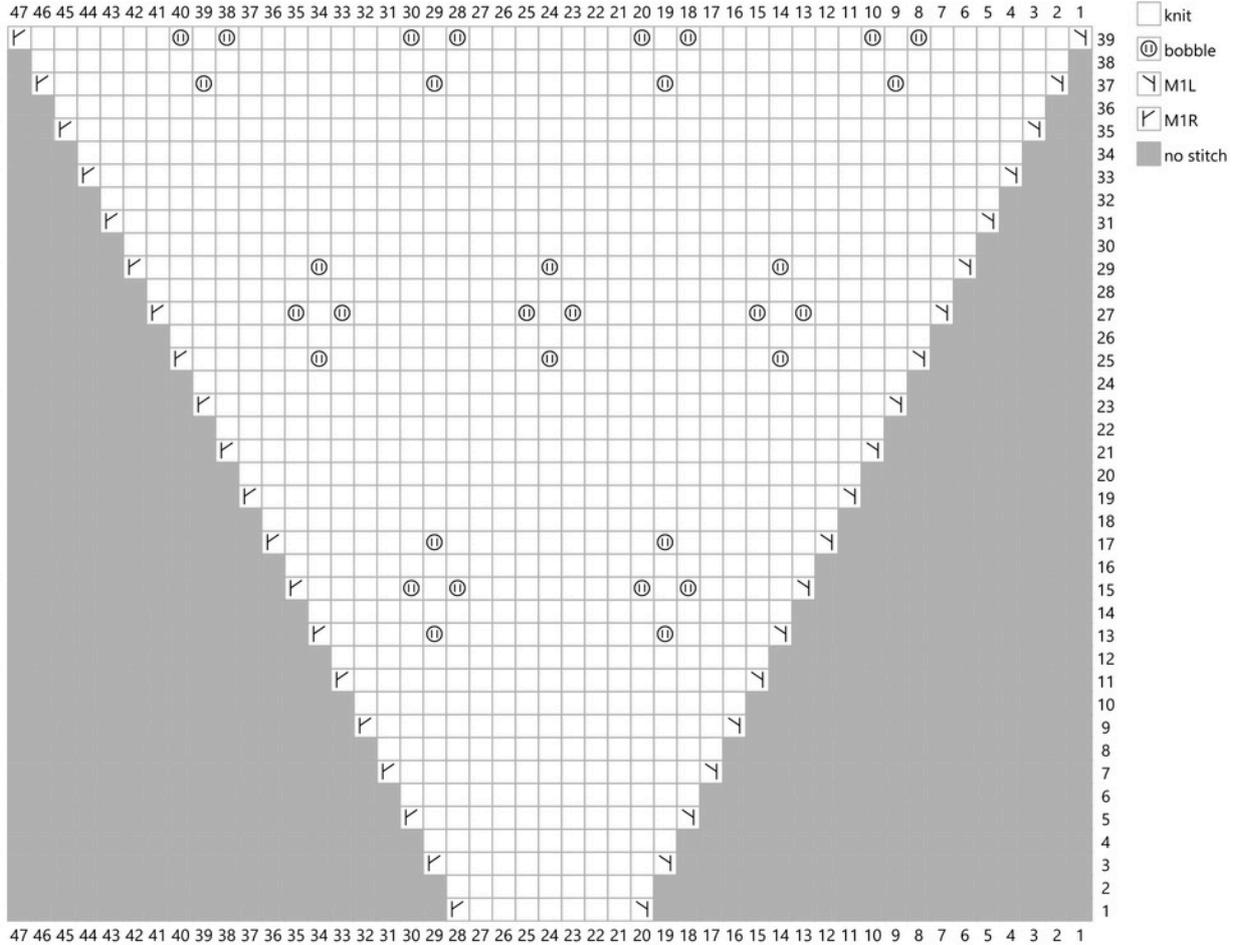
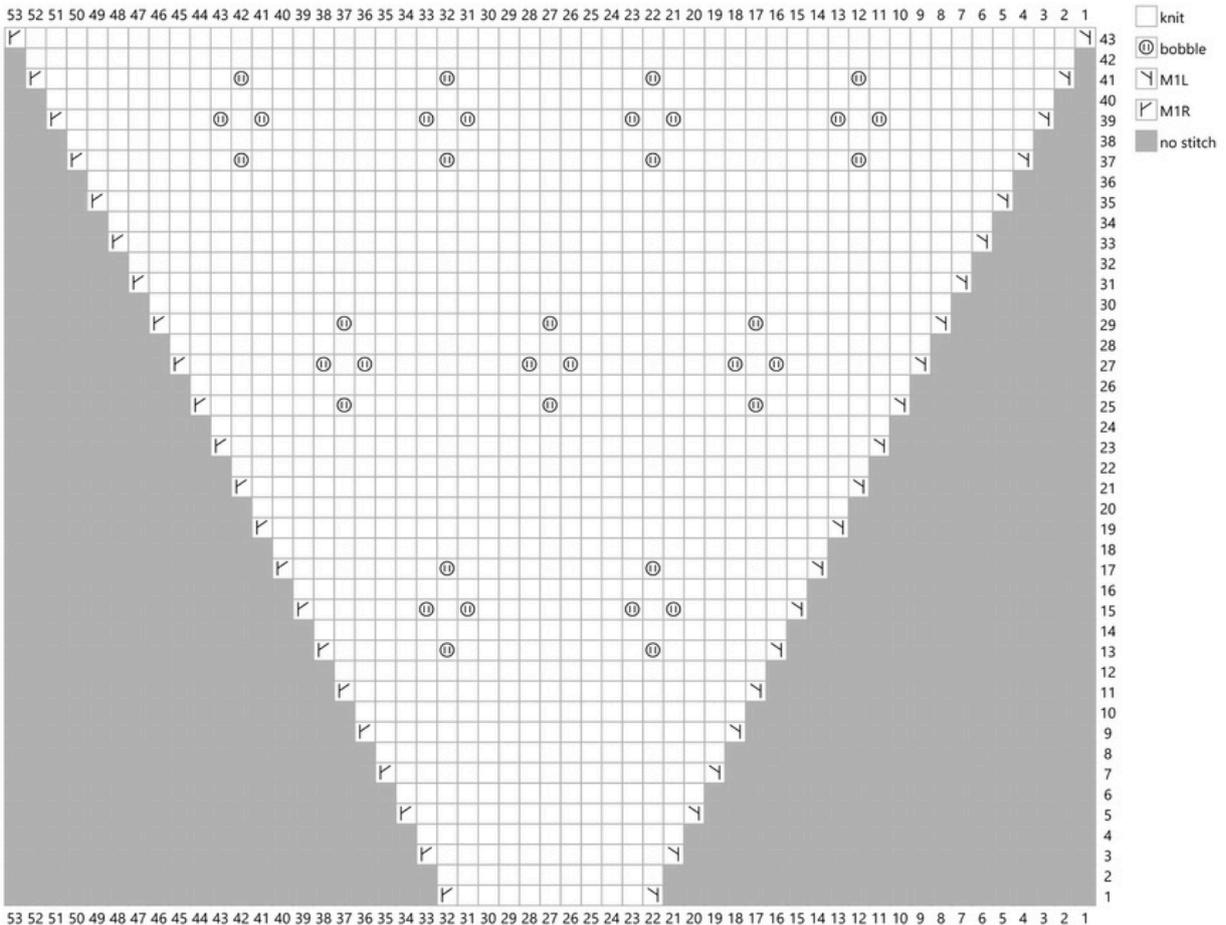


Chart B, size M



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Chart B, sizes L & XL

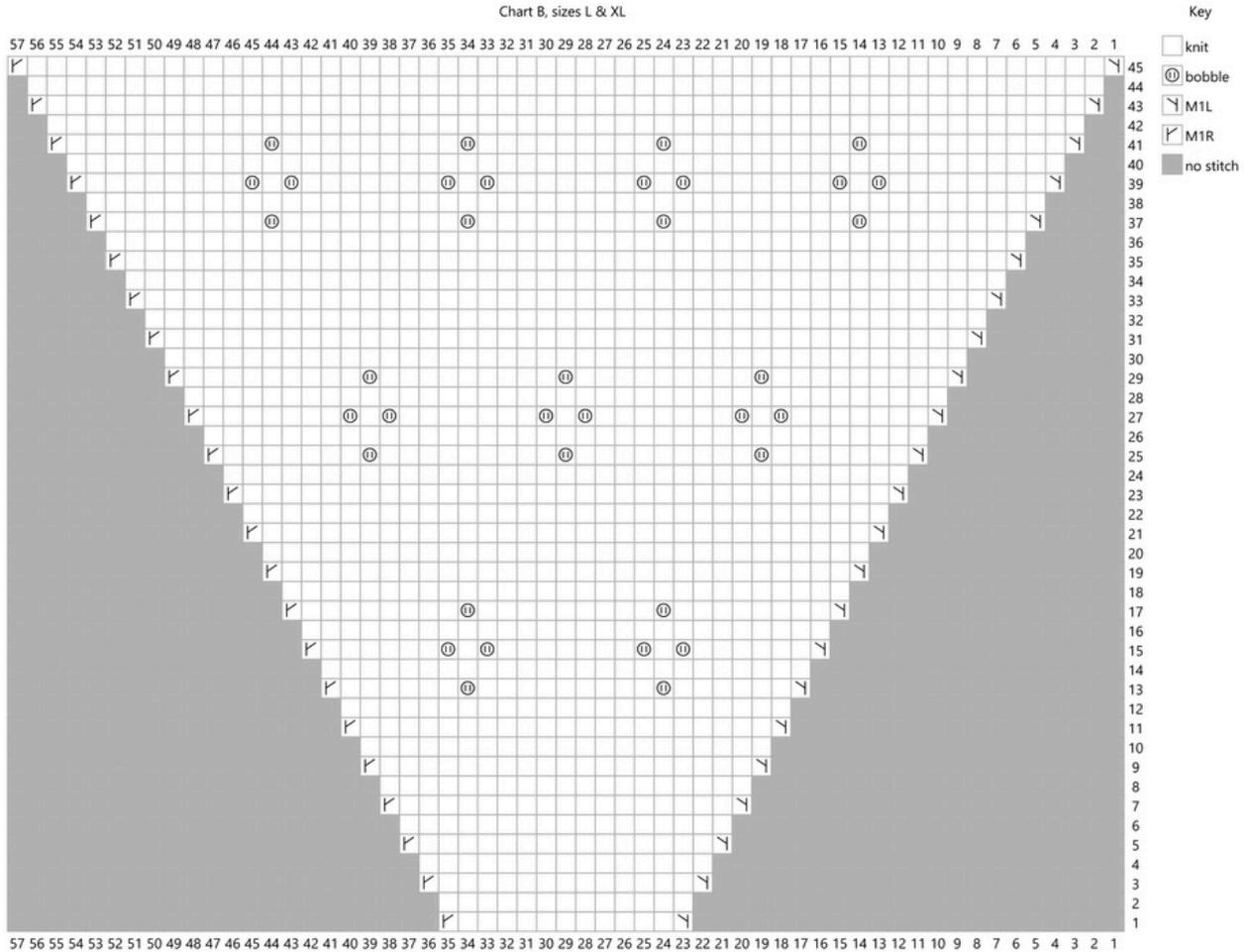
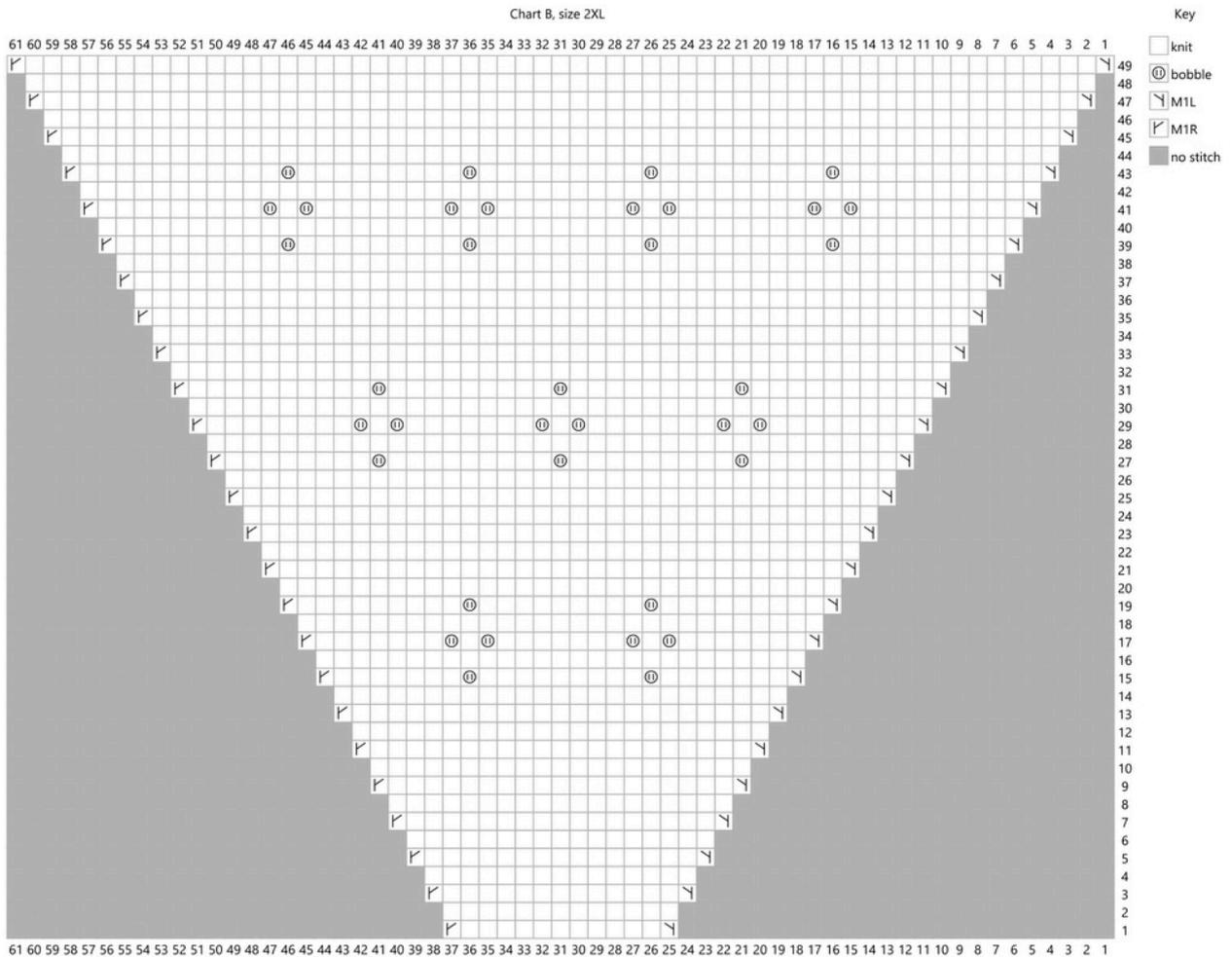
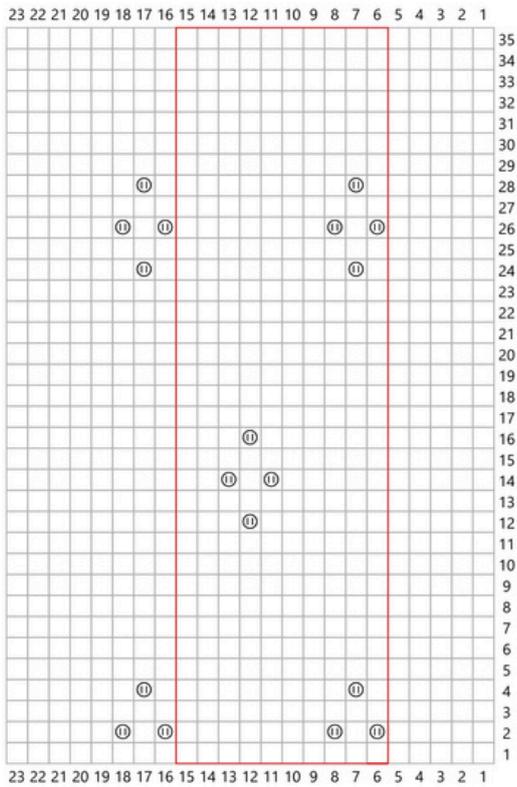


Chart B, size 2XL



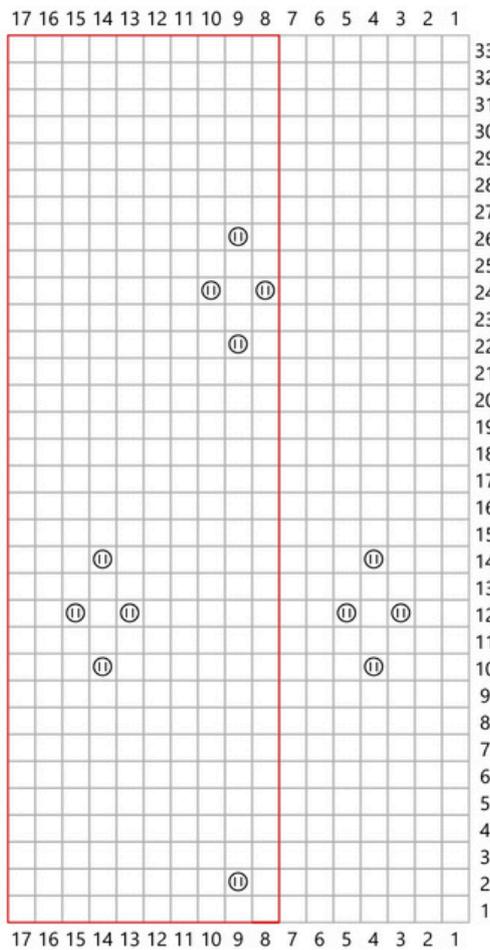
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Chart C, size XS



- Key
- knit
 - bobble
 - no stitch
 - pattern repeat

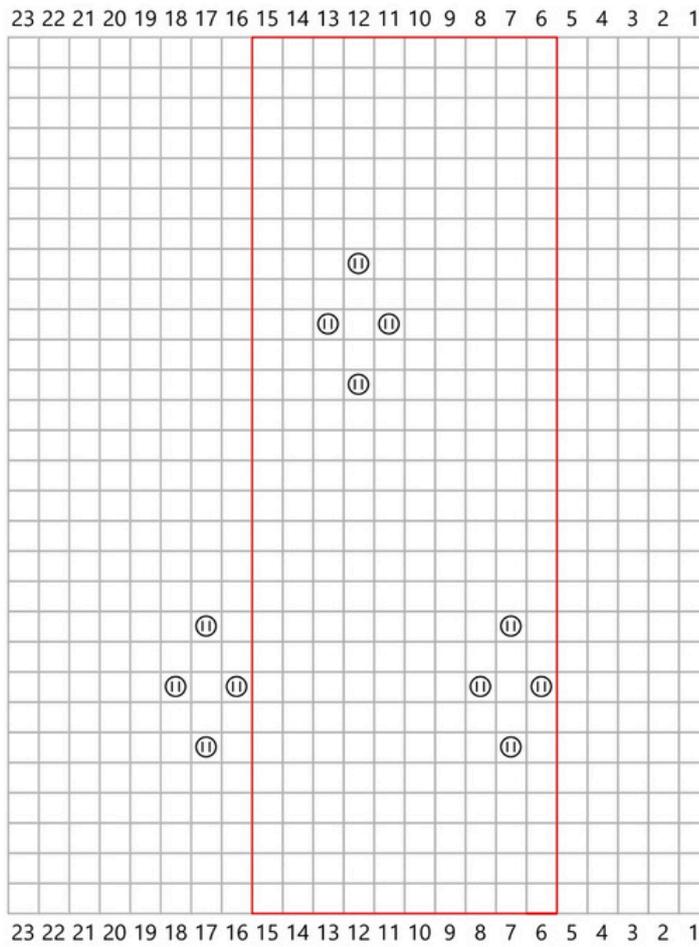
Chart C, size S



- Key
- knit
 - bobble
 - no stitch
 - pattern repeat

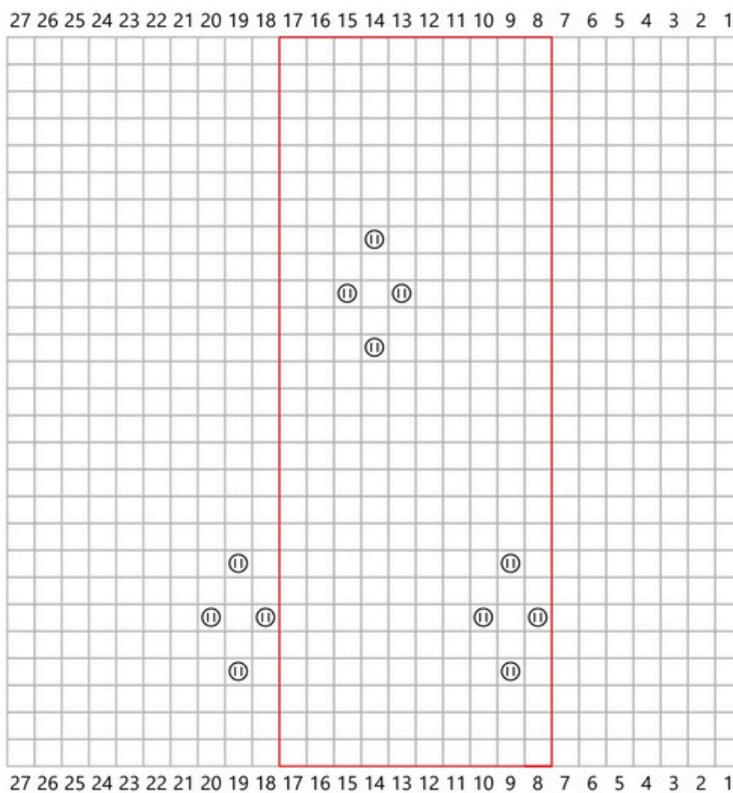
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Chart C, size M



- Key
- knit
 - bobble
 - no stitch
 - pattern repeat

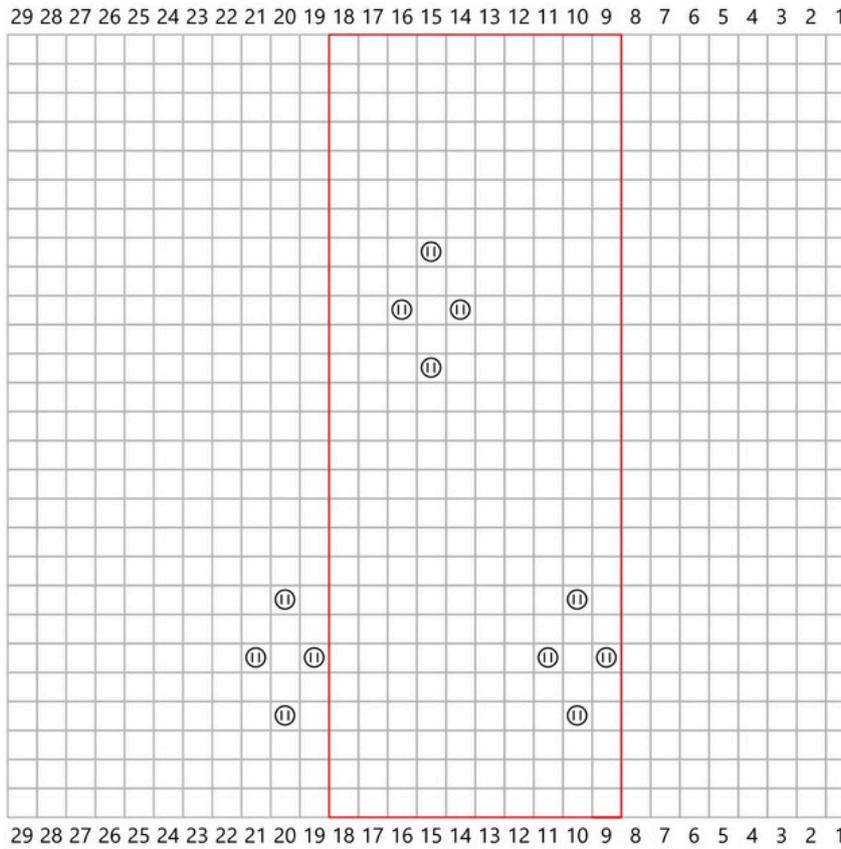
Chart C, size L



- Key
- knit
 - bobble
 - no stitch
 - pattern repeat

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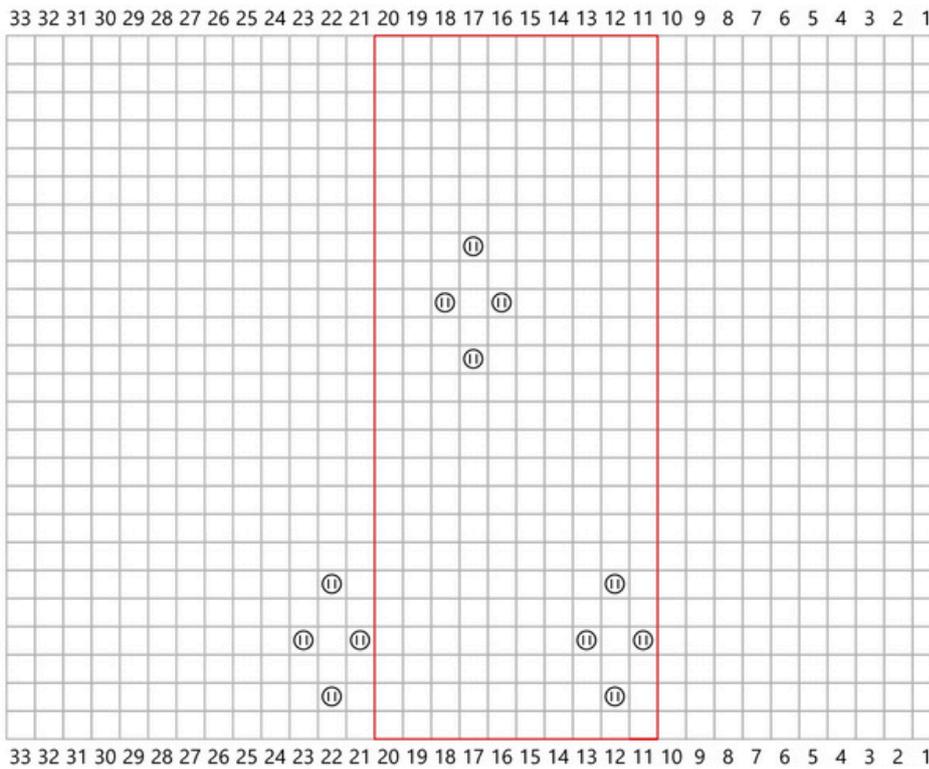
Chart C, size XL



Key

- knit
- Ⓜ bobble
- no stitch
- pattern repeat

Chart C, size 2XL

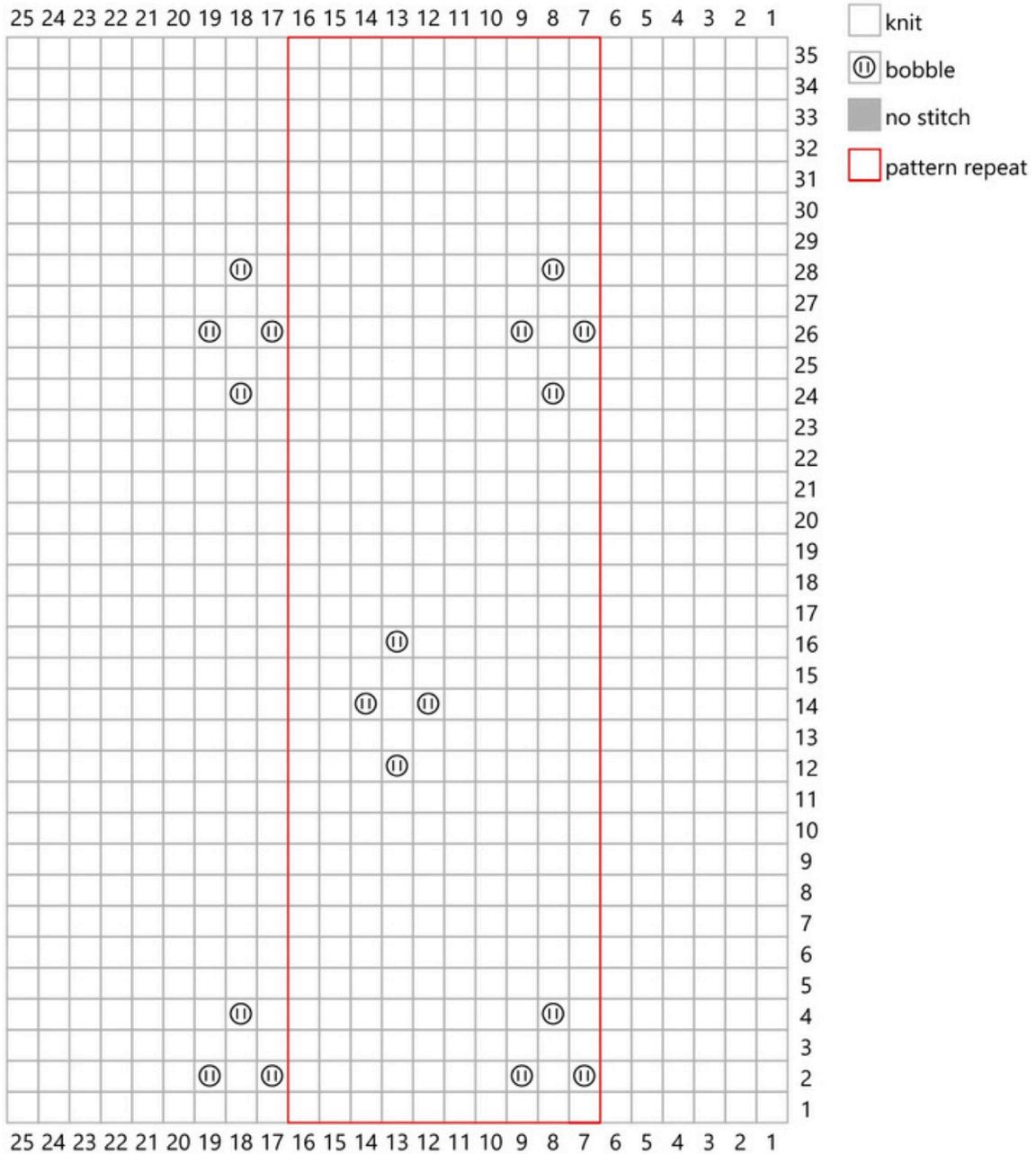


Key

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- Ⓜ bobble
- no stitch
- pattern repeat

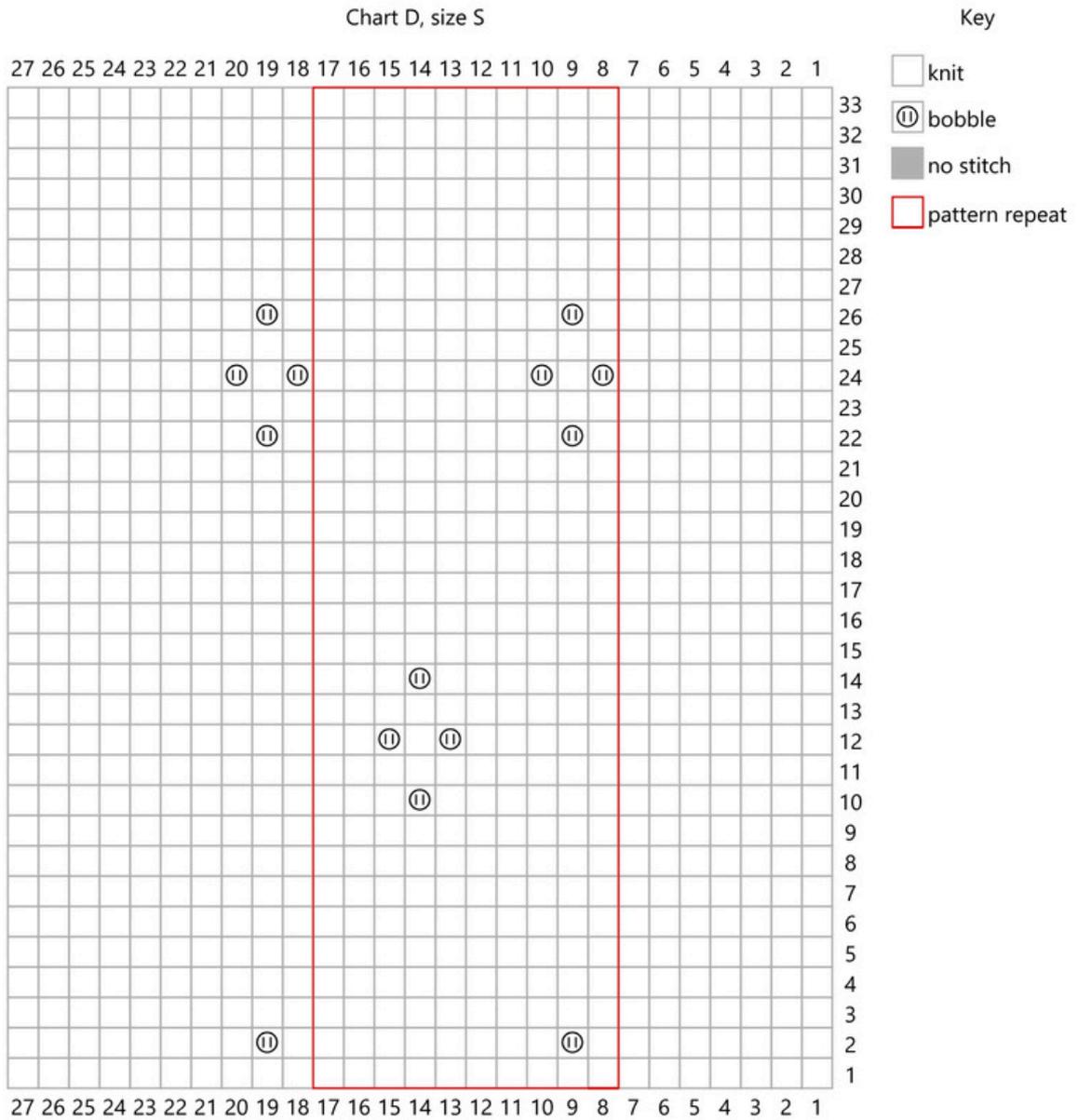
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Chart D, size XS



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Chart D, size S



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Chart D, sizes L & XL

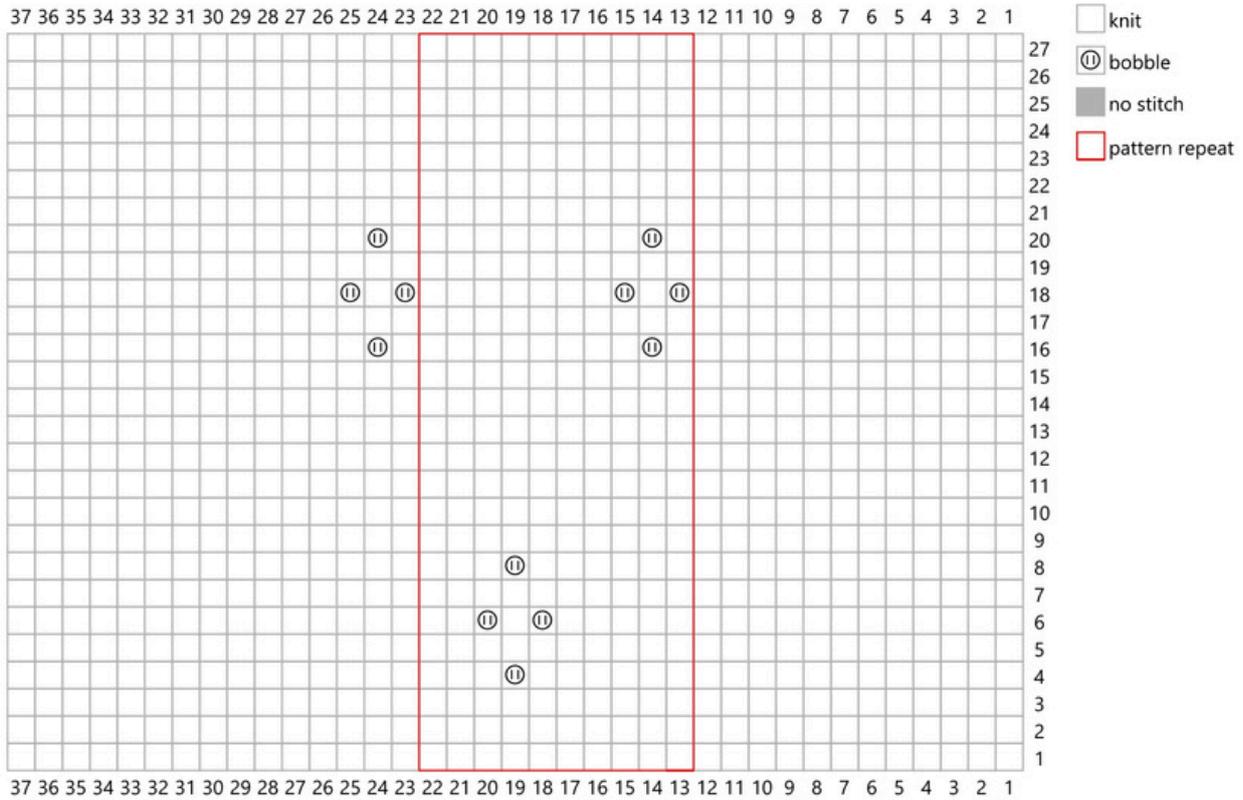
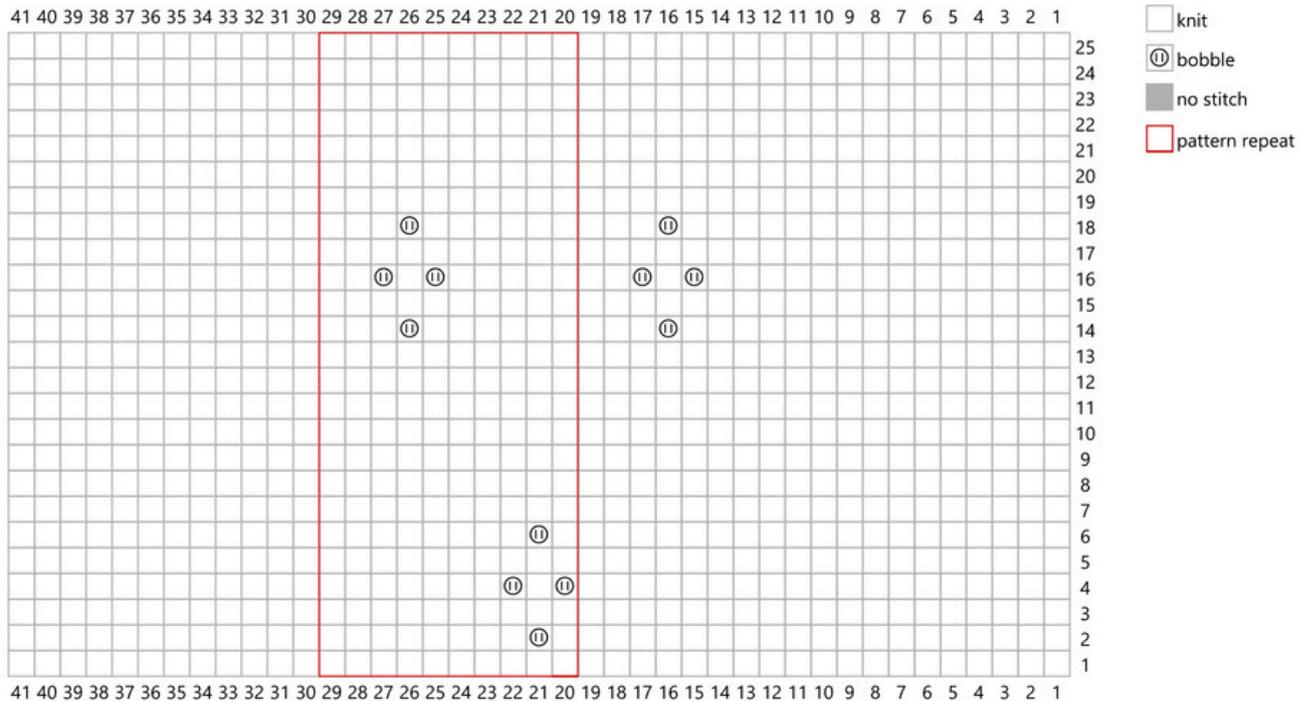


Chart D, size 2XL



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HOW TO MAKE HALF DOUBLE CROCHET BOBBLE

One of my favorite ways to make a bobble is to do it with a crochet hook - they become so plump and pretty! Also, it saves a lot of time since you're not working back and forth like you do when you make a knit bobble and instead can do it all on the right side of the work.

1. Work up to the stitch that you want to make a bobble in.
2. Insert crochet hook into stitch and wrap yarn over hook.
3. Pull yarn with crochet hook back through stitch. You've made 1 loop.
4. Wrap yarn over crochet hook. 2 loops.
5. Insert crochet hook into stitch, wrap yarn over and pull through. 3 loops.
6. Wrap yarn over crochet hook. 4 loops.
7. Insert crochet hook into stitch, wrap yarn over and pull through. 5 loops.
8. Wrap yarn over crochet hook one last time.
9. Bring the crochet hook with yarn through all 5 loops.
10. Make one chain stitch to secure: wrap yarn over crochet hook and pull through the stitch.
11. Make one more chain stitch.
12. Attach the bobble: From the back, insert crochet hook into stitch below.
13. Wrap yarn over the hook on the right side (RS).
14. Pull the hook back to the wrong side.
15. Transfer the bobble from the crochet hook onto the right knitting needle.
16. Ta-dah! Crochet bobble complete!

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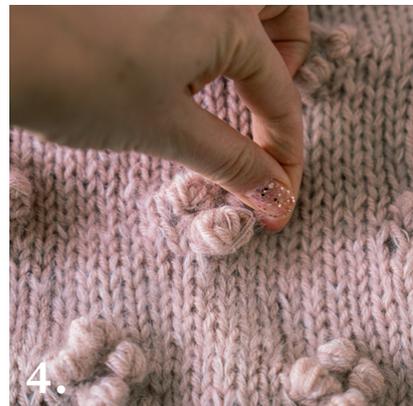


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A TIP TO MAKE BOBBLES MORE DEFINED!



1. Take a look at your bobbles, you might find that the stitches below the bottom and left side bobble look looser than the other stitches.
2. Pull out and gently stretch the stitch that looks loose so that it forms a generous loop.
3. Twist the loop once.
4. Wrap the loop around the bobble.
5. If the loop is long enough, twist and wrap around the bobble once more.
6. Repeat the process for each stitch that looks loose, most likely it will be the stitches underneath the bottom and left side bobble of the bunch.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BO = Bind off

BOR = Beginning of round

CO = cast on

DPN = double pointed needle

K = knit

K1tbl = Knit 1 through the back loop

K2tog = knit 2 stitches together through the front loops (*1 st decreased*)

M = Marker(s)

P = purl

PM = place marker

RM = Remove marker

Rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side

SM = slip marker

Ssk = slip, slip, knit. Slip the first stitch as if to knit, slip the second stitch as if to knit. Slide both stitches from the right needle back to the left hand needle. Knit both stitches through the back loops together as if they were one stitch (*1 st decreased*)

St(s) = stitch(es)

WS = wrong side

- = repeat the steps between the *