

PetiteKnit

ESTHER SWEATER JUNIOR



Sizes:	1-2 (2-3) 3-4 (4-5) 5-6 (6-7) 7-8 (8-9) 9-10 (10-12) 12-14 years
Chest circumference:	69 (73) 77 (81) 81 (85) 89 (93) 97 (101) 105 cm [27¼ (28¾) 30¼ (32) 32 (33½) 35 (36½) 38¼ (39¾) 41¼ inches]
Length:	36 (38) 42 (43) 45 (48) 49 (50) 52 (54) 55 cm [14¼ (15) 16½ (17) 17¾ (19) 19¼ (19¾) 20½ (21¼) 21¾ inches] measured mid back excl. neck edge
Gauge:	20 sts x 30 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in texture pattern on a 4 mm [US6] after wash and blocking
Needles:	Circular needles: 4 mm [US6] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] and 3.5 mm [US4] / 40, 60 and/or 60 cm [16, 24 and/or 32 inches] Double-pointed needles: 3.5 mm [US4] and 4 mm [US6]
Materials:	300 (350) 350 (400) 400 (450) 500 (550) 550 (600) 650 g Peer Gynt by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 91 m [98 yds]) or Double Sunday by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 108 m [118 yds])

PATTERN

The Esther Sweater Junior is worked from the top down in a texture pattern. First the back yoke is worked back and forth. Then stitches are picked up and knitted for the shoulders, which are joined to form the front yoke. The front and back yoke are joined at the underarms to form the body, which is worked straight down in the round continuing with the texture pattern. The sleeves are worked in the round on double-pointed needles or on a circular needle using the Magic Loop technique. A folded ribbed neck edge is worked from stitches that are picked up and knitted along the neckline.

Begin by knitting a swatch to determine which needle size will give you the correct gauge – note that the gauge needs to be correct for both stitches and rows before the measurements given above can be achieved. You can work a swatch using the chart on page 7.

Size guide

The Esther Sweater Junior is designed to have approx. 20 cm [7¾ inches] of positive ease. The sizes 1-2 (2-3) 3-4 (4-5) 5-6 (6-7) 7-8 (8-9) 9-10 (10-12) 12-14 years are designed to fit a chest circumference of approx. 53 (54) 56 (57) 59 (62) 64 (68) 72 (78) 82 cm [20¾ (21¼) 22 (22½) 23¼ (24½) 25¼ (26¾) 28¼ (30¾) 32¼ inches]. The measurements for the finished garment are listed on the front page of the pattern (please note that these measurements are only achieved if the sweater is knitted in the correct gauge). If the recipient measures 56 cm [22 inches] around the chest, you should knit a size 3-4 years. Size 3-4 years has a chest circumference of 77 cm [30¼ inches] which will, in this example, give 21 cm [8¼ inches] of positive ease. If the measured chest circumference deviates from the age guide, you can adjust the lengths to the person you're knitting for. The same applies if the child is short/taller than average.

About charts

The chart for the sweater's texture pattern can be found at the end of the pattern. No selvedge stitches are worked. The chart key is located on page 6. The charts are read from the bottom up, and from left to right on WS rows, and from right to left on RS rows. The bolded squares in the charts mark the pattern repeats.

About increases

Increases are worked so they either slant left (M1L) or slant right (M1R) (see video at www.petitekmit.com).

M1L: Insert left needle under the strand that runs between the stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop.

M1R: Insert left needle under the strand that runs between the stitches from back to front, then knit this strand.

About decreases

Decreases are worked as double decreases centered around the middle of the 3 stitches.

CDD: Slip 2 sts together as if knitting them together, knit 1 stitch, pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knitted stitch the same as when binding off (2 sts have been decreased).

Back yoke

Cast on 69 (73) 77 (81) 81 (85) 89 (93) 97 (101) 105 sts on a 4 mm [US6] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle. Begin with a WS row.

Purl across 1 row. The next row is a RS row.

Work back and forth across the back yoke in texture pattern following chart on page 7 until the back yoke measures 14 (14.5) 15 (16) 16 (16.5) 17 (17.5) 18 (18.5) 19 cm [5½ (5¾) 6 (6¼) 6¼ (6½) 6¾ (7) 7 (7¼) 7½ inches]. Take note of which row of the pattern you have gotten to – you will need this later on when you join the front and back for the body.

End on a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

Break the yarn and let the sts rest while the shoulders are being worked.

Left shoulder

Join new yarn and pick up and knit sts from the RS with a 4 mm [US6] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle. Pick up and knit 22 (24) 26 (28) 27 (29) 31 (33) 33 (35) 37 sts furthest to the left along the back yoke cast-on edge. Start at the neck and work towards the armhole edge.

Work the shoulder back and forth following the chart with increases for the neckline on page 8, 9 or 10. There are now a total of 27 (29) 31 (33) 32 (34) 36 (38) 38 (40) 42 sts on the needle.

Break the yarn and let the sts rest, while the right shoulder is being worked.

Right shoulder

Join new yarn and pick up and knit sts from the RS with a 4 mm [US6] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle. Pick up and knit 22 (24) 26 (28) 27 (29) 31 (33) 33 (35) 37 sts along the right side of the back yoke cast-on edge. Start at the armhole edge and work towards the neck.

Work the shoulder back and forth following the chart with increases for the neckline on page 8, 9 or 10. There are now a total of 27 (29) 31 (33) 32 (34) 36 (38) 38 (40) 42 sts on the needle.

Do not break the yarn as the next step follows from here.

Front yoke

Now join the right and left shoulder to form the front yoke while casting on new sts between these two for the neck. This is shown on row 26 (26) 26 (26) 30 (30) 30 (30) 32 (32) 32 of the chart on page 8, 9 or 10. There are now a total of 69 (73) 77 (81) 81 (85) 89 (93) 97 (101) 105 sts on the needle.

Work in established pattern until the front measures 14 (14.5) 15 (16) 16 (16.5) 17 (17.5) 18 (18.5) 19 cm [5½ (5¾) 6 (6¼) 6¼ (6½) 6¾ (7) 7 (7¼) 7½ inches] measured from where sts were picked up and knitted for the shoulders. End on the same row of the pattern as on the back yoke.

Do not break the yarn as the next step follows from here.

Body

Now join the front and back yoke to form the body, which is worked in the round on a 4 mm [US6] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] circular needle. Work as follows:

Round 1: Work in established pattern across the front yoke, cast on 1 stitch in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method, work in established pattern across the back yoke. There are now a total of 139 (147) 155 (163) 163 (171) 179 (187) 195 (203) 211 sts on the needle.

Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round at the right underarm. Note that you only cast on 1 stitch at one of the underarms, so the moss stitch can be worked continuously on both sides.

Work in the round in pattern as established (meaning work moss stitch on the sides and the pattern repeat in the middle) until the sweater measures 33 (34) 38 (39) 40 (43) 44 (45) 46 (48) 49 cm [13 (13½) 15 (15¼) 15¾ (17) 17¼ (17¾) 18 (19) 19¼ inches] measured mid back – or to the desired length.

Adjust the length so you end with either a half or a complete length-wise pattern repeat (marked with the bold frame in the chart).

Before working the ribbed hem, reduce the number of sts by 1 to an even number of sts, by working two stitches together anywhere on the last round.

Change to a 3.5 mm [US4] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] circular needle and work 3 (4) 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 (6) 6 cm [1¼ (1½) 1½ (1½) 2 (2) 2 (2) 2¼ (2¼) 2¼ inches] in the round in 1 x 1 rib (k1, p1), while making sure the rib pattern is staggered in relation to the moss stitch when setting up the rib pattern on the first round.

Work 2 rounds in double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind-off technique (see video at www.petiteknit.com):

Round 1: * K1, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front of the work *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: * Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held behind the work, p1 *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

Sleeves

The sleeves are worked in the round on 4 mm [US6] double-pointed needles or on a circular needle using the *Magic Loop* technique.

Pick up and knit sts from the RS along the armhole opening with a 4 mm [US6] needle. Pick up and knit a total of 56 (58) 60 (64) 64 (66) 68 (70) 72 (74) 76 sts starting and ending at the underarm. The rate for picking up and knitting sts is approx. 2 sts for every 3 rows. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Along the center of the underside of the sleeve a stitch is worked as a knit stitch on every round, and the decreases are centered around this stitch. Work the sleeve as follows:

K1, work in moss stitch across the first 17 (18) 19 (21) 21 (22) 23 (24) 25 (26) 27 sts (beginning with a knit stitch), work in pattern from chart on page 7 across the next 21 sts, work in moss stitch across the last 17 (18) 19 (21) 21 (22) 23 (24) 25 (26) 27 sts on the of the round (starting with a knit (purl) knit (knit) knit (purl) knit (purl) knit (purl) knit stitch).

Continue as established until the sleeve measures 20 (22) 24 (25) 26 (27) 28 (29) 31 (33) 36 cm [$7\frac{3}{4}$ ($8\frac{3}{4}$) $9\frac{1}{2}$ ($9\frac{3}{4}$) $10\frac{1}{4}$ ($10\frac{3}{4}$) 11 ($11\frac{1}{2}$) $12\frac{1}{4}$ (13) $14\frac{1}{4}$ inches] along the underside – or desired length, **while at the same time** working a double decrease (**CDD**) across the beginning of the round, so the decrease is centered around the stitch that is worked as a knit stitch throughout. Work the decrease on every 6th (7th) 8th (7th) 8th (8th) 8th (8th) 8th (9th) 9th round a total of 8 (8) 8 (9) 9 (9) 9 (9) 10 (10) 10 times. There are now a total of 40 (42) 44 (46) 46 (48) 50 (52) 52 (54) 56 sts on the needle. Adjust the length so you end with either a half or a complete length-wise pattern repeat (marked with the bold frame in the chart).

Change to 3.5 mm [US4] double-pointed needles and work 2 (2) 3 (3) 3 (4) 4 (5) 5 (6) 6 cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ ($\frac{3}{4}$) $1\frac{1}{4}$ ($1\frac{1}{4}$) $1\frac{1}{4}$ ($1\frac{1}{2}$) $1\frac{1}{2}$ (2) 2 ($2\frac{1}{4}$) $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches] in the round in 1 x 1 rib (k1, p1), while making sure the rib pattern is staggered in relation to the moss stitch on the sleeve when setting up the rib pattern on the first round.

Work 2 rounds in double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind-off technique the same way as on the hem.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Neck edge

The neck edge is worked in the round in rib on a 3.5 mm [US4] circular needle.

Pick up and knit 82 (84) 84 (86) 88 (90) 94 (96) 100 (104) 108 sts from the RS around the neck opening with a 3.5 mm [US4] circular needle. Start and end at the back of the neck. The rate for picking up and knitting sts is 1 stitch in every stitch along the back of the neck, the front of the neck and along the slanting sections of the sides, while 2 sts are picked up for every 3 sts along the straight sections of the sides.

Work as follows:

Rounds 1-7: * K1, p1 *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Rounds 8-10: * K1, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Rounds 11-15: * K1, p1 *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Now the rib edge is folded double and knitted together by knitting every other stitch of the next round together with a stitch from the round where stitches were picked up and knitted, while at the same time binding them off. Work as follows (see video at www.petiteknit.com):

* Pick up a stitch from the round where stitches were picked up and knitted and place it on the left needle. Knit the picked-up stitch together with the first stitch on the left needle. Pass the second stitch on the right needle over the stitch that was just knitted (i.e. bind off the stitch). Knit 1 stitch. Pass the second stitch on the right needle over the stitch that was just knitted (i.e. bind off the stitch). *

Repeat from * to * to the end of the round.

Take care that the neck edge doesn't become twisted – make sure to check along the way that each stitch is knitted together with the stitch directly below it.

Weave in all ends.

-  knit on RS, purl on WS
-  purl on RS, knit on WS
-  no stitch
-  cast on a backward loop stitch
-  M1R
-  M1L

Chart for back yoke

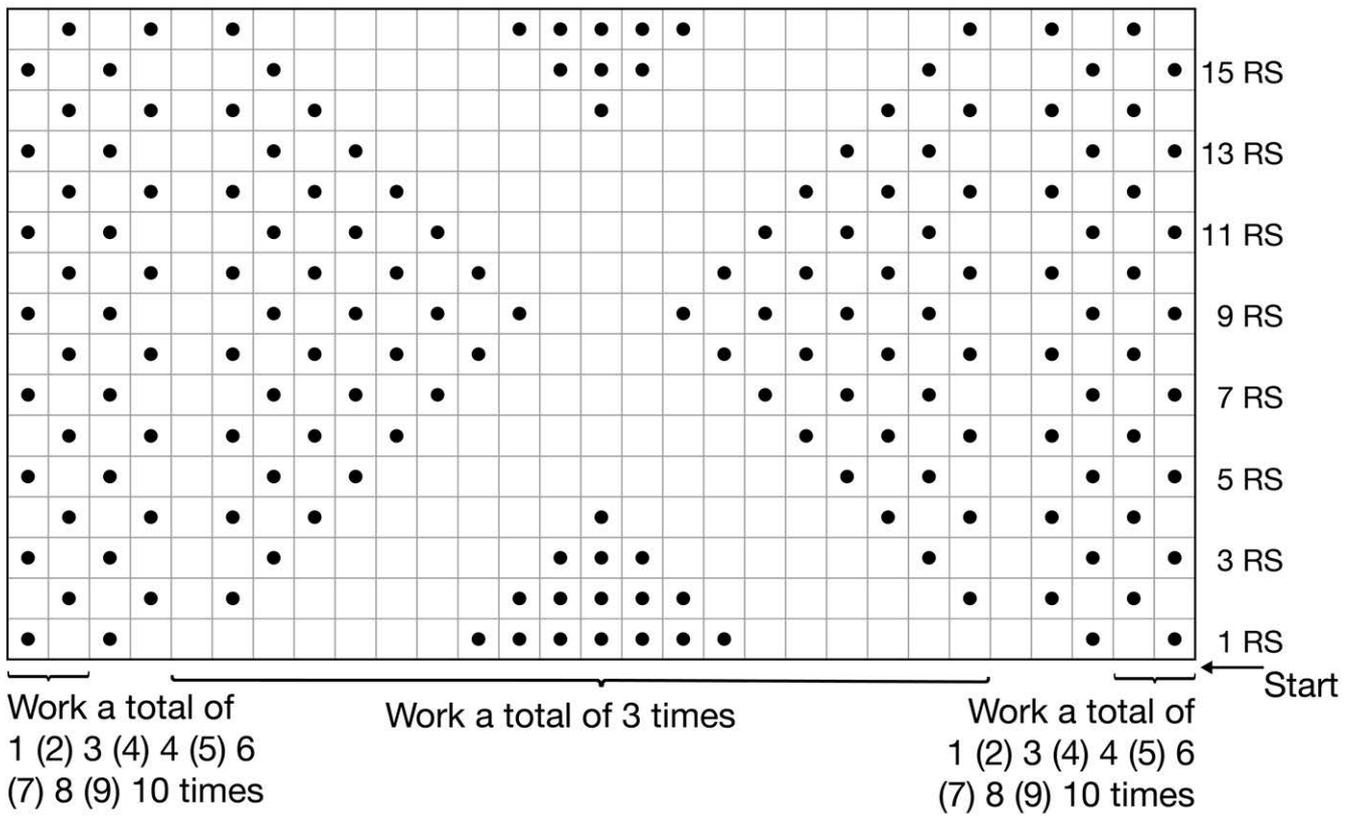


Chart for sleeves

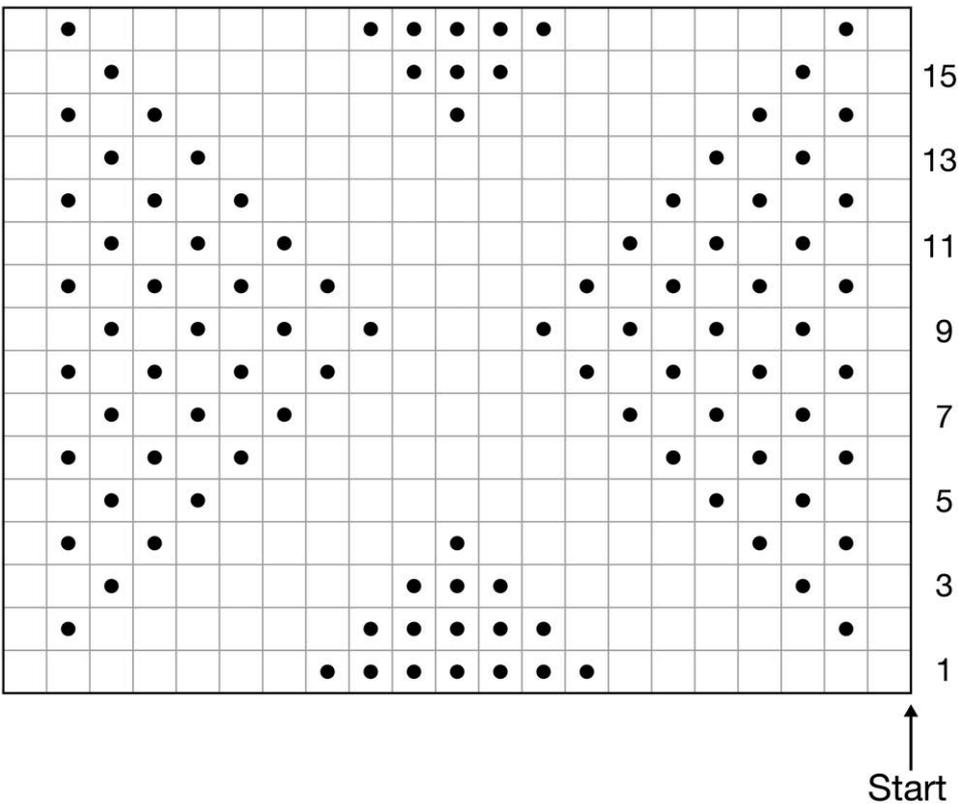


Chart for shoulders and front size 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, 4-5 years

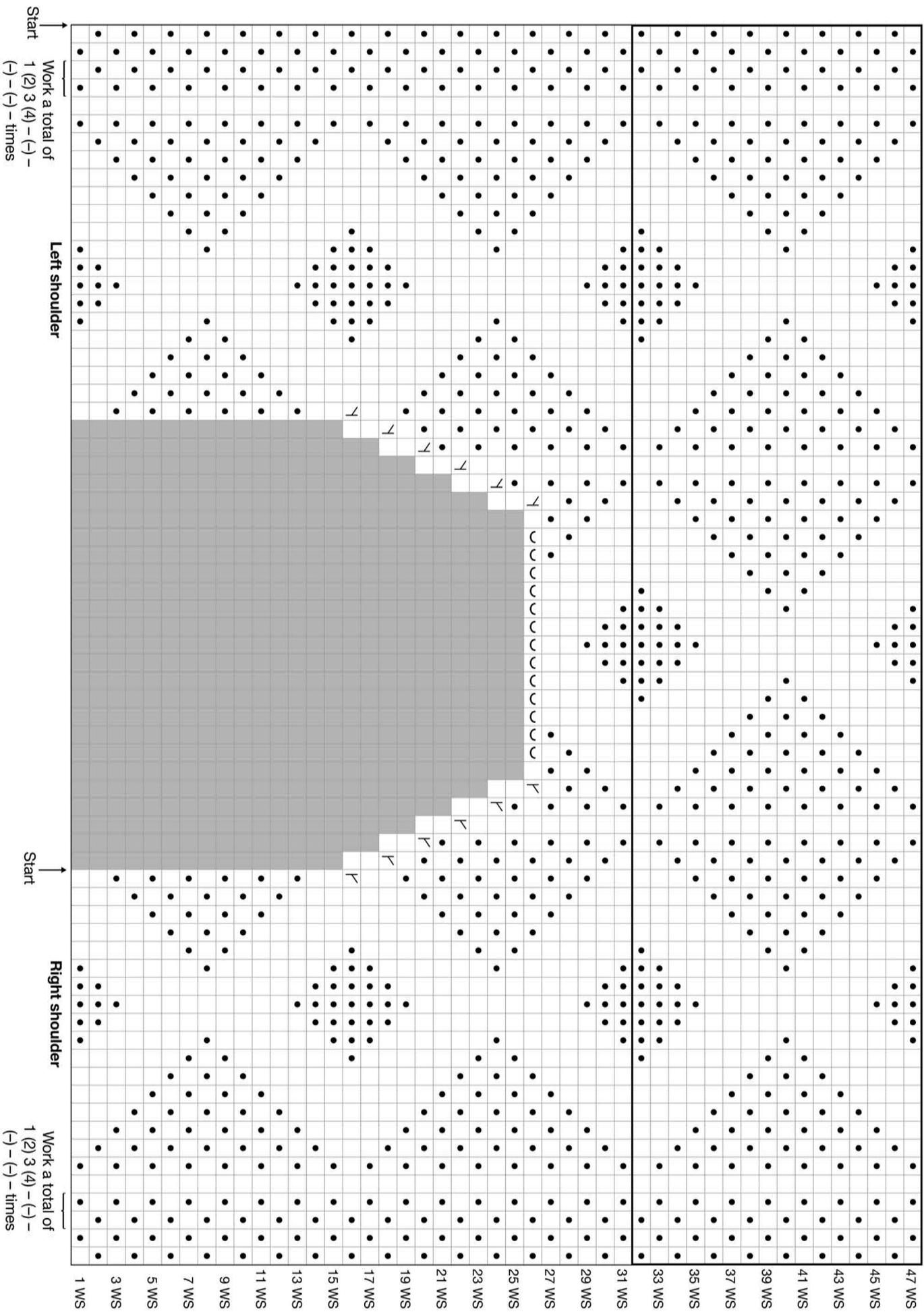
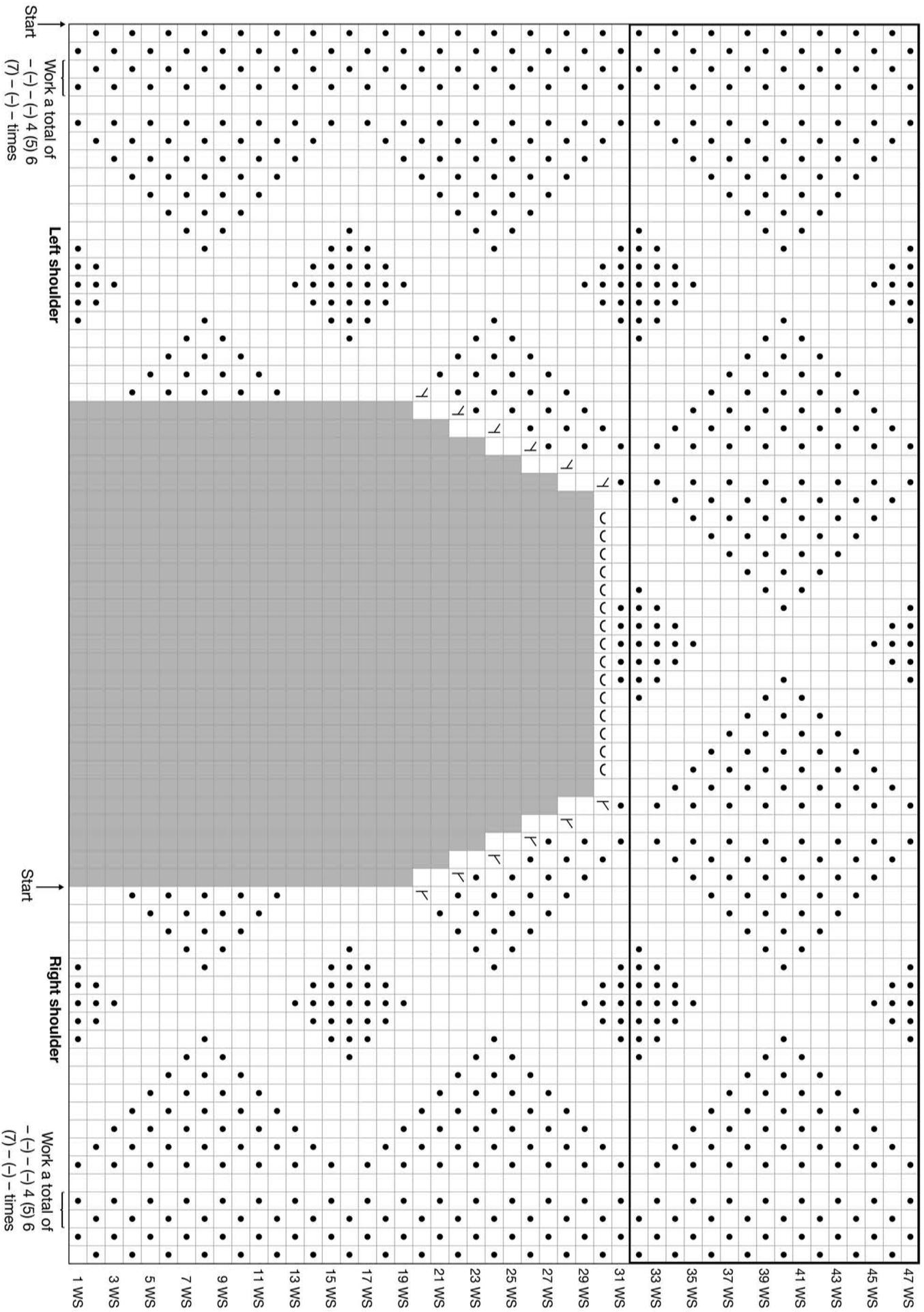


Chart for shoulders and front size 5-6, 6-7, 7-8, 8-9 years



Abbreviations

CDD	centered double decrease; slip 2 sts together as if knitting them together, knit 1 stitch, pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knitted stitch the same as when binding off
k	knit
M1L	make one left, increase; insert the left needle under the strand between the stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted).
M1R	make one right, increase; insert the left needle under the strand between the stitches from back to front, then knit this strand.
p	purl
RS	right side of your work
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side of your work



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