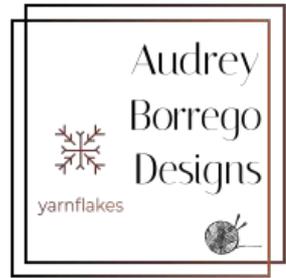


Onagre



Notes

Onagre is a pair of botanically inspired colourwork mittens. Knitted in fingering weight with adjustable gauge, they feature a two-colour motif with some floats to catch but that can still fit an adventurous beginner. With a triangle top and an afterthought thumb inserted without a gusset, they resemble the shape of traditional Latvian mittens. The pattern provides help on the colourwork method as well as on how to calculate your gauge to get a different fit.

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Yarn :

You will need two colours of fingering weight yarn in the following amounts :

MC : 160 m – 175 yds

CC : 120 m – 132 yds

Sample was knit with By Night Dyes Sirius dyed with Henna (MC) and Logwood (CC).

Needles :

2 mm (US 0) needles

or size required to get the right gauge

Gauge :

34 st x 37 rounds per 10 cm – 4" in stranded knitting stitch after blocking

Size :

Finished circumference : 21.5 cm - 8 1/2"

Finished length from cuff to top : 24 cm – 9 1/2"

Finished length from thumb position to top : 14 cm – 5 1/2"

You can get a slightly different size by working at a different gauge, whether you still use fingering or choose to knit with a different yarn weight. A tighter gauge will make smaller mittens while a looser gauge will make larger ones.

Measure your hand at its widest point (under the fingers). For a comfortable fit, make a size with up to 5 cm - 2" positive ease. For a snugger fit, you can get closer to your actual measurements.

Here is the formula to determine at what gauge you need to work for the desired circumference :

$730 / \text{desired circumference in cm} - \text{"} = \text{number of st you need per 10 cm} - 4\text{"}$

Notions :

Tapestry needle and scissors

Stitch marker

Scrap yarn to place thumb stitches on hold

Row counter recommended

Techniques used :

Stranded knitting with two colours and floats to catch

Simple thumb with no gusset

Triangular shape mitten and thumb top with simple decreases

Pattern provides charts and written instructions

Abbreviations :

- st : stitch
- rnd : round
- CO : cast-on
- MC : main colour / CC : contrast colour
- m : marker / pm : place marker
- BOR : beginning of the round
- k : knit stitch / p : purl stitch
- m1R : make 1 right, lift the bar between the stitches onto the left needle from back to front, knit through the front loop (1 st inc)
- ktbl : knit the next st through its back loop
- k2tog : knit 2 stitches together (1 st dec)
- ssk : slip the next 2 stitches knitwise and knit them together through their back loop (1 st dec)
- *-* : repeat instructions between asterisks

Colourwork :

Catching floats : in fingering weight, you can catch floats when skipping more than 6 stitches. You may do it more often if you prefer, just make sure not to catch a float in the same place in two consecutive rounds.

Colour dominance : CC will form the motifs while MC will be the background colour. To have consistent colour dominance : hold CC to the left and always carry it under MC without twisting the strands.

Reading charts :

Knitting in the round, always read the Chart from right to left.

Cuff :

Using MC, CO 54 st, using a stretchy cast-on method like the [German Twisted Cast-on](#).

(German Twisted Cast-on tutorial by Very Pink Knits)

Join to work in the round and pm for BOR.

rnds 1 to 4 : *k4tbl, p2* to end

rnd 5 : *k3, m1R* to end

72 st

Work rnds 1 to 20 of the cuff chart on page 5. The cuff is the same for both mittens.

You can try on the mitten at this point. It should go comfortably over your entire hand.

To finish the cuff, using MC :

rnd 1 : knit

rnds 2, 3 : purl

rnd 4 : k1, m1R, knit to end

73 st

Mitten body :

Start working the mitten chart.

You will find the chart for the right mitten page 6 and for the left mitten page 7.

Thumb hole :

You are going to leave a hole for the thumb.

On rnd 17, knit until you've reached the stitches marked with a red line on the chart.

Place those 15 stitches on hold and cast-on 15 new stitches, using the [backwards loop cast-on](#), as follows :

right mitten : 4 MC, 1 CC, 2 MC, 1 CC, 2 MC, 1 CC, 3 MC, 1 CC

left mitten : 2 MC, 1 CC, 2 MC, 1 CC, 3 MC, 1 CC, 2 MC, 1 CC, 2 MC

(Backwards Loop Cast-on tutorial by Very Pink Knits)

This way you have set up the colours in the right place for the next round (rnd 18).

You can thread a piece of scrap yarn in those new 15 st : it will make it easier to pick them up later.

Top of the mitten :

On rnd 58, start decreasing for the top of the mitten as shown on the chart.

When you've knitted rnd 73, cut the working yarns and pull them through the remaining 10 st to close the top the mitten.

Thumb :

You will pick up the 15 st that you've cast-on on the palm, the 15 st put on hold and 2 extra st at each corner.

You will find the chart for the right thumb on page 8 and for the left thumb on page 9.

Following rnd 1 of the thumb chart :

Pick up and knit 15 st from the st that you cast-on on the palm (st 1 to 15 of the chart).

Pick up and knit 2 st in the corner with CC (st 16 and 17 of the chart).

Knit across the 15 st that you put on hold, still following rnd 1 of the thumb chart (st 18 to 32 of the chart).

Pick up and knit another 2 st in the other corner with CC (st 33 and 34 of the chart).

PM for BOR.

34 st

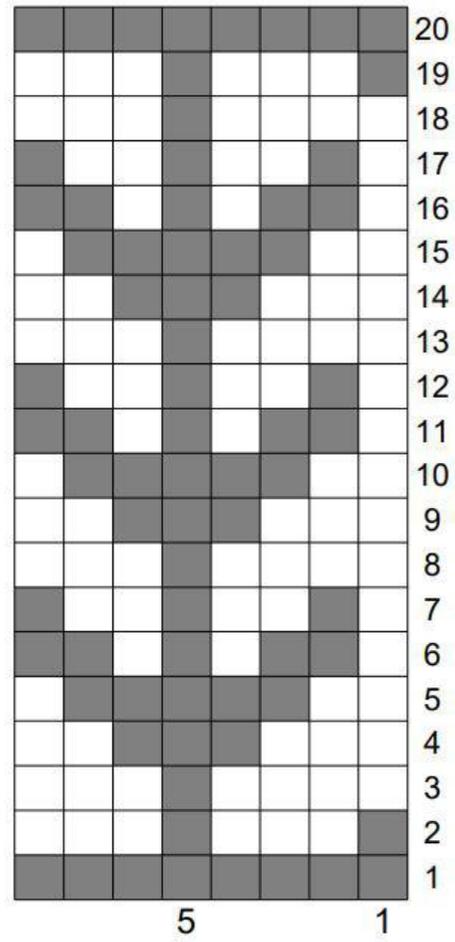
Knit the rest of the thumb chart, decreasing as show from rnd 23.

Close the top of the thumb like you did for the top of the mitten.

Finishing :

Weave in all ends and gently block the mittens.

CUFF CHART

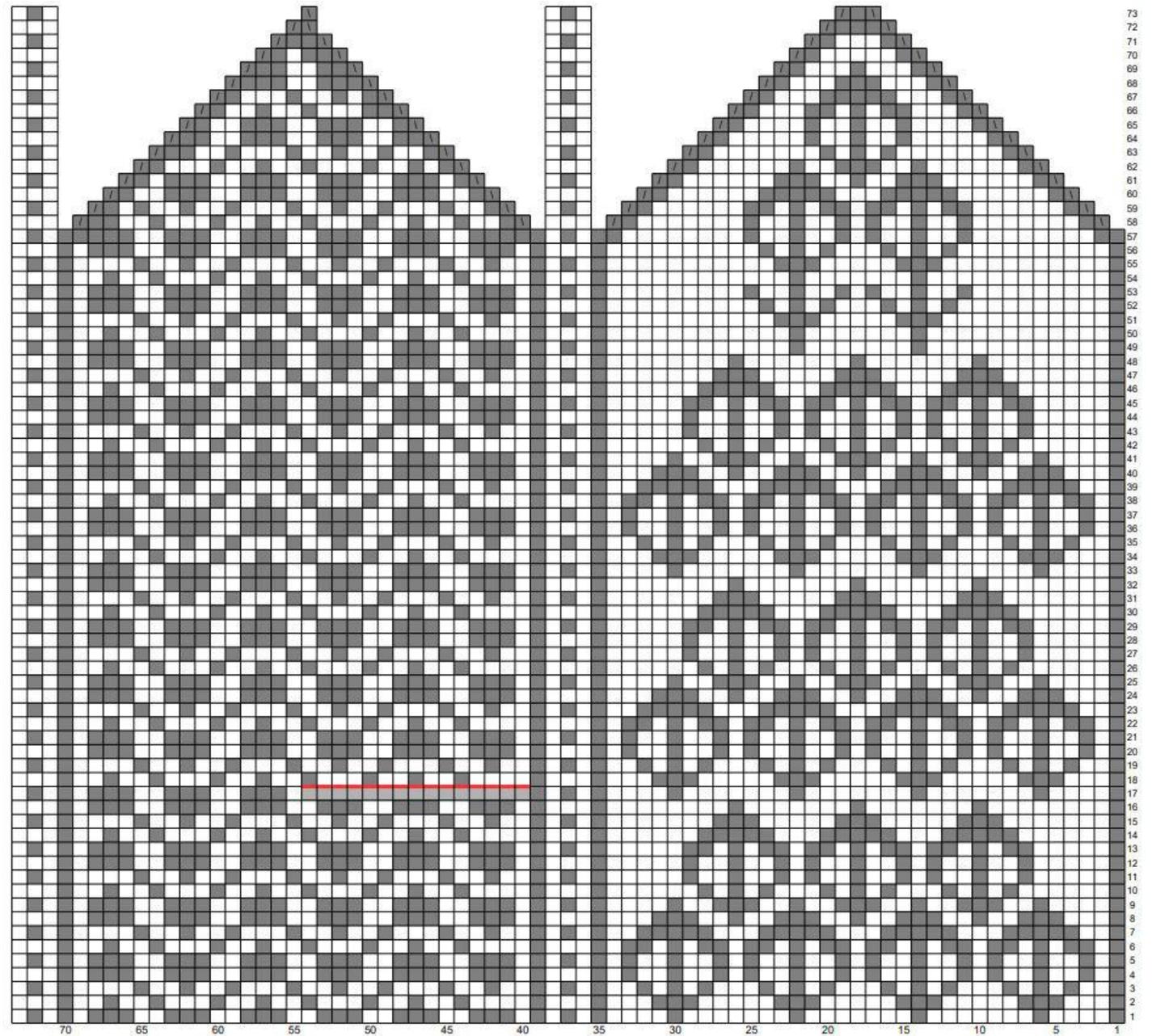


□ MC ■ CC

Work the motif 9 times across the round

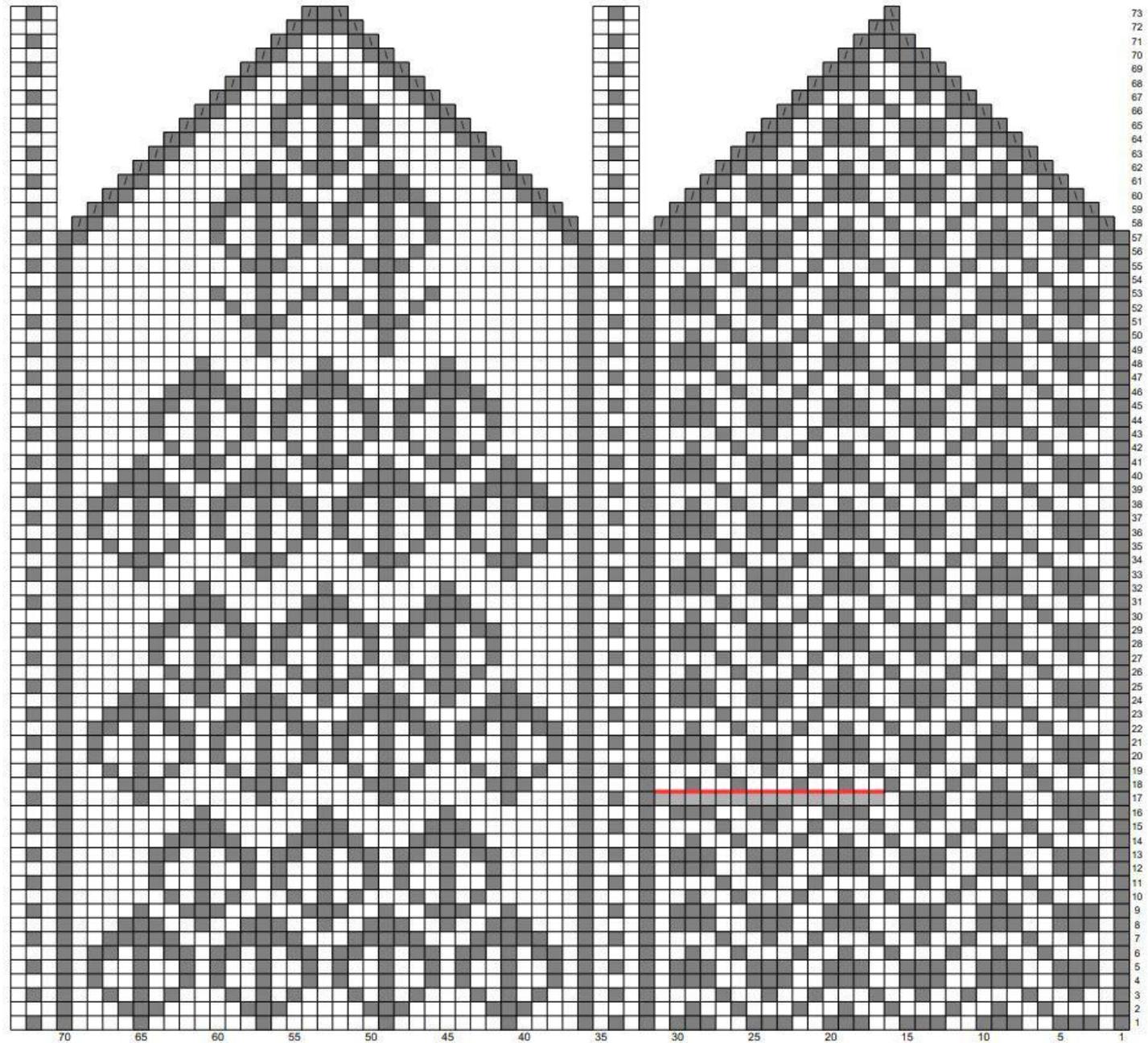
RIGHT MITTEN

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- / k2tog
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- Thumb st :
place on hold and
CO 15 new st

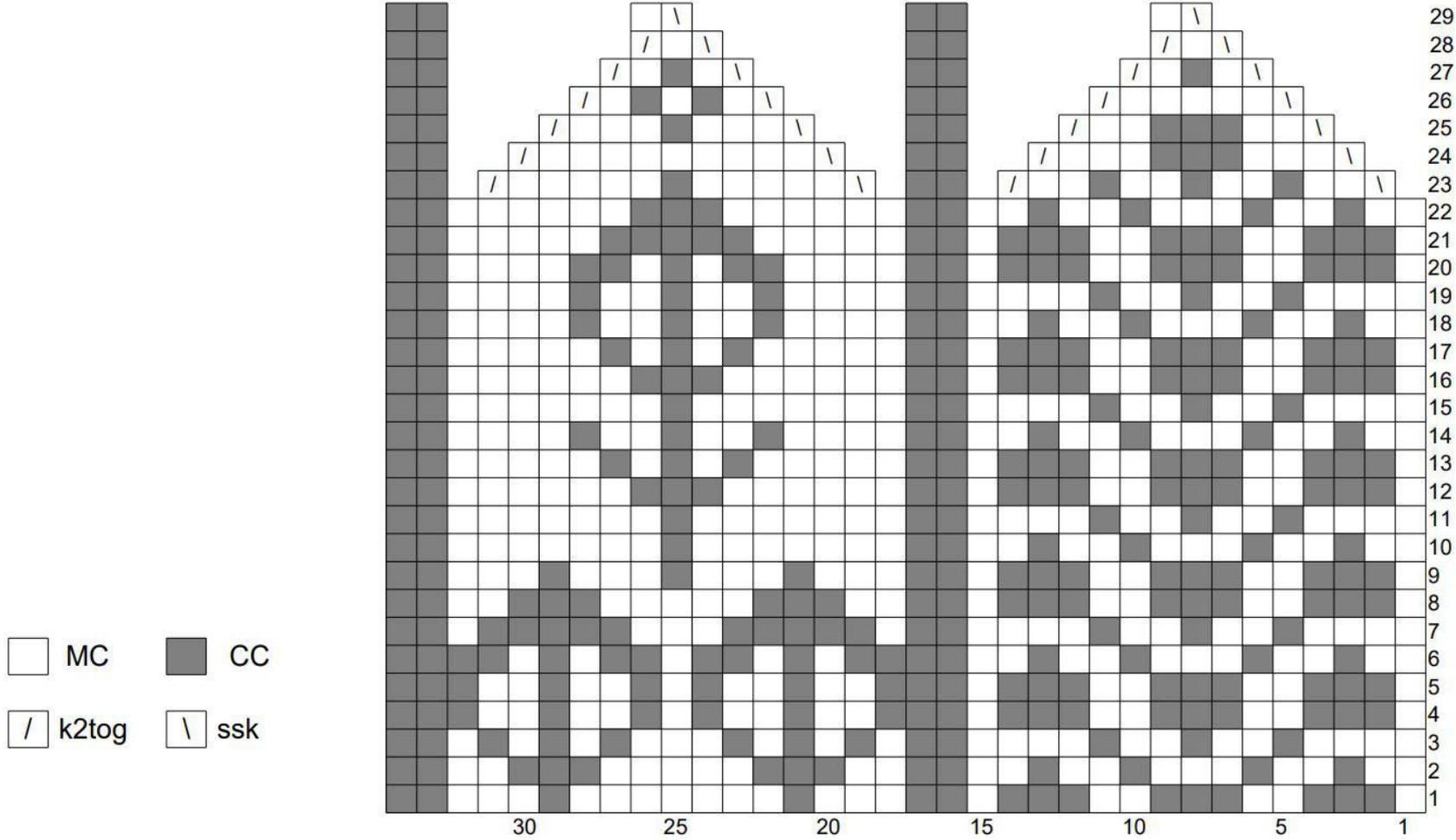


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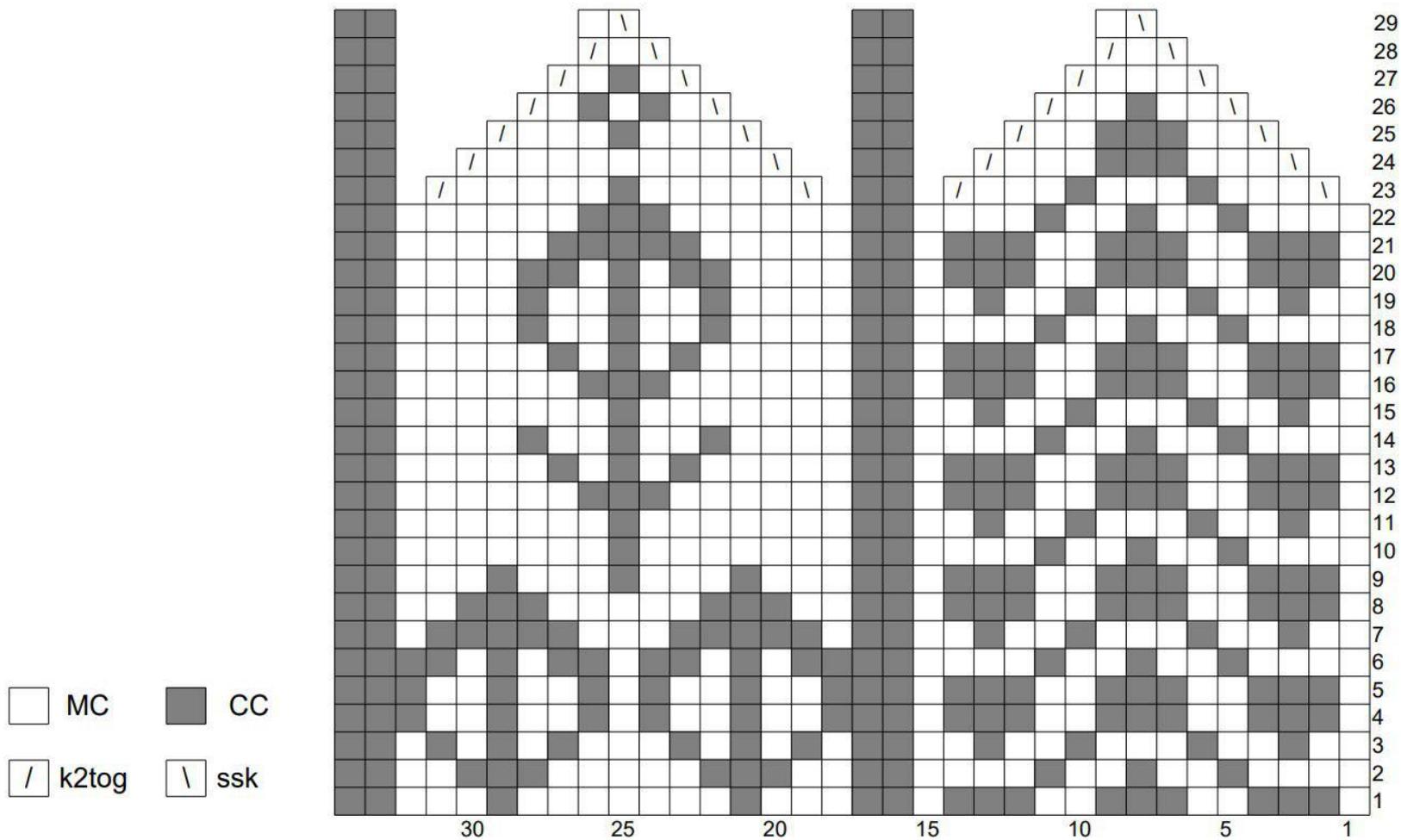
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RIGHT THUMB



LEFT THUMB



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