



Crazy Cats Pullover

About this design

As one can guess: I love cats and of course I own two specimens of this genus. Or do they own me?
However: hardly any living being has the ability to be so elegant and crazy at the same time.

I tried to create a yoke with cats in it that is more on the crazy side. Hopefully I succeeded.

Meow!

Please read before you print!

Please check which chart is for your size and print only the needed pages. You find this information below the section „Yoke“.

Sizes

There are seven sizes. I recommend to choose a size with positive ease of 7 to 15 cm/ 2.75 to 6 inch in the bust circumference.

The green sample is knitted in size M with a positive ease of 15 cm /6 in. The dark violett sample is knitted in size S with positive ease of 8 cm/ 3 in.

The sizes shown in the table refer to the finished, washed and blocked garment

size in cm/ inch	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL
width of neckband	42/ 16.5	42/ 16.5	50/ 19.5	50/ 19.5	58/ 23	58/ 23	58/ 23
length of yoke, including neckband (centre back)	27/ 10.5	28/ 11	31/ 12	34/ 13.5	36/ 14	36/ 14	37.5/ 15
bust circumference (under armpits)	89/ 35	97/ 38	104/ 41	115/ 45	125/ 49	134/52. 5	149/ 58.5
upper arm circumference	30/ 11.5	31/ 12	32/ 12.5	35/ 13.5	39/15.5	41/ 16	43,5/ 17
length of sleeves with ribbing	44/ 17.5	46/ 18	50/ 19.5	51/ 20	51/ 20	53/ 21	53/ 21
length of sweater in total (centre back)	52/ 20.5	55/ 21.5	59/ 23	60/ 23.5	62/24.5	64/ 25	66/ 26

Yarn and Yardage

Both shown samples are made from Kauni 8/2, 100 % Wool, 150 g, 600m/ 656 yrd.

The green sample in knitted in RR 11 for the MC (main colour) and CC (cat colour) is PP 2.

The dark violett sample in knitted in LL 7 for the MC (main colour) and CC (cat colour) is NN 6

Take care! If you use a bigger needle for the colourwork, you should have a little extra yarn in CC reserve.

size	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL
MC m/ yrd	1000/ 1090	1100/ 1200	1200/ 1310	1400/ 1530	1500/ 1640	1600/ 1750	1800/ 1970
CC m/ yrd	190/ 210	190/ 210	200/ 220	200/ 220	240/ 260	240/ 260	260/ 290
MC g	250	275	300	350	375	400	450
CC g	45	45	50	50	60	60	65

Needles

These are the needle sizes that I used. Please use needles that correspondend with the desired gauge.

3mm double pointed needles and circular needles with 80cm/ 32in length.

3,25mm circular needles in 40, 80 and 120 cm/ 16, 32 and 48in length.

If you prefer to use the „Magic Loop Method“ you need just one 3mm and one 3.25mm needle with a soft cable of 120cm/ 48in length.

Gauge

Knitted with the bigger needle in stockinette your washed and blocked sample should have 23 stitches and 30 rows on 10 x 10cm/ 4 x 4in.

Techniques and Abbreviations

Common abbreviations are explained where they first appear.

Special techniques and abbreviations are expalned on the last page.



Directions

Neckband

Using the smaller needle size CO (cast on) 100 (100, 120, 120, 140, 140, 140) sts (stitches) with yarn in MC and place a SM (stitch marker) to mark the BOR (beginning of round and centre of back). This SM stays between the last and the first stitch, if not otherwise described just slip it from the left to the right needle when you come to it.

Rd 1: *p1, k3, p1*, rep from * to * to end of rd.

Rd 2 and 3: *p1, k1, slip1purlwise, k1, p1*, rep from * to * to end of rd.

Work rds 1 to 3 5 (5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6) times in total.

Switch to the bigger needles and work a rd of increases: k2, *yo, k1, yo, k4 *, rep. from *to* until 3 sts left, yo, k1, yo, k2. (You have 140 (140, 168, 168, 196, 196, 196) sts on your needles).

Short Rows Shape the Neck

Knit 2 rounds.

Now work GSR (German Short Rows with ds/ double stitches) to shape the neck.

Row 1: knit 14 (16, 18, 20, 20, 20, 22, 22) sts, turn.

Row 2: make ds, p all sts to the SM, p 14 (16, 18, 20, 20, 20, 22, 22) more sts, turn.

Row 3: make ds, k all sts to the last ds, knit ds, k 14 (16, 18, 20, 20, 20, 22, 22) more sts, turn.

Row 4: make ds, p all sts to the last ds, purl ds, p 14 (16, 18, 20, 20, 20, 22, 22) more sts, turn.

Work rows 3 and 4 two times more.

Make ds, knit all sts to BOR. From now you work in rounds.

Knit 1 (2, 4, 6, 8, 8, 8) rds, remember to knit the remaining ds as one st.

(You still have 140 (140, 168, 168, 196, 196, 196) sts on your needles.)

More Increases Before the Yoke

All sizes: *k4, M1*, repeat from *to* until end of rd.
(175 (175, 210, 210, 245, 245, 245) sts on your needles).
Knit 1 (2, 4, 6, 8, 8, 8, 8) rds.

Just size XS and S: *k5, M1*, repeat from *to* until end of rd.
(210 sts on your needles). Go to „Yoke“.

Just size M and L: *k7, M1*, repeat from *to* until end of rd.
(240 sts on your needles). Go to „Yoke“.

Just size XL, XXL and 3XL: k5, M1, *k10, M1*, repeat from *to* until the end of rd.
(270 sts on your needles). Size XL and XXL go to „Yoke“.

Just size 3XL is getting 3 more rounds and one last round of increases before the yoke: k10, *k5, M1*, repeat from *to* until the last 10 sts, k10.
(320 sts on your needles.). Go to yoke.

The Two Coloured Yoke

Knit 1 (2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4) rds and turn to the chart for the size you work on.

There are two versions of every chart. The screen version is ideal when you use a tablet but there is also a version for printing.

The chart involves increases, there are 70 (70, 80, 80, 90, 90, 80) sts in every pattern repeat. I recommend to leave the SM for BOR where it is and place some more SM between the repeats.

The count of sts is suitable for 3 (3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4) repeats of your individual chart.

Size XS and S use chart A or A 1 to 4.

Size M, and L and use chart B or B 1 to 4

Size XL and XXL use chart C or C 1 to 4

Size 3XL use chart B or B 1 to 4.

[Caution! Because you have to work the pattern repeats 4 times the cats looks a bit different from the shown pictures. If you like them to look exactly as shown please knit the chart B in this order B3, B4, B1, B2!]

When the Colourwork is Finished

At the end of working the chart you have 300 (300, 330, 330, 390, 390, 440) sts on your needles.
Break yarn in CC and remove all SM except the one for your BOR.

All sizes: Knit one round..

Size XS and M go to „Seperate Stitches for Sleeves and Body“.

Size S, L, XL, XXL and 3XL work this round of increases:

Knit - (15, -, 11, 13, 13, 11) sts, M1, repeat from *to* until BOR.

Size S, L, XL and 3XL go to „Seperate Stitches for Sleeves and Body“.

Size XXL knit 2 rds and work this round of increases:

Knit - (-, -, -, -, 14, -) sts, M1, repeat from *to* until BOR.

Size XXL go to „Seperate Stitches for Sleeves and Body“.

(You have 300 (320, 330, 360, 420, 450, 480) sts on your needles.)

Seperate Stitches for Sleeves and Body

Knit 1 (1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 3) rds.

Starting at BOR sts will be divided. The ones for the sleeves will be put on hold. UAS (underarmstitches) will be cast on and additional SM (SM1 through SM4) will be placed:

Knit 47 (51, 54, 59, 67, 73, 79) sts, place SM1,

CO 8 (10, 12, 14, 10, 8, 12) UAS,

put 56 (58, 57, 62, 76, 79, 82) sts on hold,

place SM2, knit 94 (102, 108, 118, 134, 146, 158) sts, place SM3

CO 8 (10, 12, 14, 10, 8, 12) UAS,

put 56 (58, 57, 62, 76, 79, 82) sts on hold,

place SM4, knit 47 (51, 54, 59, 67, 73, 79) sts.

Body

Knit 204 (224, 240, 264, 288, 308, 344) sts in rds. The SM for BOR remains where it is for better orientation.
Decrease sts 1 (1, 5, 6, 7, 7, 6) times in every 12th round: k to 2 sts before SM1, k2togtbl, slip SM1, k to SM2, slip SM2, k2tog, k to 2 sts before SM3, k2togtbl, slip SM3, k to SM4, slip SM4, k2tog, k until BOR.
Remove SM 1 to 4, the SM for BOR remains.
(There are 200 (220, 220, 240, 260, 280, 320) sts on your needles.
Knit to a length of 46 (50, 54, 54, 56, 56, 58) cm / 18 (19.5, 21, 21, 22, 22, 23) in (measured in the middle of the back incl. Neckband).

Ribbing

Using the smaller needle repeat the three rounds of ribbing (see „Neckband“) 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8) times in total. BO.

Sleeves

Attach yarn in MC in the middle of the UAS for the body:
pick up and knit 4 (5, 6, 7, 5, 6, 7) sts,
pick up and knit 2 sts from the space in between your sts on hold,
place SM1,
k 56 (58, 57, 62, 76, 79, 82) sts,
place SM2,
pick up and knit 2 sts from the space in between the UAS,
pick up and knit 4 (5, 6, 7, 5, 6, 7) sts of the UAS for the body.
There are 68 (72, 73, 80, 90, 95, 100) sts on your needles. BOR is in the middle of the UAS.
Decrease sts 9 (11, 9, 10, 15, 15, 15) times in every 10. (10., 10., 10., 7., 7., 7.) rd:
K to SM1, slip SM1, k2tog, k to 2 sts before SM2, k2togtbl, k to BOR.
(There are 50 (50, 55, 60, 60, 65, 70) sts on your needles.)
Knit to a length of 38 (40, 44, 44, 44, 44, 45, 45) cm/ 15 (15.75, 17..25, 17.25, 17.26, 17.25, 17.5) in.



Cuffs

Using the smaller needle repeat the three rounds of ribbing (see „Neckband“) 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8) times in total. BO.
Work the second sleeve alike.

Finishing

Soak the sweater in lukewarm water. Gently squeeze out excess water and let it dry blocked or at least shaped in form.
(In my opinion blocking is crucial for colourwork!)
Once your sweater is dry weave in all ends (they tend to show up when you do it before bathing....)

**I wish you a lot of crazy fun with the Crazy Cats!
Manja**

Techniques and Abbreviations

SM: stitchmarker/s: in this piece the marker/s is/are placed between two stitches. I use different coloured or shaped markers for the different tasks they indicate.

Magic Loop Method: I highly recommend to use this method for small circumferences. You can find a lot of video tutorials on youtube. This is one of them:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mq1qRdJc68>

Short rows/German short rows: you can shape your garment with short rows. In this case I use one set of them to give the back of the neck more height and a second set to give the back more length.

The ds (doublestitch) you have to work during the short rows goes like this:

slip st purlwise with yarn in front. Bring the yarn over the needle and pull until you have two legs of the stitch on your needles. Continue working the following sts.

When you come back to a double st work the two legs lying on your needle as one stitch (knit on the right side rows and purl on the wrong side rows).

yo (yarn over): do exactly this.

M1 (make one): increase one stitch. For example like this: pick up the right leg of the stitch below the following st and knit it.

k2tog (knit two stitches together): two stitches become one right leaning stitch.

K2togtbl (knit two stitches together through the back loops): two stitches become one left leaning stitch.

Keys for the Charts



MC main colour



CC cat colour



M1



no stitch

Chart A
Screenversion

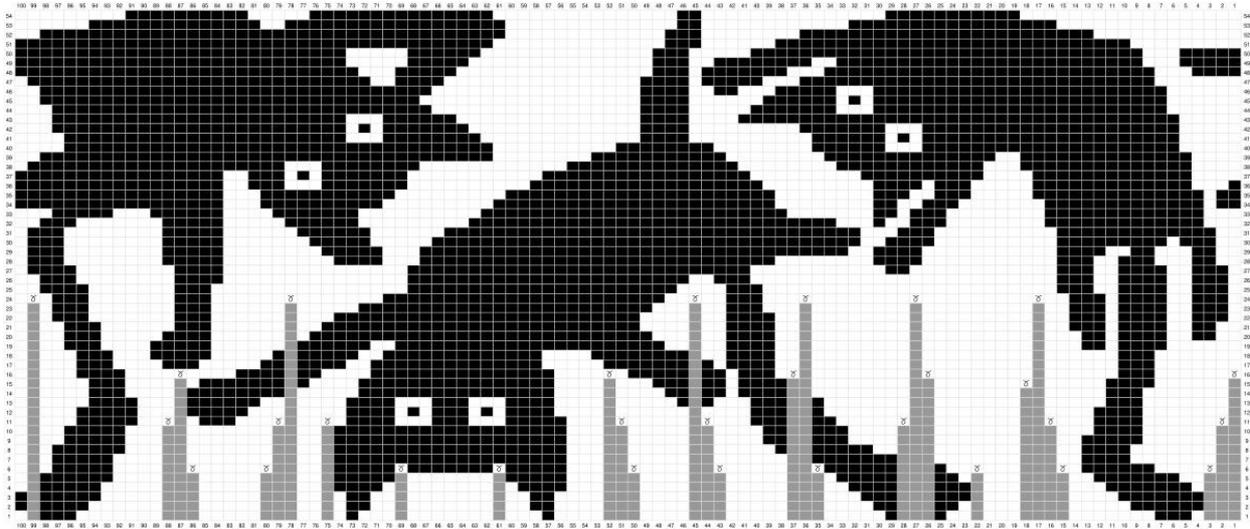


Chart A1

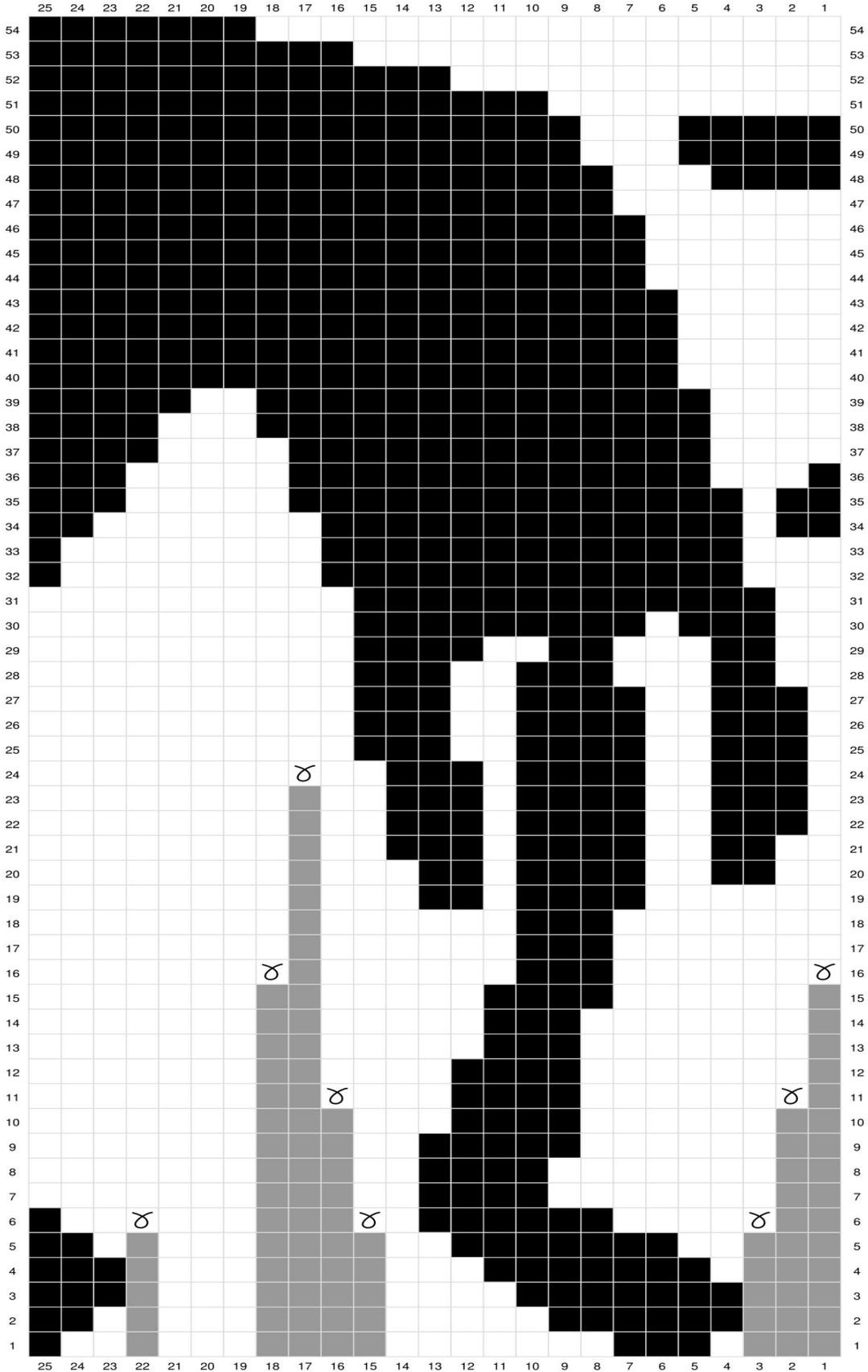


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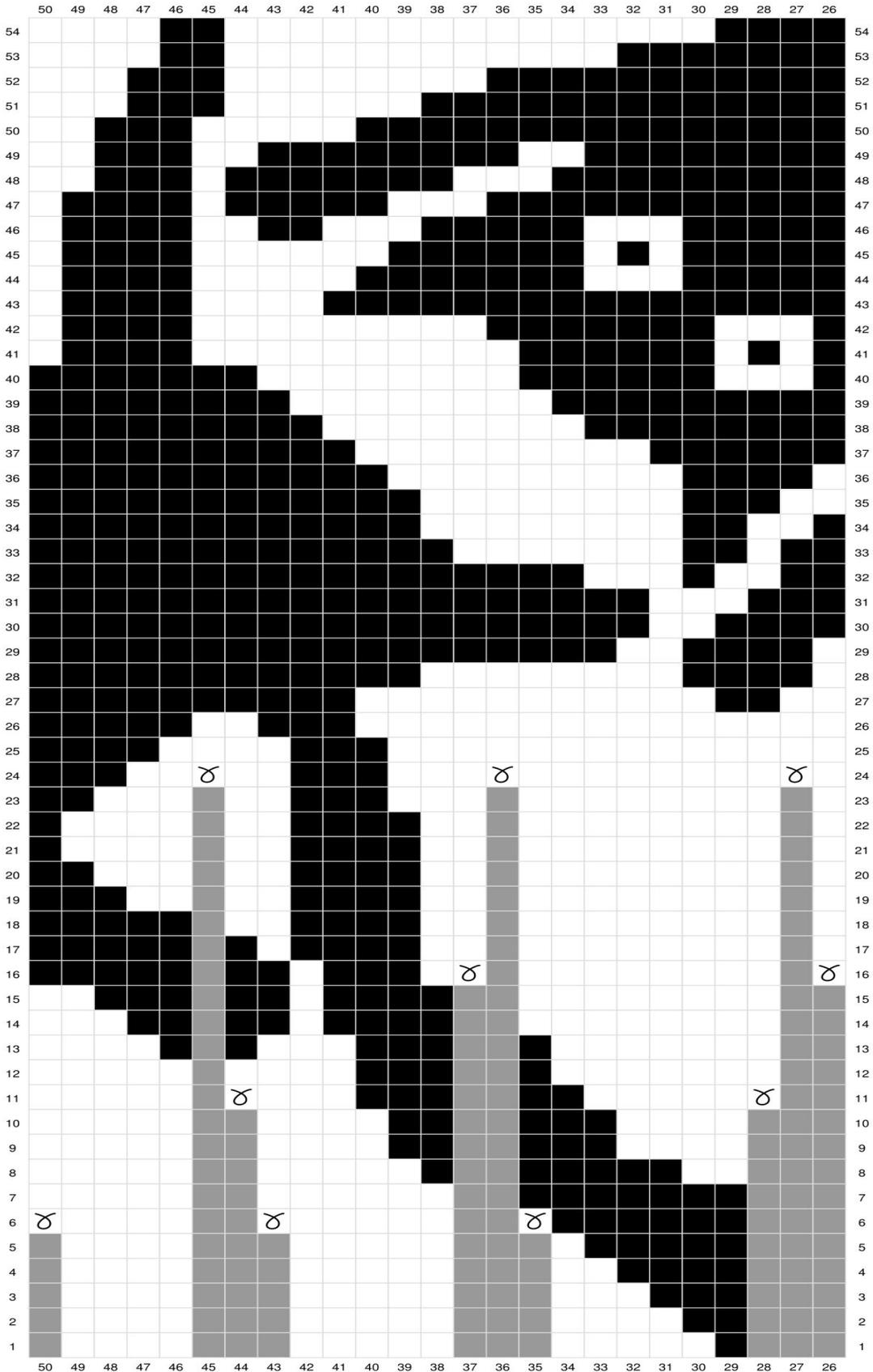
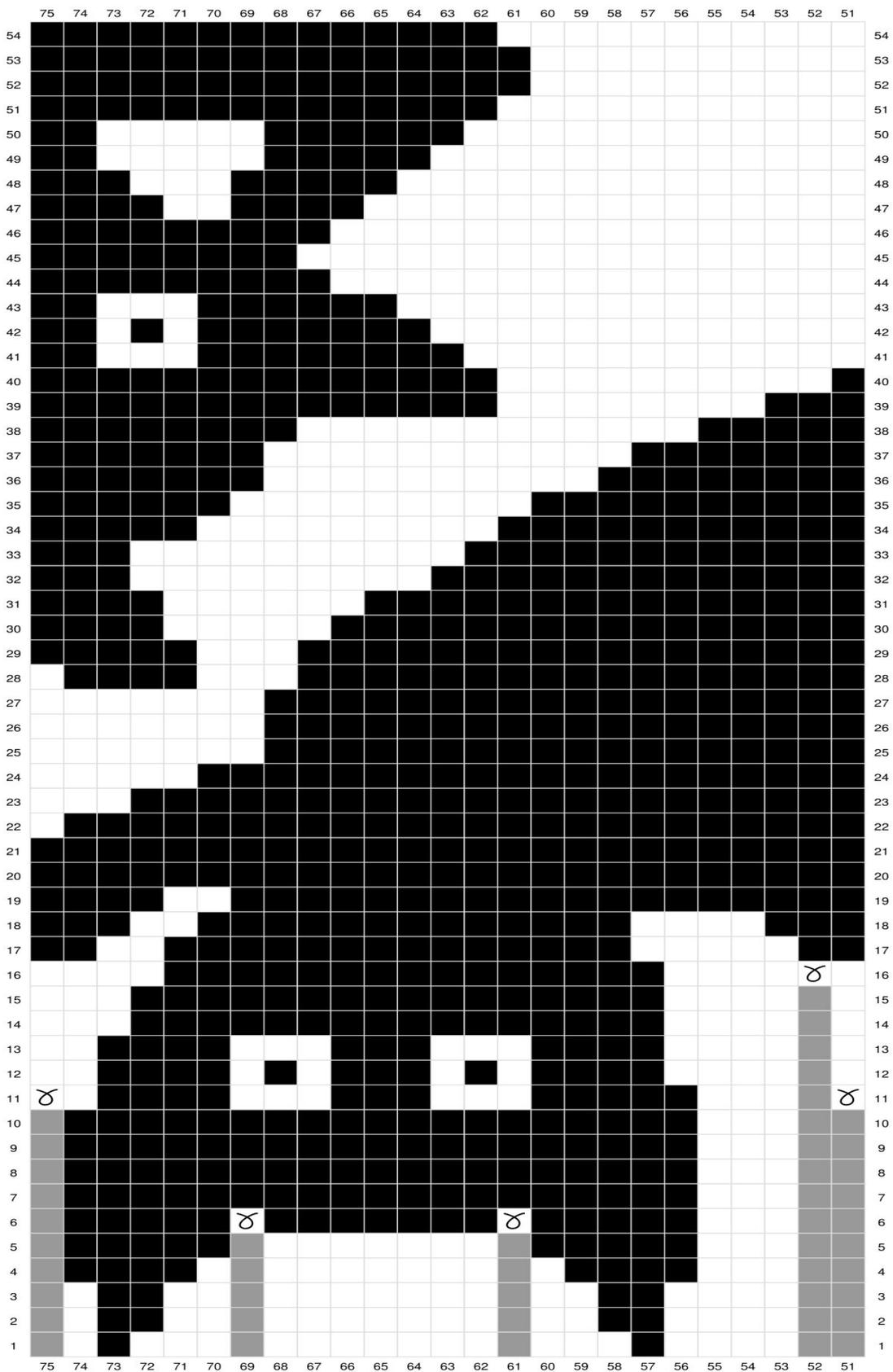


Chart A3



Cart A 4



Chart B
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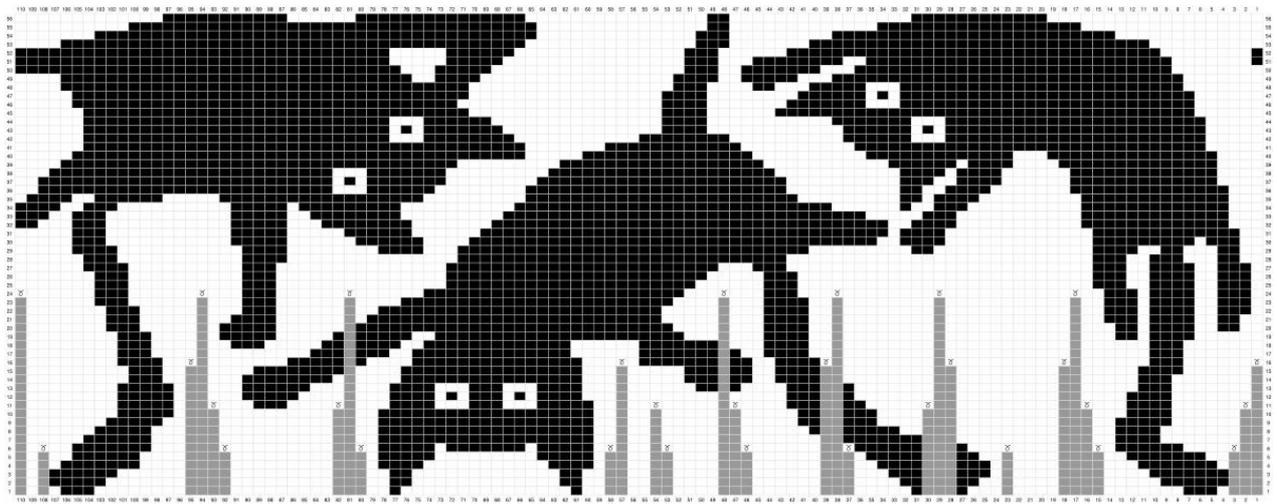


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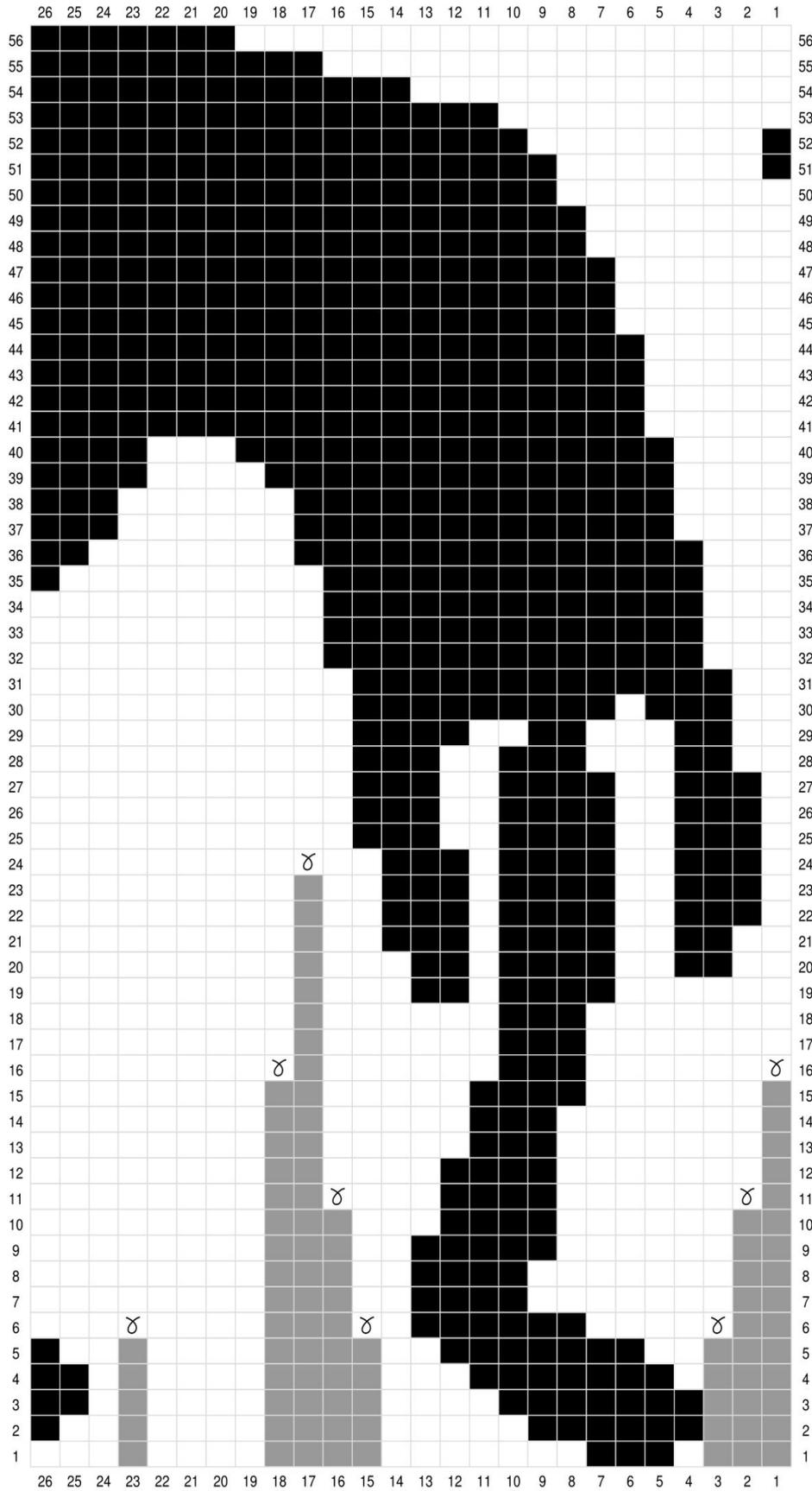


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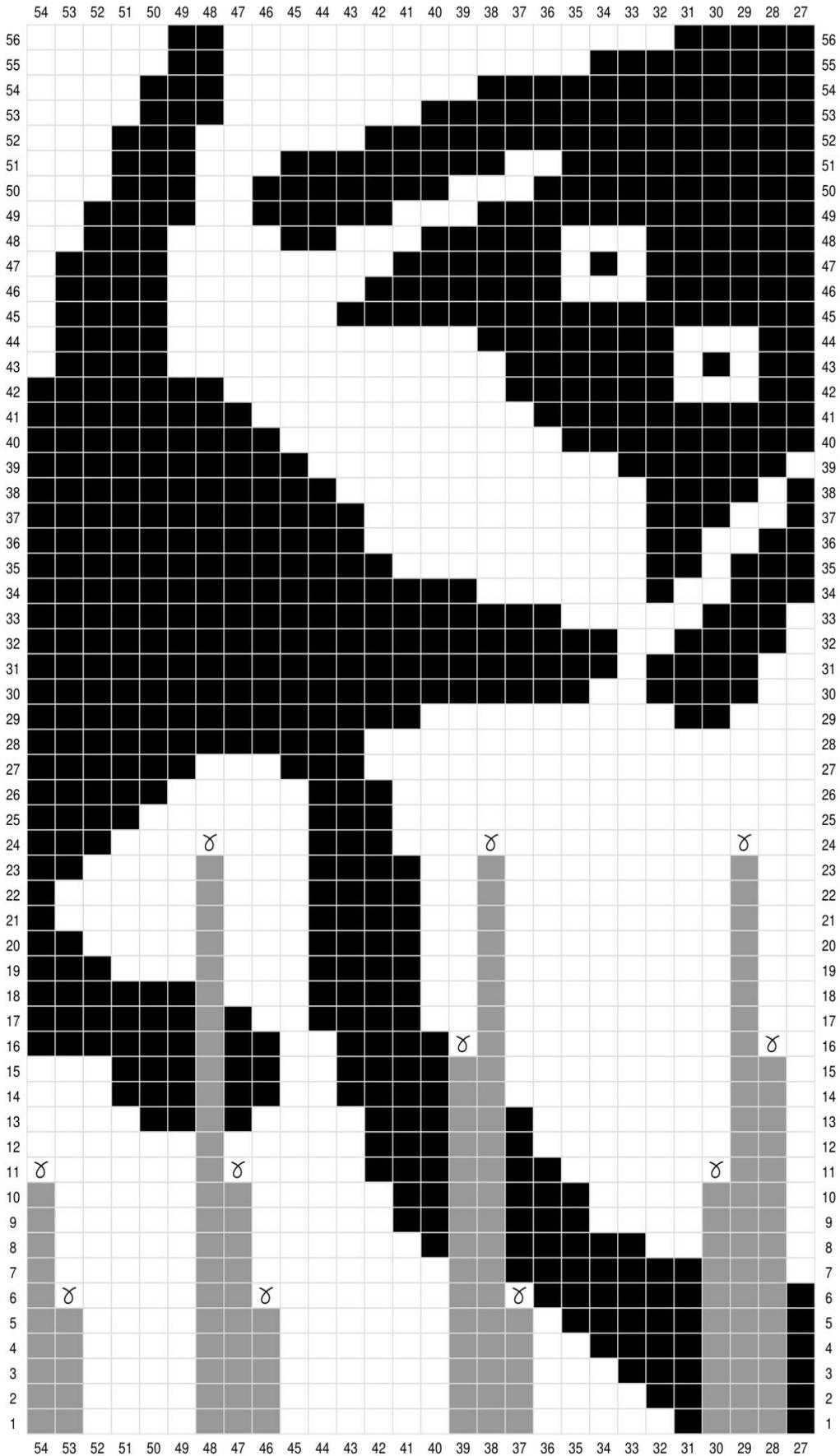


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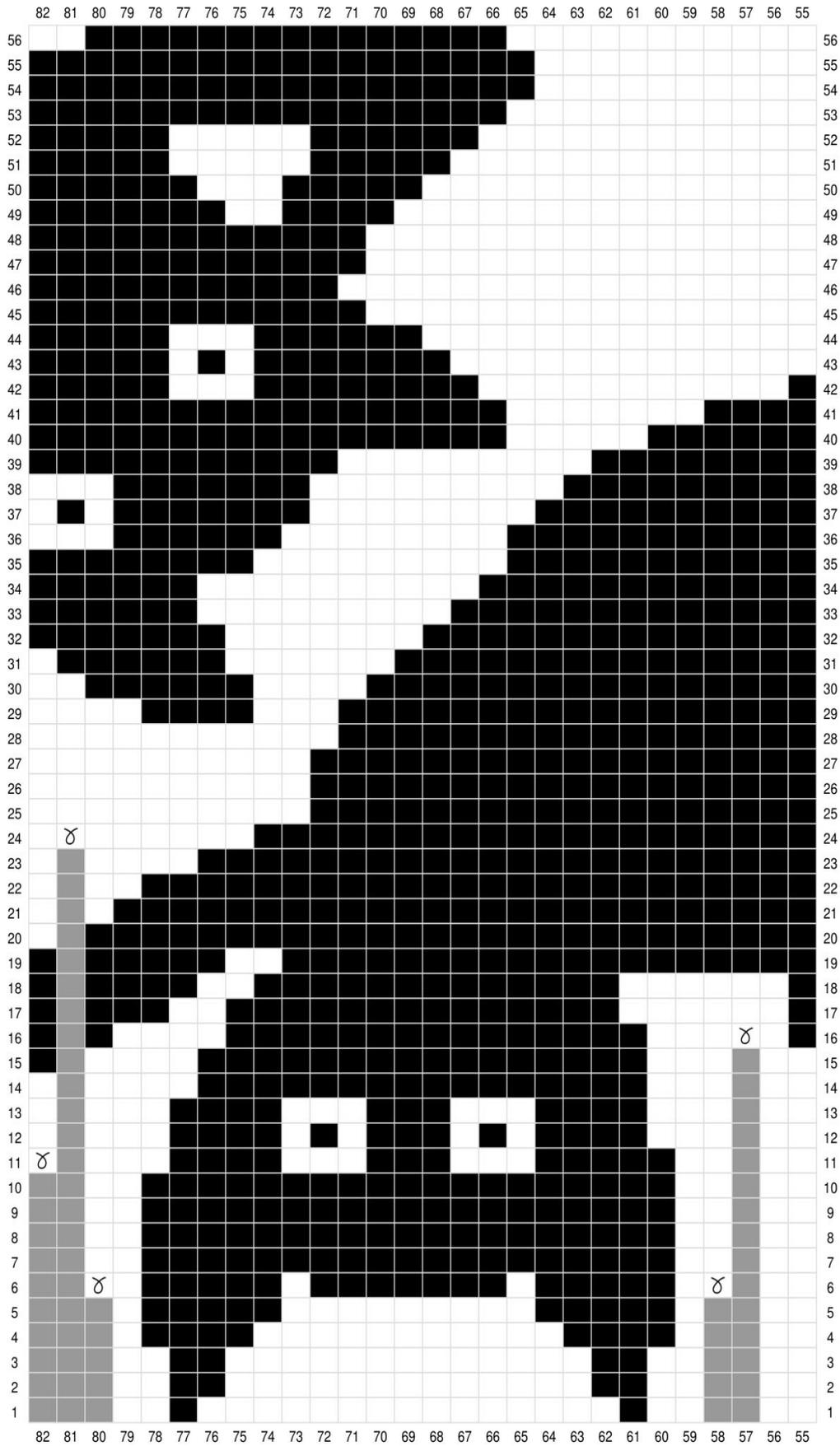


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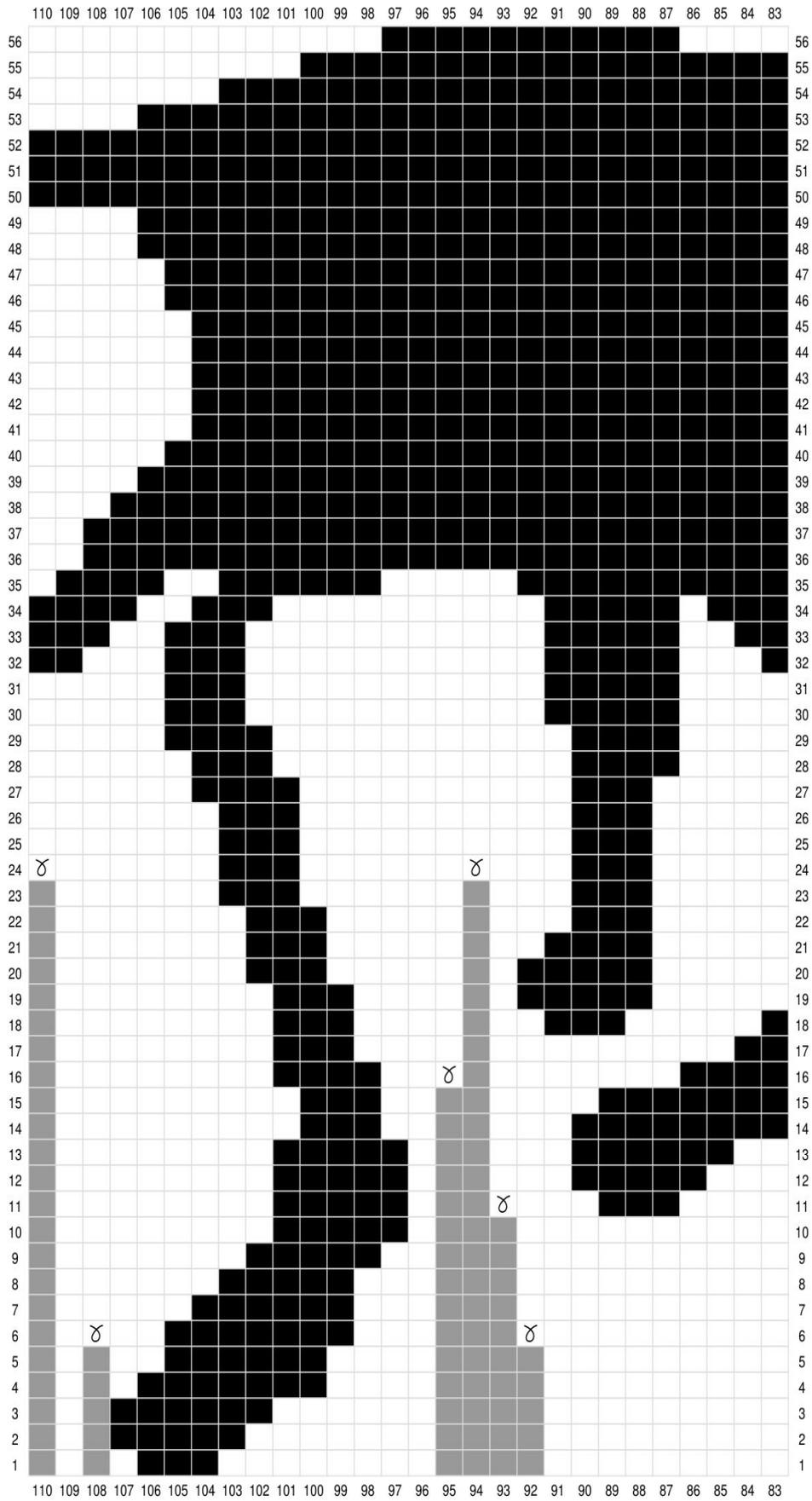


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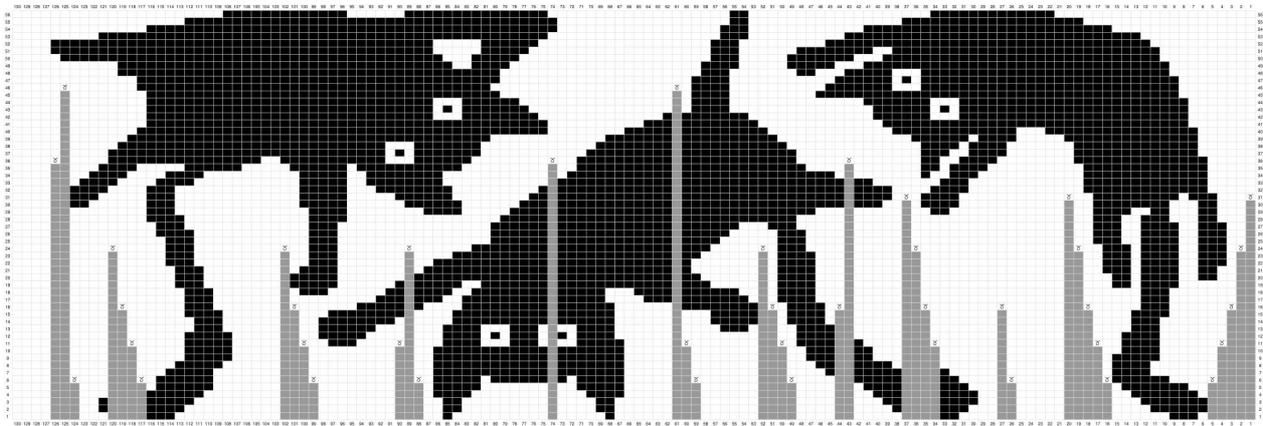


Chart C1

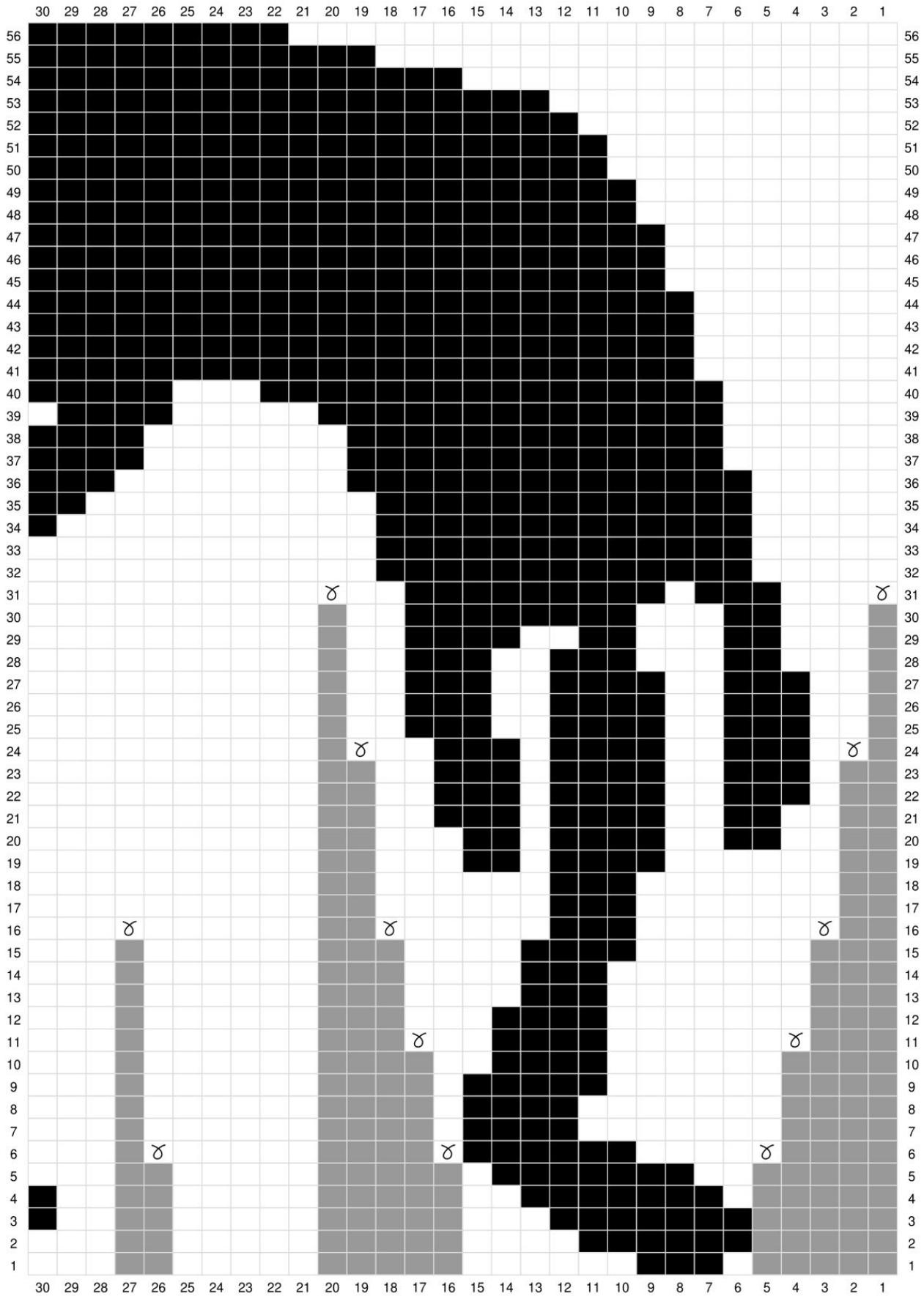


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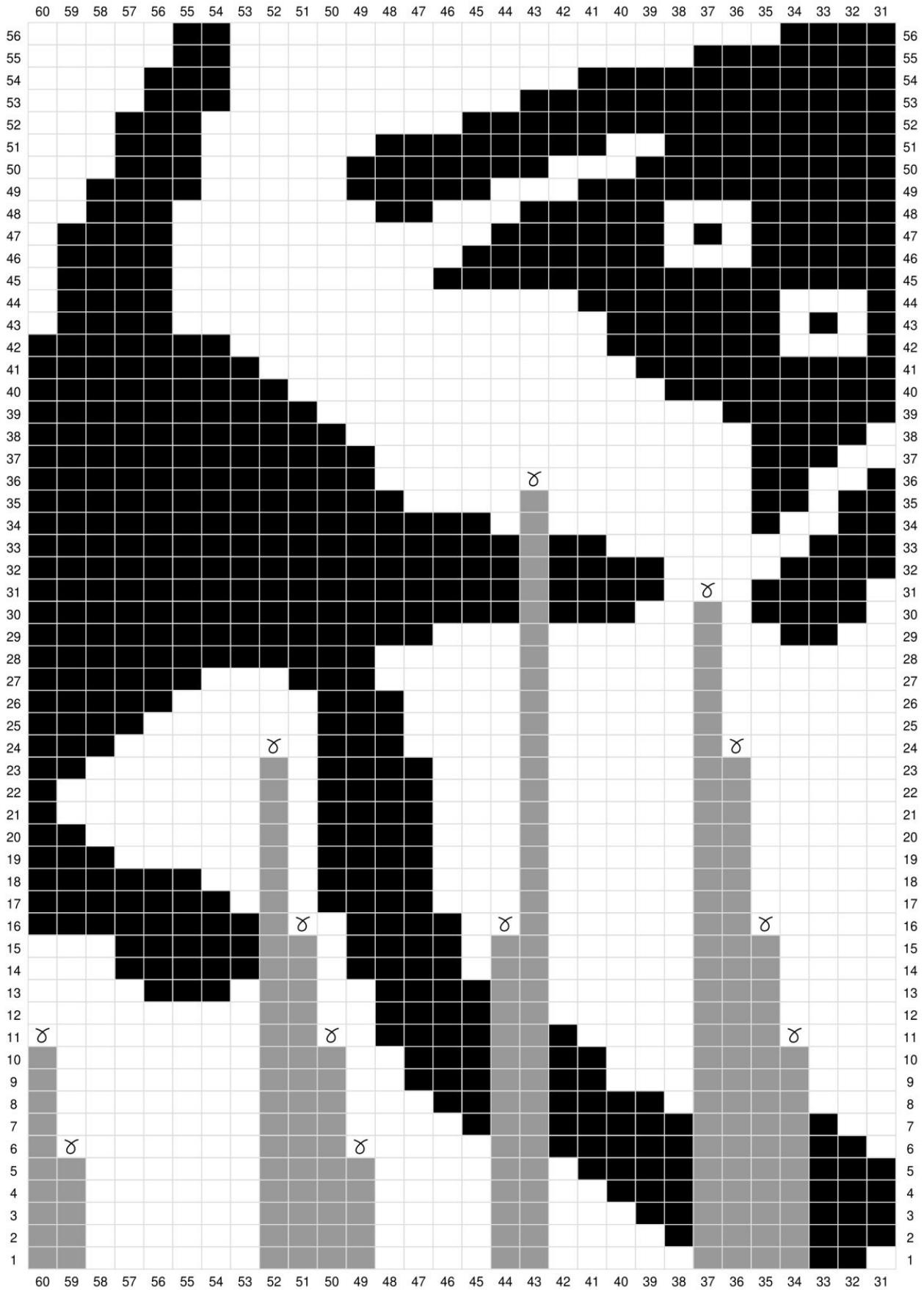


Chart C4

