

Jean Cardigan



Pattern

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Classic Raglan-Cardigan with a trendy Wave-Lace-Pattern in sizes XS/S | M/L (XL/2XL | 3XL/4XL)

Materials:

- 350 | 400 (450 | 500) g Fine Merino by Majo Garn (175m/50g) AND 150 | 175 (175 | 200) g Pearl Mohair by Majo Garn (210m/25g)
- 4 mm and 3.5 mm circular knitting needles (optional: DPNs/short knitting needles for the sleeves)
- 3 to 4 buttons (ø around 20 mm)
- Darning needle
- Stitch markers or leftovers

Knitting Tension:

10x10 cm = 22 sts x 34 rs in wave lace pattern, 2 strands of yarn held together on 4 mm knitting needles (wet blocked)

Please note: The wave-lace-pattern consumes a lot of yarn and the cardigan will grow a lot after washing and blocking!

Measurements:

Bust Circumference Finished Cardigan:

93 | 108 (124 | 138) cm with a positive ease of 2 to 12 cm.

Length Finished Cardigan:

49,5 | 55 (60,5 | 66) cm incl. 4 cm hem. Can be adapted individually. You then might need more yarn.

Sleeve Length:

around 38 cm from the armpits (+ 4 cm cuffs). Can be adapted individually. You then might need more yarn.

Abbreviations:

st(s) = stitch(es)

r(s) = row(s)/round(s)

rsr = right side row

wsr = wrong side row

k = knit

p = purl

SM = stitch marker

RS = raglan stitch

m1r = make 1 right

m1l = make 1 left

k2tog = knit 2 sts together

skpo = slip 1 stitch knitwise, knit 1 stitch, pull the slipped stitch over the stitch worked

yo = yarn over

Structure:

The cardigan is worked with a classic raglan set-up top down in one piece. First of all, the yoke is worked back and forth in rows in the wave-lace pattern, with raglan increases and additional increases to shape the V neck. When the sleeves are separated from the body and all increases for the V neck are worked, the cardigan is finished in one piece and in the wave-lace-pattern without increases. Finally, a hem in 1x1 ribbing with twisted stitches is added to the cardigan. The sleeve stitches are now picked up again and the sleeves are worked in the round in wave-lace-pattern, until you reach the desired length. Shortly before the cuffs, a bunch of decreases is worked for a balloon-like sleeve shape. Then, the cuffs are worked in 1x1 twisted ribbing. Last but not least, stitches are picked up along the front parts and the neckline and a button band in double knitting is added to the cardigan. The buttons are sewn directly opposite onto the other side of the button band.

The fit of the cardigan is neutral to slightly oversized creating a comfortable fit due to the positive ease of 2 to 12 cm. The length is relatively short for a cropped look of the cardigan. The most exciting thing is the wave-lace-pattern – consisting of garter stitch stripes alternating with lace pattern stripes creating the unique wave-lace-pattern.

Notes:

Edge stitches (first and last st of a r) are knitted in rsr and in wsr. The edge sts are included into the total number of sts and they are displayed in the knitting charts too.

The cardigan is worked with **2 strands of yarn held together** (1 strand of Fine Merino and 1 strand of Pearl Mohair or similar yarn meeting the gauge).

Wave Lace Pattern: Follow the knitting charts for your individual size.

Raglan Increases: The yoke of the cardigan is shaped with raglan increases. For each raglan line (4 in total), there is a central raglan stitch, which is marked with stitch markers. Before and after the central raglan stitch, you are going to increase in every right side row 1 stitch (make 1 right before the raglan stitch/make 1 left after the raglan stitch). Please note: the 4 raglan stitches are not displayed on the knitting charts, but they are always worked according to the pattern (stockinette stitch for the lace pattern stripes vs. garter stitch for the garter stitch stripes).

Make 1 right: Insert your needle under the strand of yarn between the stitch you have just knitted and the RS from back to front and place it on your left needle. Knit it through the front loop.

Make 1 left: Insert your needle under the strand of yarn between the RS and the next stitch you are going to knit from front to back and place it on your left needle. Knit it through the back loop so that it is twisted.

!!! Please read carefully through the whole pattern before you start knitting, as you will have to work with several knitting charts and written instructions simultaneously !!!

Body

The body of the cardigan is worked top down in one piece with raglan increases. The V Neck of the cardigan is additionally shaped with increases along the front parts to shape the neckline. These additional increases take place after the first st and before the last st every 3rd every rsr. Please find on the following pages the knitting charts for back and front part as well as for the sleeves, separated by size. There are additional written instructions to make the process as smooth as possible.

One section of the wave-lace-pattern, which consists of lace-pattern stripes (pink) and garter stitch stripes (red), is worked as shown here:

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	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				

R 1 – 12 and boxes 1-17 are repeated steadily. **There are only shown the right side rows (or odd rounds).** One box is one stitch in one row/round. The knitting chart is read from right to left and from bottom to top (basically your knitting direction). Please consider the following notes of how to read the chart:

-  = a yarn over in rsr (odd rounds), in wsr p it, in even rounds k it.
-  = in rsr (odd rounds) work a skpo (= slip 1 knitwise, k1, pull the slipped stitch over the stitch worked). In wsr p it. In even rounds, k it.
-  = in rsr, k2tog. In wsr, p it. In even rounds, k it.
-  = work in garter stitch (in ROWS: k all sts in rsr, k all sts in wsr. In the round: k all sts in odd rounds, p all sts in even rounds).
-  = work in stockinette stitch (k in rsr, p in wsr, in the round: always knit).

Cast On:

Cast on 74 sts with your 4 mm knitting needles with 2 strands of yarn held together (1 strand of Fine Merino and 1 strand of Pearl Mohair) and with your preferred cast-on-method (= R 1 of the knitting chart). The first row after casting on is a wsr (R 2). There, p all sts and place the SM before and after each RS according to the table below:

Size	Left Front	RS	Left Sleeve	RS	Back	RS	Right Sleeve	RS	Right Front	Total
All	1	1	17	1	34	1	17	1	1	74

From the next rsr onwards, work the raglan increases in every rsr before and after each RS (R 3 of the knitting chart).

Therefore, follow the knitting charts for the front, the sleeves and the back part for your size. You start with the left front, then work the left sleeve, the back part, the right sleeve and finish with the right front. You can find the knitting charts for all sizes from p. 10 onwards.

From R 7 onwards, the V neck is shaped as follows:

How to Shape the V Neck for sizes XS/S and M/L:

R 7 (rsr): K1, m1l (V neck shaping), work all sts according the wave lace pattern with raglan increases according to the knitting charts until there is 1 st left, m1r (V neck shaping), k1 (= in total 10 increases).

R 8 (wsr): Work all sts according to the wave lace pattern.

R 9 – 12: Work according to the knitting charts for your size in wave-lace pattern with raglan increases, but without any additional increases for the V neck.

Repeat these 6 rs in total 9 times. End with a wsr. The additional increases for the V Neck are now worked in every 2nd rsr (meaning, you will repeat R 7 to 10 all over). Repeat these 4 rs in total 3 times (IMPORTANT: For size XS/S, you will have to separate the sleeves already!). Then, work in the additional increases for the V Neck 2 more times in EVERY rsr.

Please Note: For all sizes (except XS/S) the raglan increases for the sleeves are left out from R – | 67 (77 | 77) onwards. This means, you will then only work the raglan increases to shape front and back part (in total 4 raglan increases in every odd round).

For a detailed overview about the additional V Neck increases, have a look at the knitting charts for your size. The V neck increases are highlighted.

How to Shape the V Neck for sizes XL/2XL and 3XL/4XL:

R 7 (rsr): K1, m1l (V neck shaping), work all sts according the wave lace pattern with raglan increases according to the knitting charts until there is 1 st left, m1r (V neck shaping), k1 (= in total 10 increases).

R 8 (wsr): Work all sts according to the wave lace pattern.

R 9 – 12: Work according to the knitting charts for your size in wave-lace pattern with raglan increases, but without any additional increases for the V neck.

Repeat these 6 rs in total - | - (14 | 16) times. End with a wsr. In the next rsr, the sleeves are separated from the body, but the additional increases for the V Neck have to be continued for - | - (3 | 1) more times after separating the sleeves.

Please Note: For all sizes (except XS/S) the raglan increases for the sleeves are left out from R – | 67 (77 | 77) onwards. This means, you will then only work the raglan increases to shape front and back part (in total 4 raglan increases in every odd round).

For a detailed overview about the additional V Neck increases, have a look at the knitting charts for your size. The V neck increases are highlighted.

Finishing the Yoke

Follow the knitting charts to finish the yoke. Remember to work the raglan increases before and after each RS in every rsr and work the additional increases to shape the V neck in every other row. Follow the charts until you have reached the blue colored line for your size (= in total 352 | 382 (430 | 458) sts). End with a wsr. You should have the following numbers of sts on your knitting needles:

Size	Left Front	RS	Left Sleeve	RS	Back	RS	Right Sleeve	RS	Right Front	Total
XS/S	44	1	81	1	98	1	81	1	44	352
M/L	53	1	81	1	110	1	81	1	53	382
XL/2XL	59	1	93	1	122	1	93	1	59	430
3XL/4XL	67	1	93	1	134	1	93	1	67	458

Now the sleeve stitches are put to rest and new stitches are casted on under each armpit.

Separating the Sleeves

In the next rsr, work according to the wave lace pattern, do NOT work any raglan increases and separate the sleeves as follows:

K the sts of the left front and the RS, put to rest the sleeve stitches on another rope/leftover yarn, cast on 2 | 7 (12 | 17) new sts under the armpit, k the RS, work the sts of the back in wave lace pattern, k the RS, put to rest the sleeve sts on another rope/leftover yarn and cast on 2 | 7 (12 | 17) new sts under the armpit, k the RS and work the sts of the right front part in wave lace pattern (= 194 | 234 (268 | 308) sts).

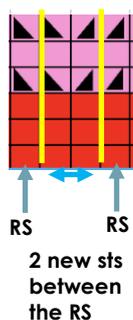
Finishing the Body

The new stitches under each armpit are integrated as follows into the wave-lace-pattern:

For a better orientation and overview when working the wave-lace pattern, I recommend to place SM directly in the middle between two pattern repeats under the armpits (between 3 yarn overs or between the 3 k2tog/ 3 skpo).

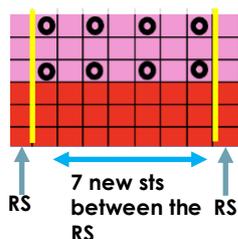
To keep track of the pattern, it might be useful to place SM between every pattern repeat to keep track of when one pattern repeat ends and when the next pattern repeat starts.

Size XS/S:



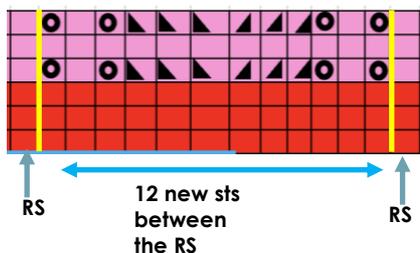
This is the row, where you cast on the new sts. From the next r onwards, work the sts according to the wave-lace-pattern.

Size M/L:



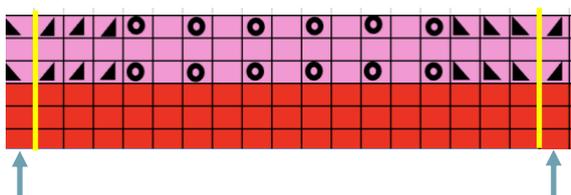
This is the row, where you cast on the new sts. From the next r onwards, work the sts according to the wave-lace-pattern.

Size XL/2XL:



This is the row, where you cast on the new sts. From the next r onwards, work the sts according to the wave-lace-pattern.

Size 3XL/4XL:



This is the row, where you cast on the new sts. From the next r onwards, work the sts according to the wave-lace-pattern.



Now work all sts in wave-lace-pattern according to the knitting charts. If necessary for your size, work in the additional increases for the V Neck (= 200 | 234 (274 | 310) sts in total). Then, work the body without increases, until it measures around 26 | 28 (30 | 32) cm from the armpits down – or until you feel comfortable with the length. Eventually, you will need more yarn than indicated in the pattern. End with a section in the lace pattern (lace-pattern stripe).

Please note concerning the wave-lace-pattern on the front parts: The pattern repeats are not always working out, meaning the wave-lace-pattern might not be worked entirely along the front panels. Therefore, have a closer look at the knitting charts and work according to the charts for your size!

Hem:

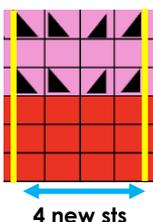
Change to 3.5 mm knitting needles and work for the next 12 rs (around 4 cm) in 1x1 ribbing with twisted knit and purl sts (*knit 1 through the back loop, purl 1 through the back loop*, repeat from * to * steadily). Bind off all sts in R 13 with an elastic bind-off-method (You can find a Youtube-Tutorial on this technique here: <https://youtu.be/o6K4UpWJ94Q>) and cut the yarn.

Sleeves

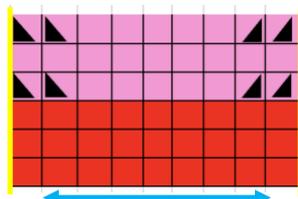
The sleeves are now finished in wave-lace-pattern too. Therefore, pick up the resting sleeve sts and pick up 4 | 9 (9 | 15) new sts directly out of the body under the armpits with your 4 mm knitting needles and with 2 strands of yarn held together. Place a SM in the middle of the new picked up sts – this is your new beginning of the round and an important orientation for the wave lace pattern as described for the body on the page before. You should have in total 85 | 90 (102 | 108) sts on your knitting needles.

The new sts picked up under the armpits are integrated into the wave-lace-pattern as follows (Please note, that the wave-lace-pattern does not work out completely for all sizes and that you will have to cast on different numbers of sts in comparison to body sts casted on under the armpits):

Size XS/S:

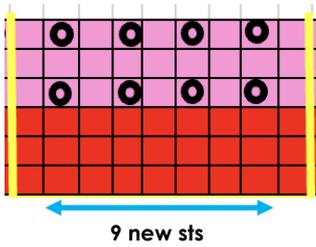


Size M/L:



9 new sts

Size XL/2XL:



Size 3XL/4XL:



Finishing the Sleeves:

The sleeves are now worked in wave lace pattern in the round, until they measure 38 cm (or until you feel comfortable with the length – please note that the cuffs will add around 4 cm to the final sleeve length). End with a section in the lace pattern (lace-pattern stripe).

Change to 3.5 mm knitting needles and k all sts in the next r. Then, work in the following decreases: *k2tog*, repeat from * to * until there is 1 | 0 (0 | 0) st left (= 43 | 45 (51 | 54) sts).

Now work for 4 cm in 1x1 ribbing with twisted knit stitches and purl stitches. Please note for all sizes with an odd number of sts: knit the first 2 sts of the first ribbing round together through the back loop to achieve an even number of sts.

Then, cast off all sts with an elastic bind off method (You can find a Youtube-Tutorial on this technique here: <https://youtu.be/o6K4UpWJ94Q>) and repeat the instructions for the 2nd sleeve.

Double Knitted Button Band

Please Note: The wave-lace-pattern stretches a lot after washing and blocking! This can result into tension problems when working the double knitted button band. Therefore, some test knitters preferred to wash and block their cardigans BEFORE working the double knitted button band to avoid tension problems. I worked the button band on my sample without washing and blocking the cardigan before and everything turned out fine, but I am used to the wave-lace-pattern (and my tension in double knitting ☺).

Pick up stitches along the front parts and the neckline of your cardigan. Therefore, use your 3.5 mm knitting needles and two strands of yarn held together. I recommend to pick up 1 st per 1 st and 2 sts per 3 rs. If you have a looser knitting tension, I recommend to pick up 1 st per 2 rs. If you have a tighter knitting tension, I recommend to pick up 1 st per 1 r. Alternatively, you can adjust the needle size to deal with tension problems.

Your total number of stitches depends on your individual knitting tension. Start to pick up sts at the bottom of the right front part and work down until the bottom of the left front part.

How to work the Button Band in Double Knitting

Cut the yarn and start at the bottom of the right front part. Cast on 14 sts on your 3.5 mm knitting needles and two strands of yarn held together. Then, slip the new sts to the needle in your left hand and work the button band as follows:

RSR: Start with the 14 new casted on sts. Slip 1 st knitwise, *k1, slip 1 st purlwise with the yarn in front of your work*, repeat from * to * until there is 1 st left. The last st is knitted through the back loop together with the first picked up st along the front part. Now turn your work around and work back as follows:

WSR: Slip 1 st purlwise, *k1, slip 1 st purlwise with the yarn in front of your work*, repeat from * to * until there is 1 st left, p1.

Repeat these 2 rs steadily, until you have worked the button band for around 4 cm. Furthermore, you can find a video for this technique on my website: <https://www.kolibri-by-johanna.de/claude-troyer-techniques-techniken>. From the next rsr onwards, work in the first button hole as follows:

Button Hole:

Work the first 7 sts in double knitting as described above. Then, turn your work around and work back in double knitting. Continue knitting the first 7 sts in double knitting until you have worked around 1.5 cm. Cut the yarn and start over with the 8th st. Work the last 7 sts in double knitting as described above until this part is measuring 1.5 cm too. Cut the yarn.

Continue to knit all 14 sts in double knitting as described above until you are going to work the next button hole (with a distance of around 7 cm). Repeat the instructions until you have worked in total 3-4 button holes.

Now continue to work in double knitting along the whole neckline and front parts without making any more button holes. When you have reached the bottom of the left front, cast off all sts and sew the buttons on the left button band.

If you want to "knit" your own buttons matching the fabric of your cardigan, you can watch the Youtube-Tutorial here: https://youtu.be/kZLWke_tEuk.

Knitting Charts

Knitting Charts for the Front Parts, the Back Part and the Sleeves

Please find on the following pages the knitting charts for the front parts, the back part and the sleeves. There are separate knitting charts for EACH SIZE.

Please consider the following **notes**:

Follow the knitting chart until the blue colored line for your chosen size. One box is one stitch in one row. There are only displayed the right side rows. The raglan increases are worked in every rsr. Raglan increases and edge stitches are included in the knitting charts as well as the new stitches to shape the V neck. The knitting chart is read from right to left and from bottom top (your knitting direction).

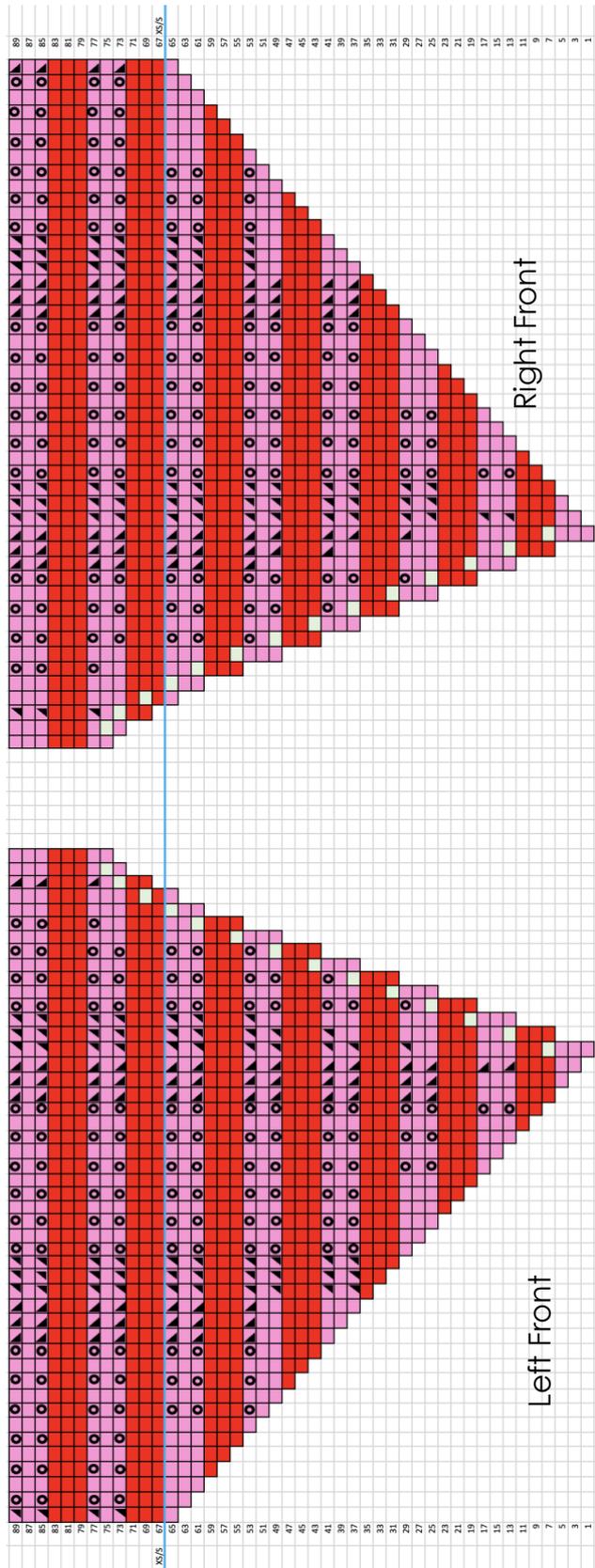
The raglan stitches are NOT DISPLAYED, but you will have to work them between each knitting chart (4 RS in total). Additionally, the raglan stitches are worked according to the wave lace pattern. This means, they are worked in stockinette stitch when working a lace pattern stripe. They are worked in garter stitch when working the garter stitch stripe.

Symbols:

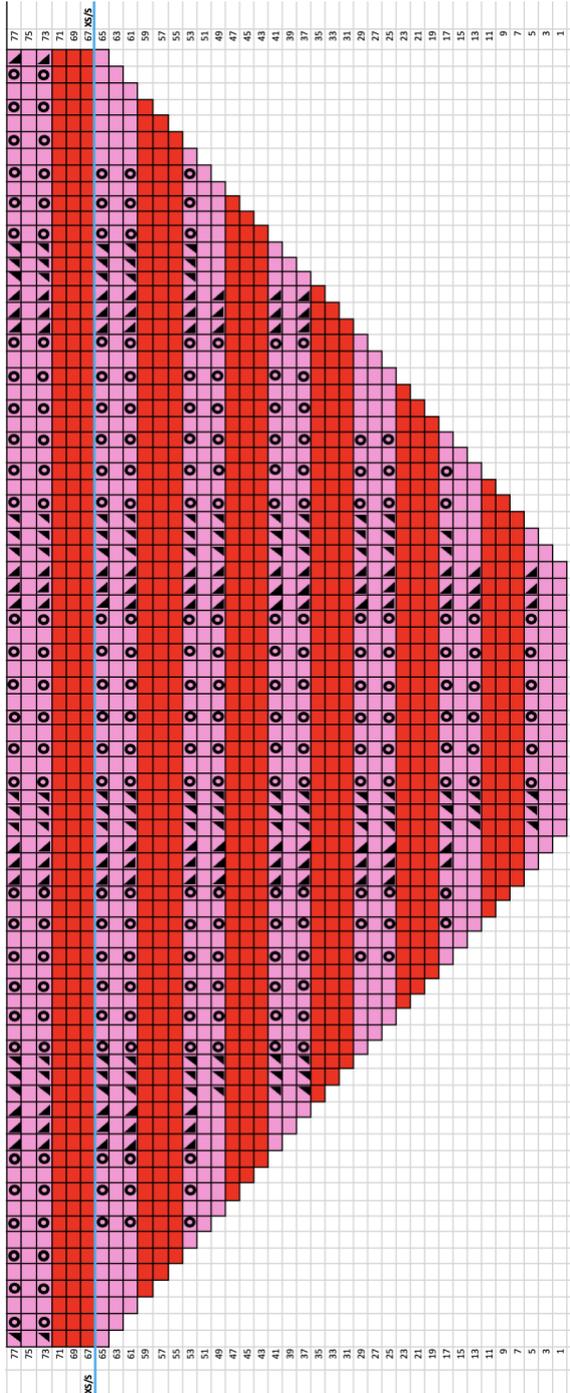
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-  = additional increase to shape the V neck (m1l on the left front, m1r on the right front), in wsr work according to the wave-lace-pattern.

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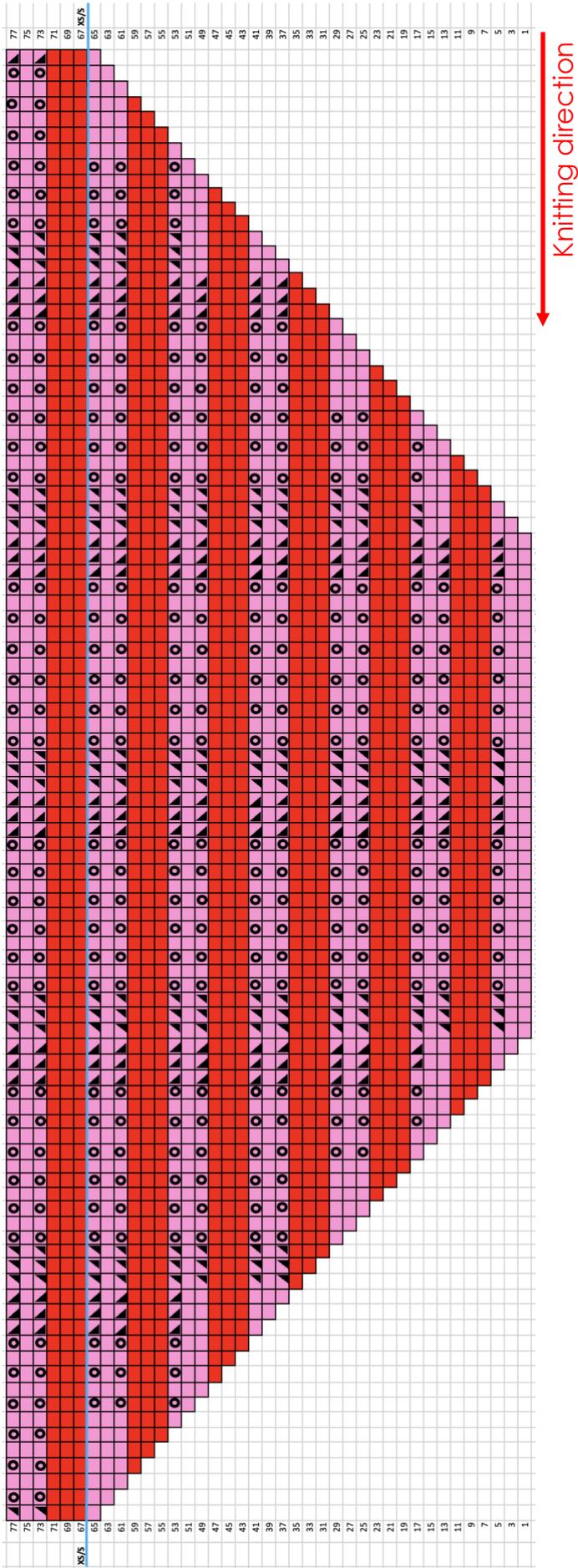
FRONT PARTS Size XS/S:



SLEEVES Size XS/S:

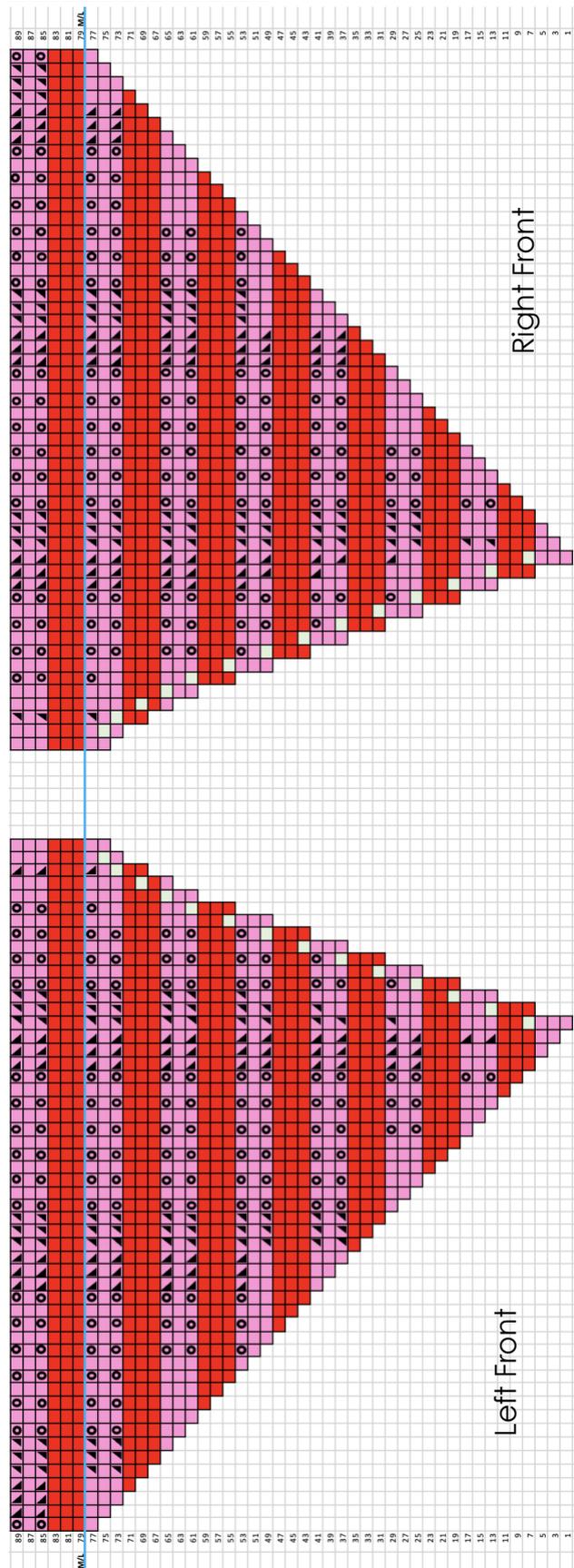


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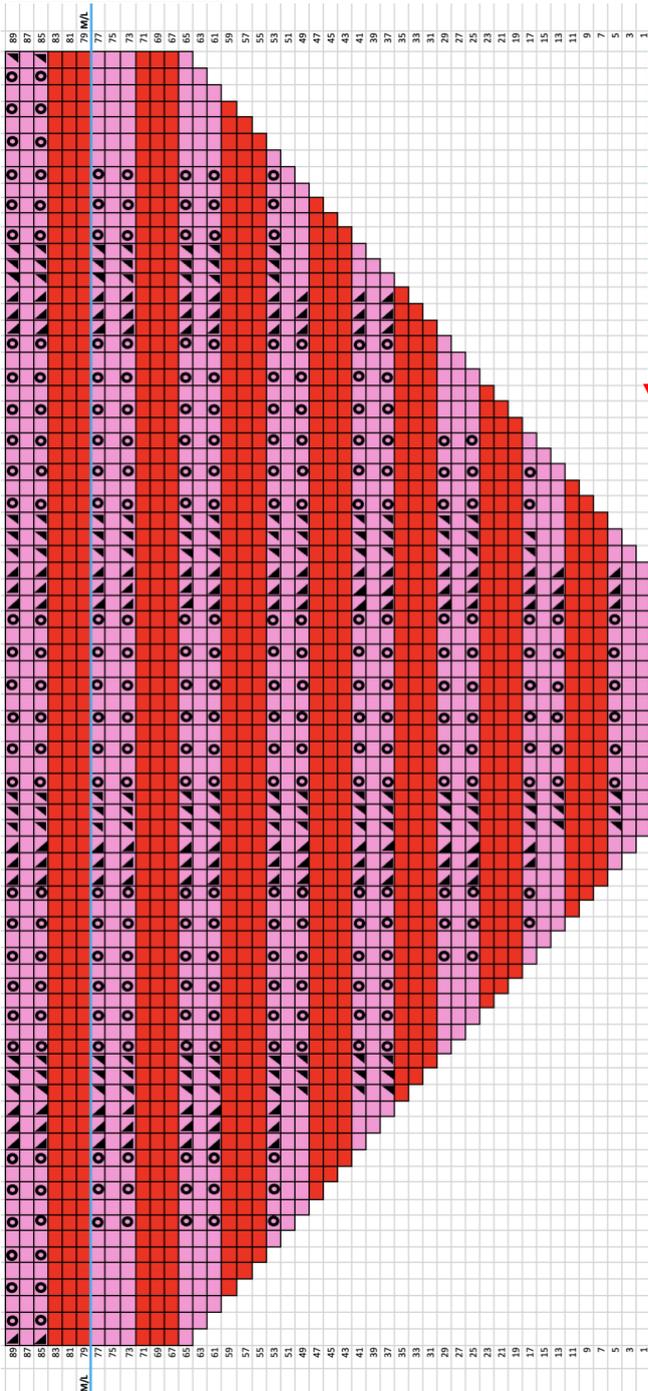


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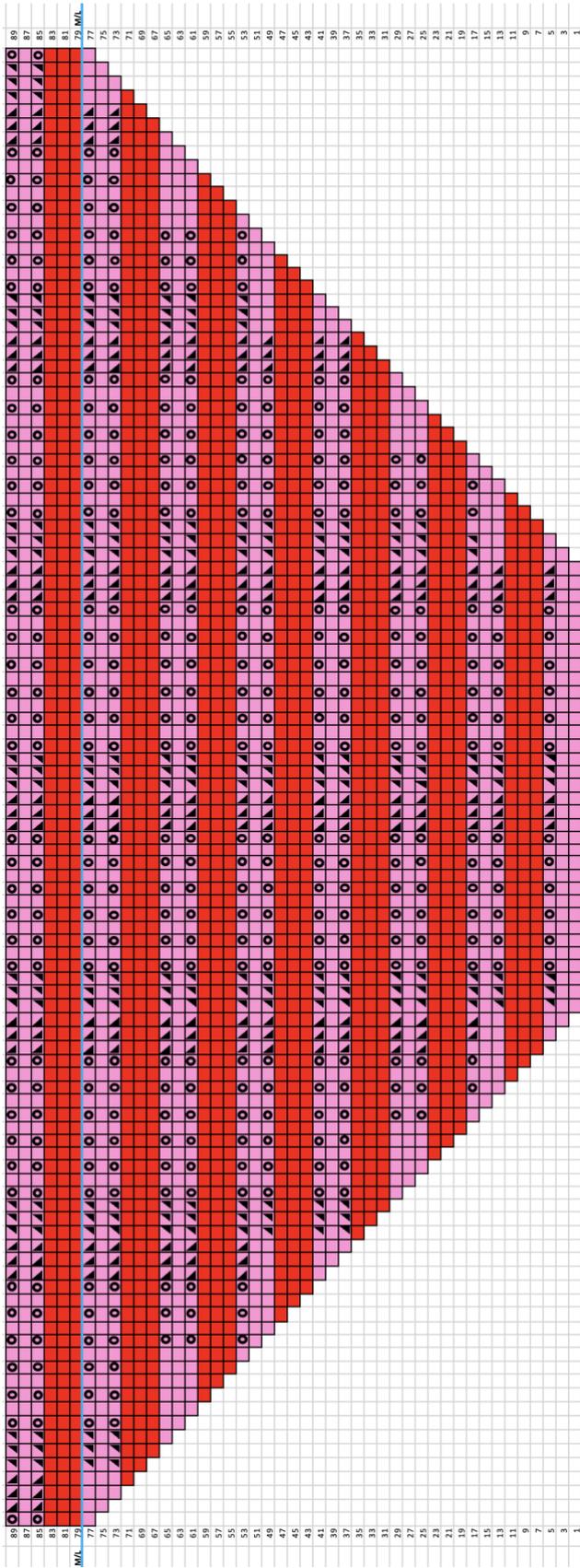
FRONT PARTS Size M/L:



SLEEVES Size M/L:

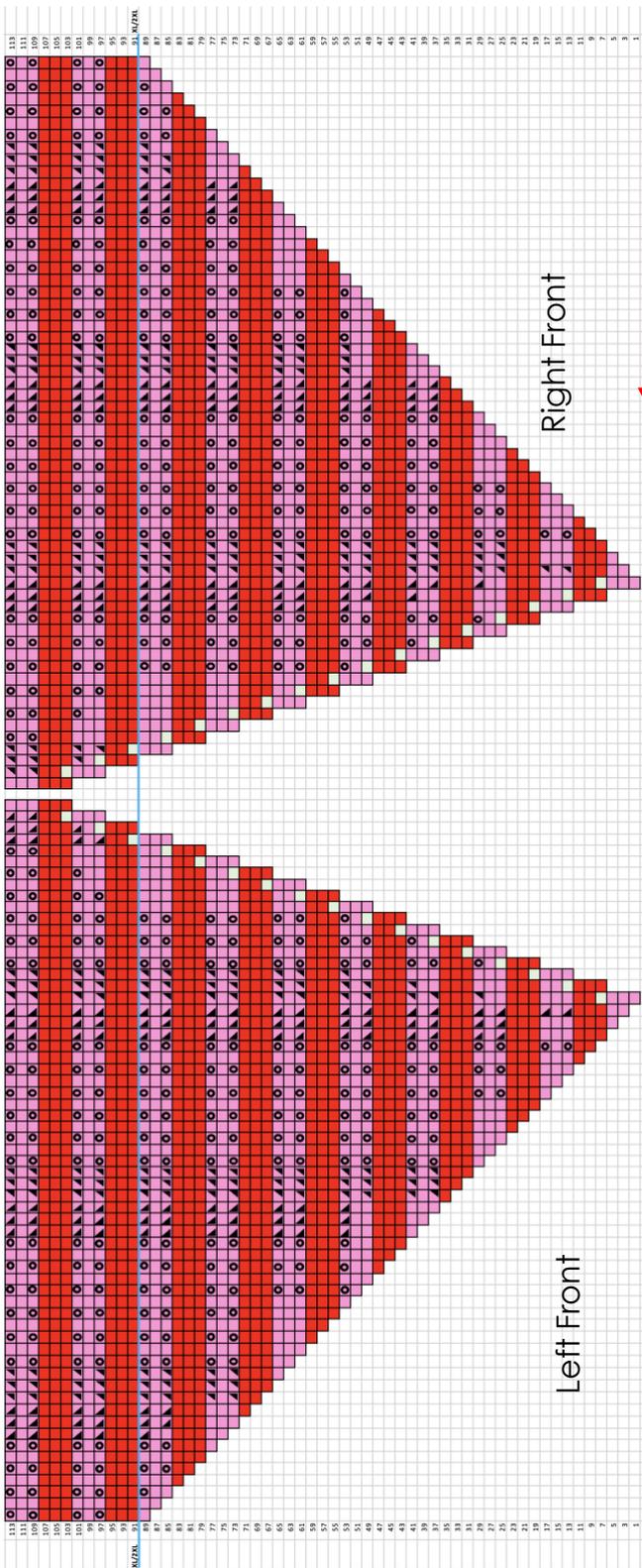


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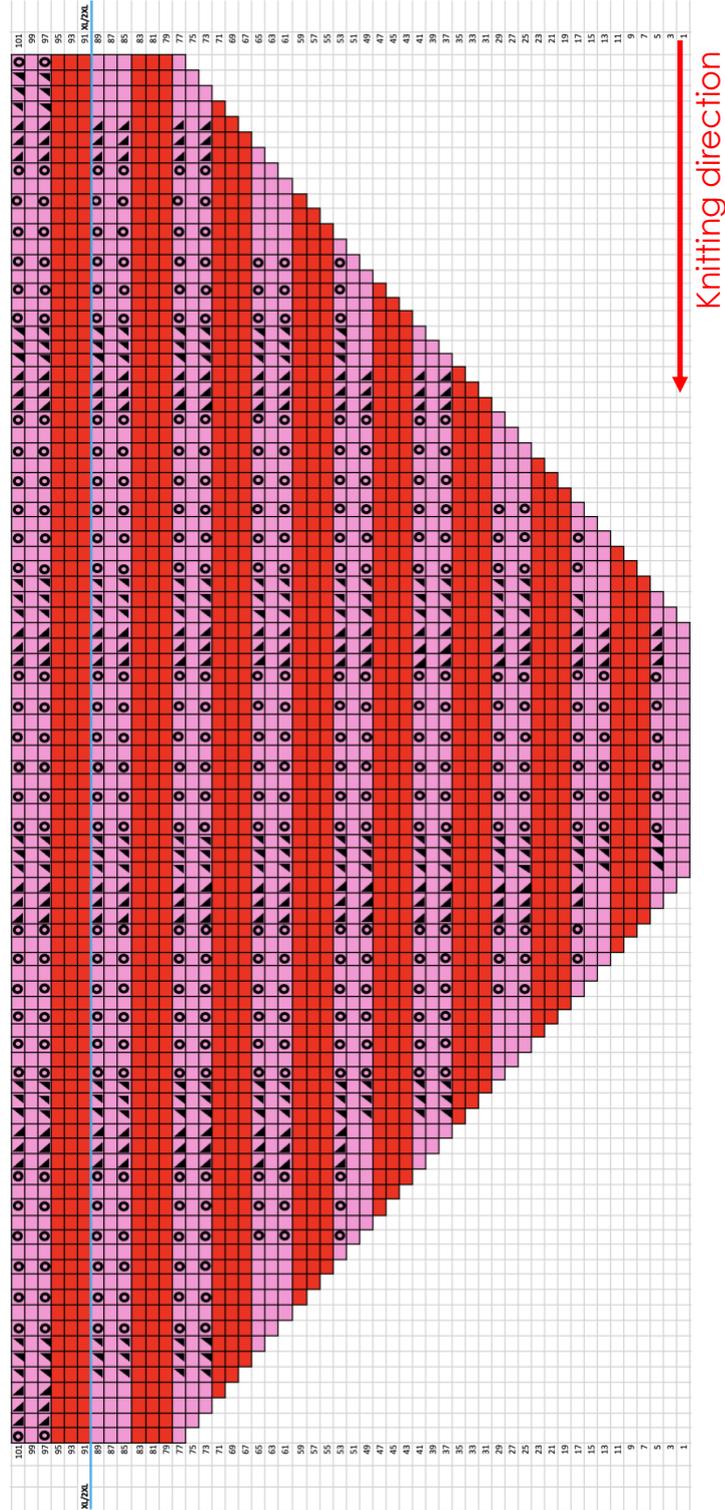


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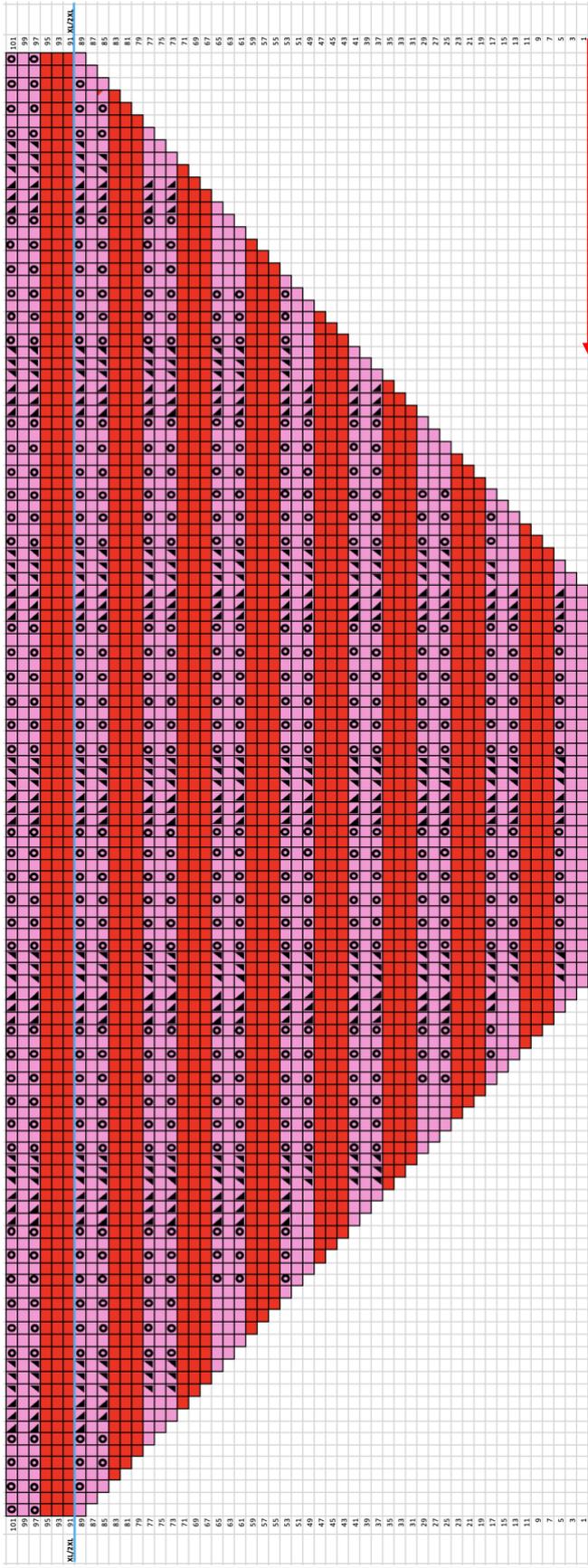
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SLEEVES Size XL/2XL:



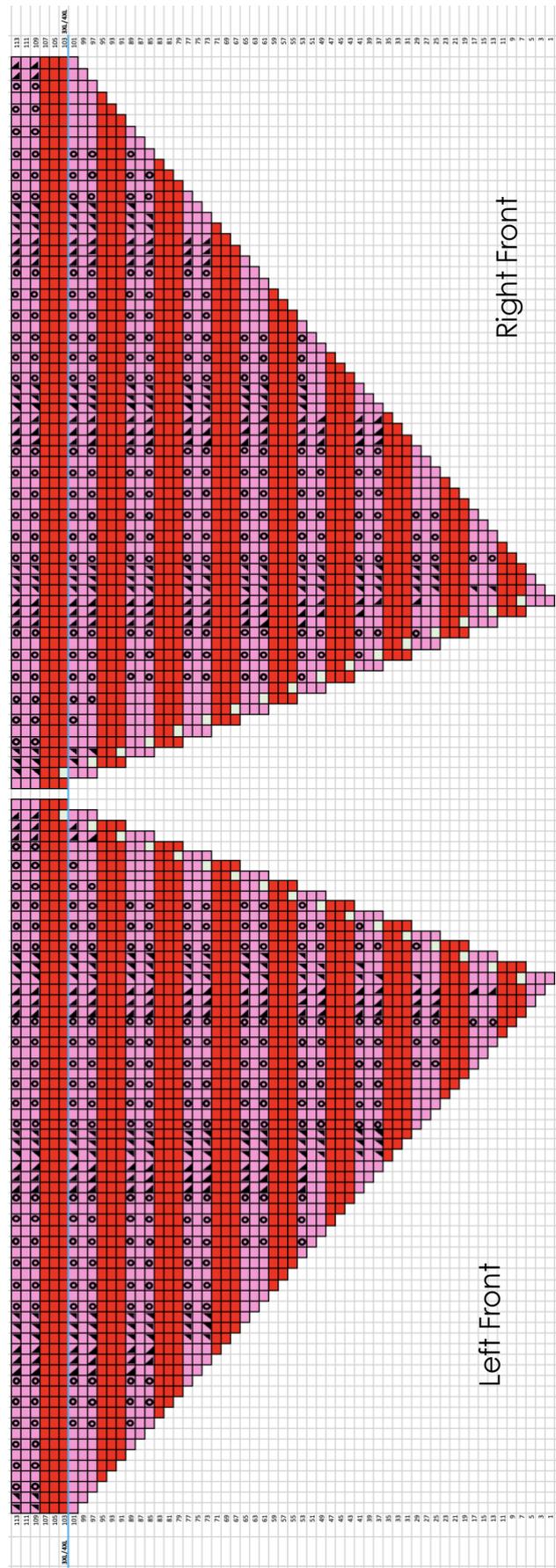
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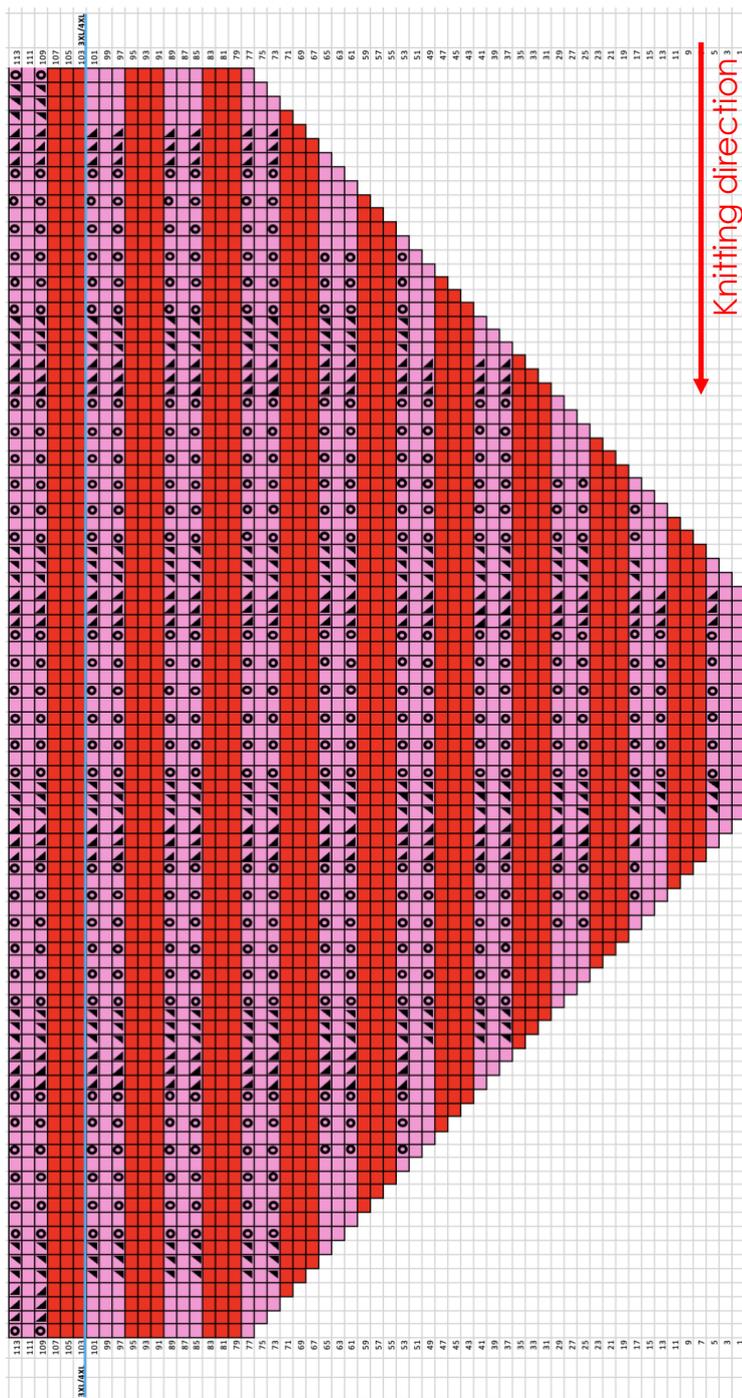
Knitting direction

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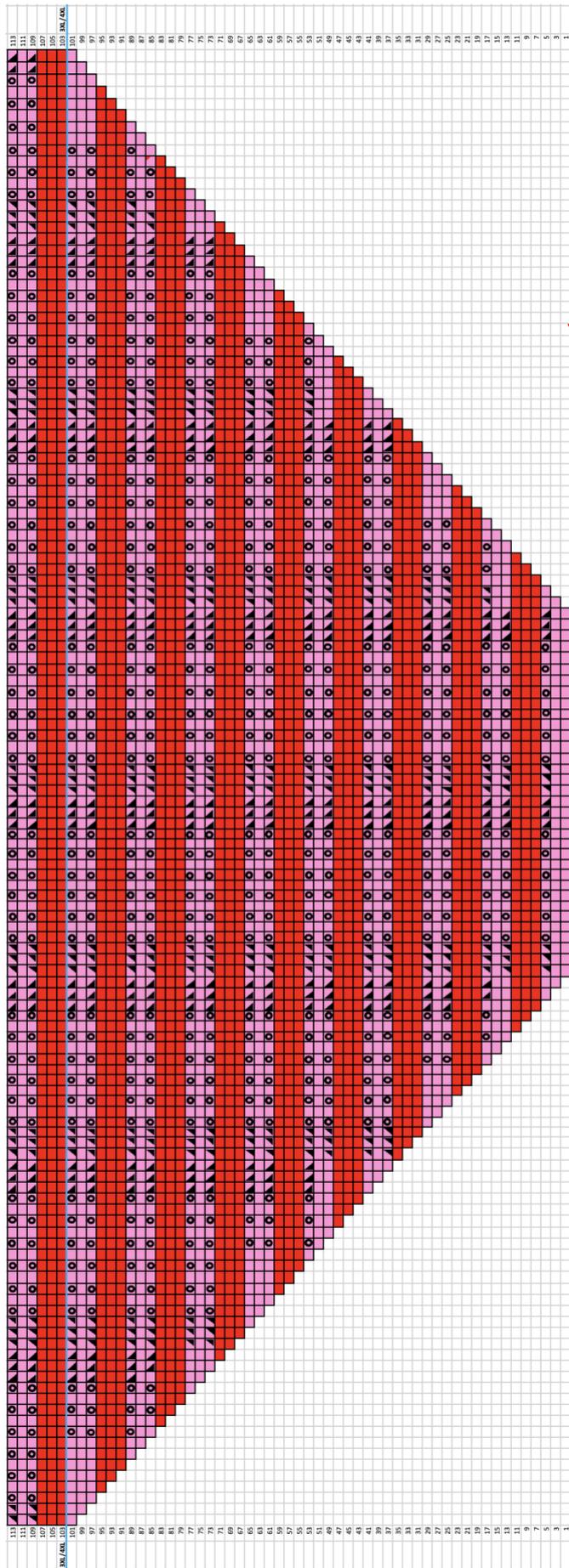
FRONT PARTS Size 3XL/4XL:



SLEEVES Size 3XL/4XL:



BACK PART Size 3XL/4XL:



Completion

Wet block your cardigan and let it dry flat. Weave in all ends. Sew the buttons onto the button band.

Your new handmade Jean Cardigan is finished!

I would be thrilled to see your results! If you like, share your progress and finished garment on Instagram with the Hashtag **#jeancardigan** and my tag **@kolibri.by_johanna**



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