



# PORTIA

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Portia is a richly textured, cozy statement shawl with bold, luxurious cables.

The elongated asymmetrical triangle shape allows for effortless wearing ease and maximal wrapping pleasure. The focal point of Portia is the striking undulating cable pattern, that transitions into homey, comforting garter stitch. Portia is finished with a border that is reminiscent of strings of beads or pearls, echoing parts of the cable pattern.



## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### CONSTRUCTION

Portia is knitted from tip to edge, then finished with a border that is worked perpendicular to the body. Increases are worked on one side only to achieve an asymmetrical triangular shape.

### SIZE

One size.

Wingspan: approx. 175 cm / 69".

Depth: approx. 70 cm / 27.5".

### YARN

Approx 840 m / 920 yds of a fingering weight yarn **held together** with approx 840 m / 920 yds of a lace weight yarn .

This could be substituted with 1200 yds / 1100 m of a dk weight yarn held single.

Sample is shown in Tukuwool Fingering by Tukuwool, 100% Finnish wool, 220 m / 219 yds per 50 gr, (colorway Runo) held together with Silk Divine by Nature's Luxury 60% mohair, 40% silk, 240 m / 262 yds per 20 gr (colorway Ice Cube).

### NEEDLES

**Needle A:** one 100 cm / 40" circular needle, in size needed to obtain gauge listed.

Suggested needle size: 4 mm / US #6.

**Needle B** (for the i-cord): a short needle in the size of Needle A.

### GAUGE

Measured after blocking.

Garner Stitch on Needle A: 18 sts x 36 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4".

### NOTIONS

Stitch markers, cable needle, tapestry needle, blocking pins, blocking mats, blocking wires.

### TECHNIQUES

#### Charts

The Charts are read from bottom to top and from right to left on RS rows and from left to right on WS rows.

## DIRECTIONS



### SET-UP

CO 6 sts.

Next row (WS): K4, p2.

### SECTION A

Row 1 (RS): sl1, k1, p1, kfbf, k2; 8 sts.

Row 2 (WS): k3, p2, k1, sl1, p1.

Row 3: sl1, k1, p1, k2, kfb, k2; 9 sts.

Row 4: k4, p2, k1, sl1, p1.

Row 5: sl1, k1, p1, RT, p1, kfbf, k2; 11 sts.

Row 6: k3, p1, k2, p2, k1, sl1, p1.

Row 7: sl1, k1, p1, RT, p2, k1, kfb, k2; 12 sts.

Row 8: k3, p2, k2, p2, k1, sl1, p1.

Row 9: sl1, k1, p1, RT, p2, k2, kfbf, k2;  
14 sts.

Row 10: k3, p4, k2, p2, k1, sl1, p1.

Row 11: sl1, k1, p1, RT, p2, k4, kfb, k2;  
15 sts.

Row 12: k4, p4, k2, p2, k1, sl1, p1.

Row 13: sl1, k1, p1, RT, p2, k4, p1, kfbf, k2;  
17 sts.

Row 14: k3, p1, k2, p4, k2, p2, k1, sl1, p1.

Row 15: sl1, k1, p1, RT, p2, k4, p2, k1, kfb,  
k2; 18 sts.

Row 16: k3, p2, k2, p4, k2, p2, k1, sl1, p1.

Row 17: sl1, k1, p1, RT, p2, k4, p2, k2, kfbf,  
k2; 20 sts.

Row 18: k3, (p4, k2) twice, p2, k1, sl1, p1.

### SECTION B

Work Increase Chart 1 on page 6 as follows.

All RS rows: sl1, k1, work the row as charted to end.

All WS rows: work the row as charted to last 2 sts, sl1, p1; 54 sts.

**Note:** Ignore the Increase Chart 1 repeat box for this section. The repeat box is used in section C of the pattern.

### SECTION C

Work Increase Chart 2 on page 6 as follows.

All RS rows: sl1, k1, work Increase Chart 2 until the repeat box, work the repeat from Increase Chart 1, work Increase Chart 2 to end.

All WS rows: work Increase Chart 2 until the repeat box, work the repeat from Increase Chart 1, work Increase Chart 2 to last 2 sts, sl1, p1; 68 sts.

## SECTION D

Work Increase Chart 3 on page 7 as follows.

**All RS rows:** sl1, k1, work the row as charted to end.

**All WS rows:** work the row as charted to last 2 sts, sl1, p1; 81 sts.

You have now established the cable pattern as it will be worked throughout the body of the shawl.

## SHAWL BODY

**Next row (RS):** sl1, k1, work row 1 of the Body Chart 1, pm, k to end.

**Next row (WS):** k to m, work row 2 of the Body Chart 1, sl1, p1.

Throughout the shawl body single increases are worked every fourth row. Continue to work as follows.

**Next row (RS):** sl1, k1, work Body Chart 1 to m, slm, k to last 3 sts, kfb, k to end; 82 sts.

**Next row (WS):** k to m, slm, work Body Chart 1, sl1, p1.

**Next row:** sl1, k1, work Body Chart 1 to m, slm, k to end.

**Next row:** k to m, slm, work Body Chart 1, sl1, p1.

Work the last four rows until you have worked Body Chart 1 seven times; 144 sts.

Work rows 1–16 of the Body Chart 1 once more; 148 sts.

Finish the shawl body by working Body Chart 2, increasing every RS row as follows.

**All RS rows:** sl1, k1, work Body Chart 2 to m, slm, k to last 3 sts, kfb, k to end.

**All WS rows:** k to m, slm, work Body Chart 2, sl1, p1.

After working Body Chart 2 you will have 149 sts.

## BORDER

The border is worked perpendicular to the shawl body. With the shorter needle, you will first knit an i-cord using the first 3 sts of the shawl body. The other shawl body sts remain on the longer needle.

With Needle B work a 3-stitch i-cord as follows.

**Step 1:** k3 sts.

**Step 2:** slide these 3 sts to the other end of the shorter needle. Without turning your needle, k3.

Work step 2 a total of 22 times.

Next, you are going to pick up sts for the border from the i-cord.

Turn work 90 degrees. With the RS of your work facing and the straight edge of the shawl closest to you, PU and knit 22 sts from the i-cord. There are now 25 border sts on the shorter needles, while 146 shawl body sts remain on the longer needle (171 sts total). Turn work, ready to work a WS row using the sts you picked up from the i-cord.

**Set-up row (WS):** With longer needles, sl1, k1, p2, (k1, p4) 3 times, k1, p2, k1, sl1, p1.

Next, you are going to work Border Chart 1. You will attach the border to the body of the shawl by working a ssk or a sssk as follows.

**Row 1 (RS):** sl1, k1, work Border Chart 1, ssk the last st of the border together with the first st of the shawl body; 170 sts in total, 25 border sts, 145 shawl body sts.

**Row 2 (WS):** sl1, work Border Chart 1, sl1, p1.

**Row 3 & 4:** work as Row 1 & 2; 169 sts in total, 25 border sts, 144 shawl body sts.

**Row 5:** sl1, k1, work Border Chart 1, sssk the last st of the border tog with the first 2 sts of the shawl body; 167 sts in total, 25 border sts, 142 shawl body sts.

**Row 6:** sl1, work Border Chart 1, sl1, p1.

Work rows 1–6 until there are no unworked shawl body sts remaining; 25 sts.



## BORDER FINISHING

You are going to finish the border by working Border Chart 2, decreasing every second row on the shawl body side of the border.

Work Border Chart 2 as follows.

**All RS rows:** sl1, k1, work Border Chart 2, sl1, p1.

**All WS rows:** sl1 wyib, p1, work Border Chart 2, sl1, p1.

After working Border Chart 2 you will have 8 sts.

**Next row (RS):** sl1, k1, p1, k1, k2tog, sl1, p1.  
7 sts.

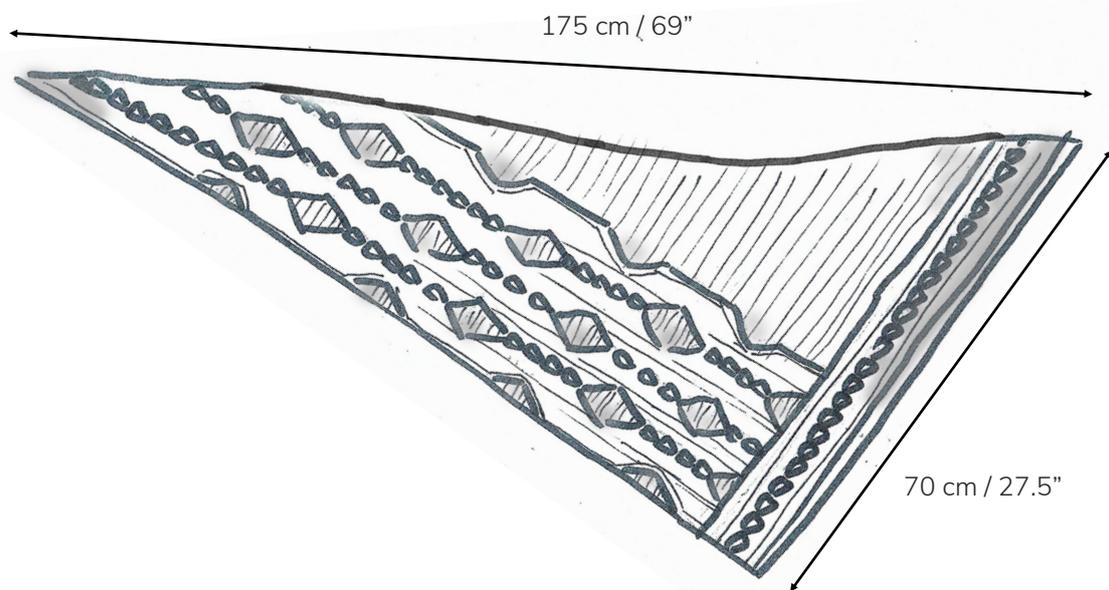
**Next row (WS):** sl1 wyib, p3, k1, sl1, p1.

**Next row:** BO all sts kwise.

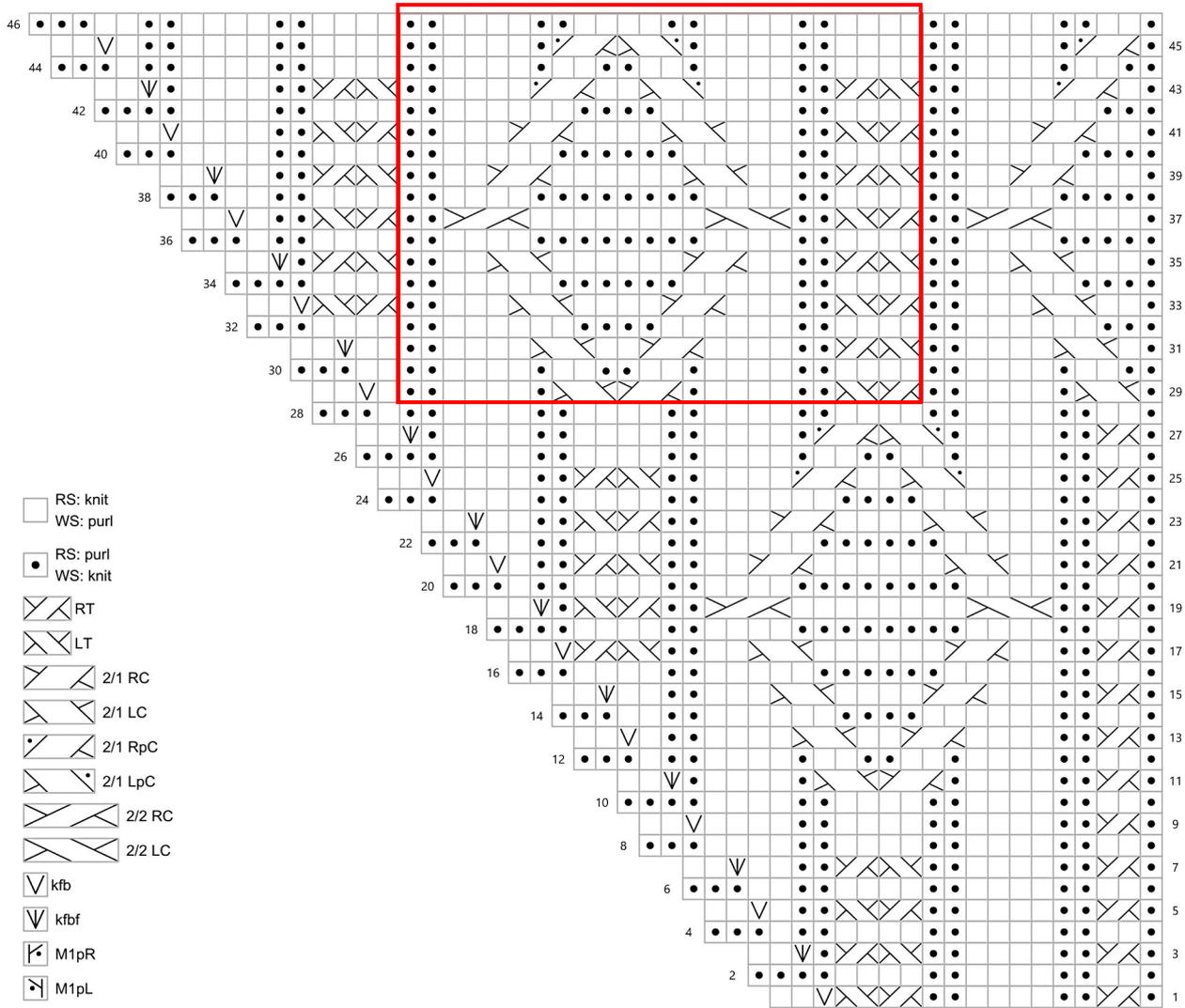
## FINISHING

Weave in all ends and wet block to measurements, preferably using blocking wires. For wearing ease, it is recommended to block the upper edge into a slight curve. Because the garter stitch has a more compressed gauge than the cabled pattern, the left edge (that will be the wearer's upper edge) can easily be blocked into a curve.

## SCHEMATIC



INCREASE CHART 1

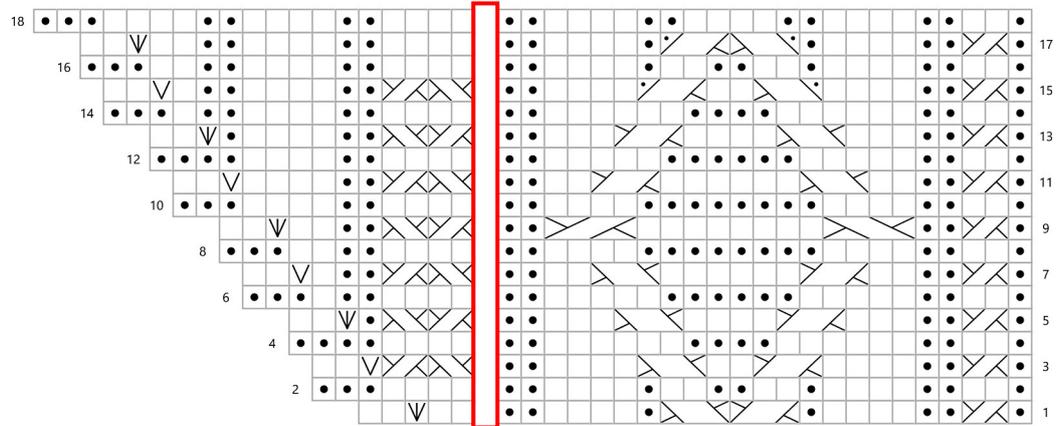


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WS: purl
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WS: knit
- RT
- LT
- 2/1 RC
- 2/1 LC
- 2/1 RpC
- 2/1 LpC
- 2/2 RC
- 2/2 LC
- kfb
- kfbf
- M1pR
- M1pL
- k2tog
- cdd

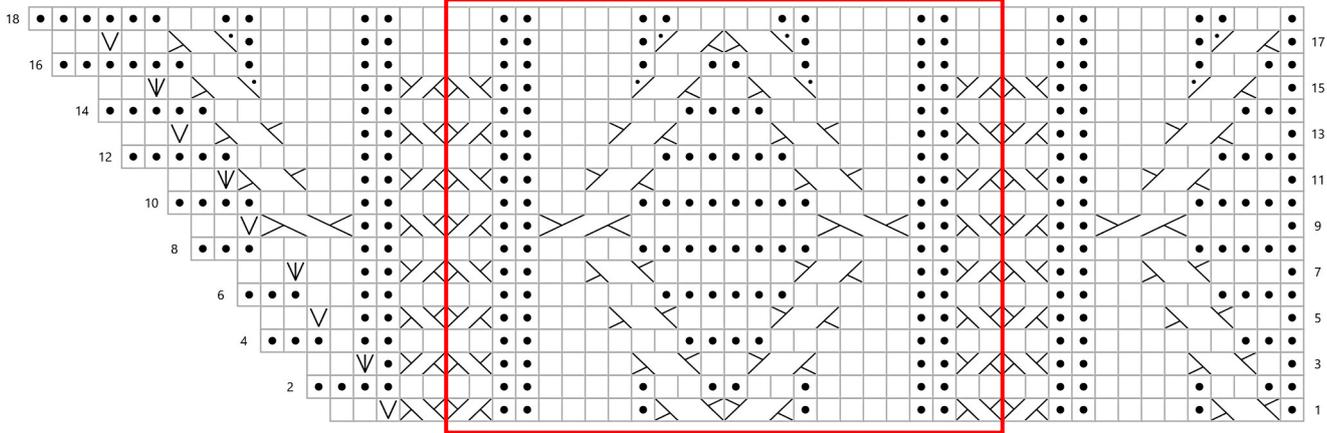
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no stitch

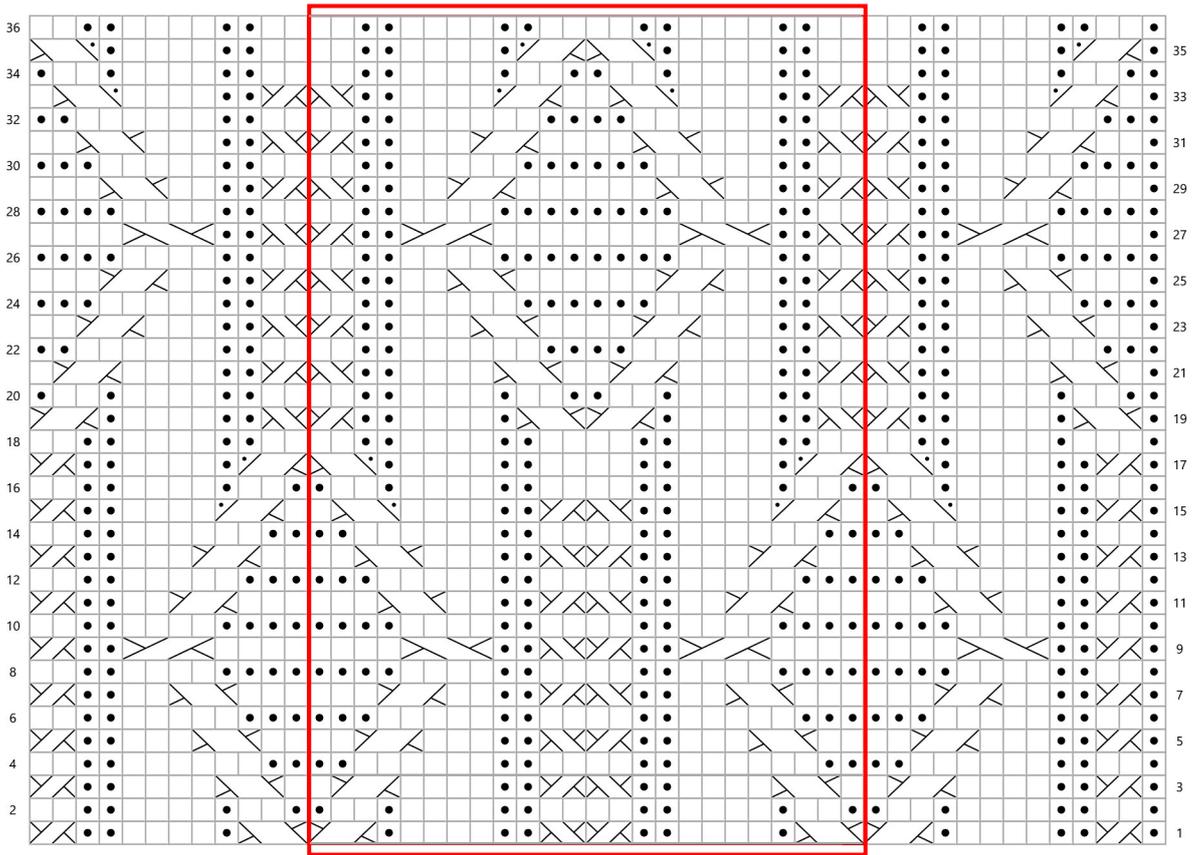
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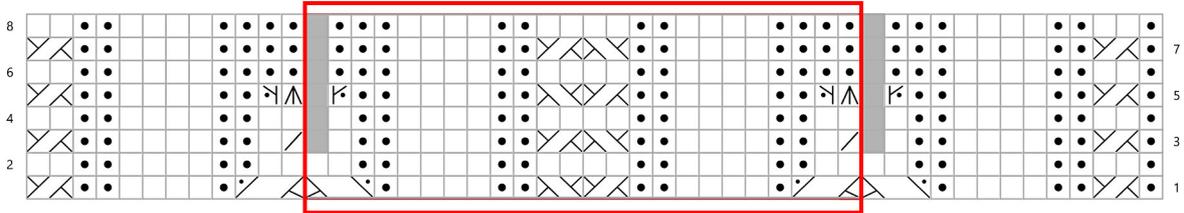
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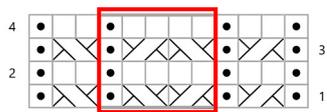
BODY CHART 1



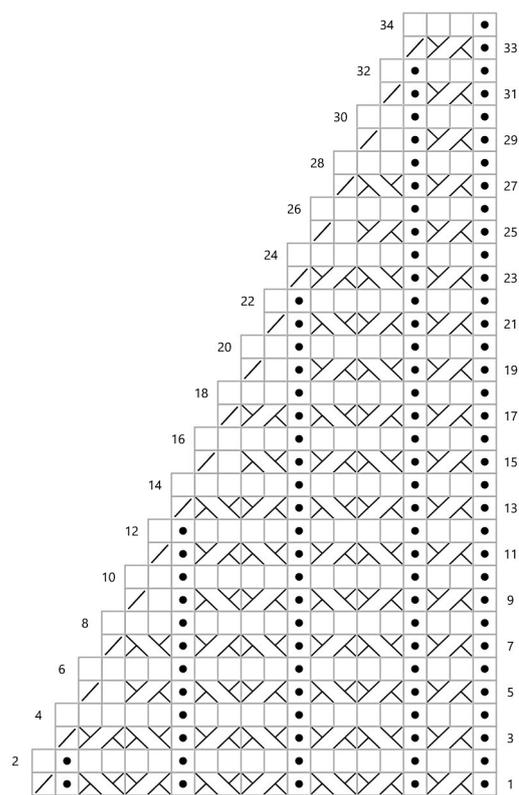
BODY CHART 2



BORDER CHART 1



BORDER CHART 2



- RS: knit  
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- RT
- LT
- 2/1 RC
- 2/1 LC
- 2/1 RpC
- 2/1 LpC
- 2/2 RC
- 2/2 LC
- kfb
- kfbf
- M1pR
- M1pL
- k2tog
- odd
- Repeat. For Increase Chart 2, work repeat of Increase Chart 1.
- no stitch



## ABBREVIATIONS

**(x, y)** = the brackets represent a repeat. Directions within the bracket should be repeated as instructed.

**2/1 LC** = 2 over 1 left cross; sl 2 st onto a cable needle and hold at front of the work. K1, k2 from cable needle.

**2/1 LpC** = 2 over one left purl cross; sl 2 st onto a cable needle and hold at front of the work. P1, k2 from cable needle.

**2/2 LC** = 2 over 2 left cross; sl 2 sts onto a cable needle and hold at front of the work. K2, k2 from cable needle.

**2/1 RC** = 2 over 1 right cross; sl 1 st onto a cable needle and hold at back of the work. K2, k1 from cable needle.

**2/1 RpC** = 2 over 1 right purl cross; sl 1 st onto a cable needle and hold at back of the work. K2, p1 from cable needle.

**2/2 RC** = 2 over 2 right cross; sl 2 sts onto a cable needle and hold at back of the work. K2, k2 from cable needle.

**approx** = approximately

**BO** = bind off

**CO** = cast on

**cdd** = central double decrease; slip 2 sts together, as of to knit. Knit the next st, pass the slipped sts over the knitted st.

**k** = knit

**k2tog** = knit 2 stitches together

**kfb** = knit into front and back

**kfbf** = knit into front, back and front again

**LT** = left twist; slip 2 sts knitwise, one at a time. Slip them back to the LH needle in turned position. Knit the second st through the back loop, then knit the first and second sts together through the back loops. Slide both sts off the needle.

**M1L / M1pL** = make 1 (purl) left (left leaning increase); insert left needle, from front to back, under strand of yarn which runs between next stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle; knit (purl) this stitch through back loop.

**M1R / M1pR** = make 1 (purl) right (right leaning increase); insert left needle, from back to front, under strand of yarn which runs between next stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle; knit (purl) this stitch through front loop.

**p** = purl

**pm** = place marker

**RS** = right side

**RT** = right twist; knit 2 sts together, leaving them on the LH needle. Insert RH needle between the same two sts and knit the first st again. Slide both sts off the needle.

**sl** = slip (purlwise with yarn in back on RS and yarn in front on WS, unless otherwise stated).

**slm** = slip marker

**ss(s)k** = slip, slip, (slip,) knit (left leaning decrease); slip 2 (3) st as to k, one at a time, slip the sts back to the LH needle, knit through back loop.

**st(s)** = stitch(es)

**WS** = wrong side

**wyib** = with yarn in back

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