

SELI CARDIGAN

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Embellished with patterns and techniques of south western Estonia traditions and architecture for a statement wardrobe piece.

MATERIALS

YARN

Tukuwool Fingering (100% Finnish wool, 218 yds / 200 m – 50 g)

MC: 6 (6, 7, 7, 8) (9, 10, 10, 11) skeins of colourway 02 Humu.

CC1: 1 skein of colourway H27 Tyyni.

CC2: 1 (1, 1, 1, 2) (2, 2, 2, 2) skeins of colourway H21 Repo

or desired 4ply fingering weight yarn in the following amounts:

MC: 1104 (1165, 1318, 1510, 1659) (1812, 2010, 2176, 2359) yds / 1010 (1065, 1205, 1380, 1517) (1657, 1838, 1990, 2157) m.

CC1: 37 (44, 54, 72, 90) (107, 123, 141, 158) yds / 34 (39, 50, 66, 81) (97, 113, 129, 144) m.

CC2: 116 (132, 153, 189, 226) (258, 294, 331, 368) yds / 107 (121, 140, 174, 207) (236, 269, 303, 336) m.

Split skeins of CC1 and CC2 into smaller balls of each colour to work Roosimine holding both yarns double on each sleeve and shoulder. Split into two balls of each colour to pull from both ends of ball or split into 4 balls to pull one end of each ball.

NEEDLES

- US 2.5 / 3 mm 32" / 80 cm circular needles for body
- US 2.5 / 3 mm 16" / 40 cm circular needles for neckband
- US 2.5 / 3mm DPNs or 32" / 80 cm circular needles for sleeves

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers,
- Stitch holders or waste yarn
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE

24 sts x 36 rnds to 4" / 10 cm on US 2.5 / 3 mm needles in st st in the rnd, after blocking.

26 sts x 40 rnds to 4" / 10 cm on US 2.5 / 3 mm needles in corrugated rib in the rnd, after blocking.

PATTERN NOTES

Seli is a seamless cropped top-down raglan featuring embellishment on the cuffs, neckline, hem and sleeves. The cuffs, hem and neckline have corrugated ribbing and an Estonian knitted braid called a Kihnu vits or Kihnu Braid. The sleeves have descending motifs created using the inlay technique called Roosimine.

The cardigan is worked seamlessly by placing sts for the sleeves on hold using waste yarn or a holder while completing the body. The underarm is closed by picking up sts at the start of working on the sleeves.

Contrasting colours (CC1 & CC2) are held double when working Roosimine.

Sleeves can be shortened or lengthened by working more or fewer repeats of Roosimine chart 2.

The body can be lengthened by working more stockinette stitch before working the hem.

If lengthened, may need to add more buttonholes and more buttons. Buttonhole band and button band will be longer as sts are picked up evenly along the steek, make sure to pick up an even number of sts to work the rib patterns on ea band.

The cardigan is steeked to create the opening in the front. The steek is marked by a purl st column in the stockinette stitch portion of the body and knitted colour stripes in the hem.

The buttonhole band and neckband feature corrugated ribbing worked flat. Ea WS row is worked twice. Work with only one colour at a time, slipping sts not worked in that colour.

The button band is worked in one colour 1x1 ribbing.

The button holes are created by binding off sts for the holes in alternating colours and then casting new sts on in alternating colours using a cable cast on.

TECHNIQUE TUTORIALS



For tutorials on Roosimine and Kihnu vits see www.aleks-byrd.com/tutorials

STITCH PATTERNS

KIHNU VITS

Rnd 1: [K1 with CC2, k1 with MC], rep [-] to end.

Rnd 2: With both MC and CC2 held to front, [p1 with MC twisting yarn over CC2, p1 with CC2 twisting yarn over MC], rep [-] to end.

BUTTON HOLE IN CORRUGATED RIB

Wyif sl1, [wyib sl1, pass first slip st over second st], rep [-] until 4 sts total have been BO. Sl first st on RN back to LN.

Turn work to WS facing.

At the beg of BO sts, CO 5 sts using Purlwise Cable Cast-On method alternating MC and CC2 to match established corrugated rib pattern. Last CO st should be the same colour as the next st on RN.

Turn work to RS facing. Sl1 from LN, pass last CO st over just slip st and move this st to LN.



SIZE

1 (2, 3, 4, 5) (6, 7, 8, 9)

Recommended ease: 2–4" / 5–10 cm of positive ease

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust Circumference: 34 (38, 42, 46, 50) (54, 58, 62, 64)" / 86.25 (96.5 106.75 116.75, 127) (137.25, 147.25, 157.5, 162.75) cm

Body Length to Armhole: 11" / 28 cm

Sleeve Length: 18" / 46 cm.

Wrist Circumference: 8.25 (8.25, 9, 9.5, 10) (10.75, 10.75, 11, 11.25)" / 21 (21, 22.75, 24.25, 25.5) (27.25, 27.25, 28, 28.5) cm

Upper Arm Circumference: 12 (13, 14.5, 16.5, 18) (18.25, 20, 21, 21)" / 30.5 (33.25, 37, 42, 45.25) (46.5, 51, 52.75, 52.75) cm

Neck Circumference: 21.25 (21.5, 22, 23, 23.25) (24.25, 25, 25.75, 26.5)" / 54 (54.5, 56, 58.5, 59.75) (61.5, 63.5, 65.5, 67.25) cm.

DIRECTIONS

Using MC, CO 76 (86, 90, 98, 104) (106, 112, 112, 114) sts. **Do not join in rnd.**

Set-up row (WS): Pl markers for raglan inc's as follows: p1 for front, PM, p20 (22, 22, 24, 26) (26, 28, 28, 28) sts for sleeve, PM, p34 (40, 44, 48, 50) (52, 54, 54, 56) sts for back, PM, p20 (22, 22, 24, 26) (26, 28, 28, 28) sts for sleeve, PM, p1 for front.

Row 1 (RS): Kfb, SM, k1, m1l, [k to 1 st bef the next m, m1r, k1, SM, k1, m1l], rep [-] once more and k to 1 st bef the last m, m1r, k1, SM, kfb.

84 (94, 98, 106, 112) (114, 120, 120, 122) sts in total: 2 sts for ea front, 22 (24, 24, 26, 28) (28, 30, 30, 30) sts for ea sleeve, 36 (42, 46, 50, 52) (54, 56, 56, 58) sts for the back.

Row 2 (WS): P to end.

Row 3 (RS): K to 1 st bef m, m1r, k1, SM, k1, m1l, [k to 1 st bef the next m, m1r, k1, SM, k1, m1l], rep [-] twice more, k to end.

92 (102, 106, 114, 120) (122, 128, 128, 130) sts in total: 3 sts for ea front, 24 (26, 26, 28, 30) (30, 32, 32, 32) sts for ea sleeve, 38 (44, 48, 52, 54) (56, 58, 58, 60) sts for the back.

Row 4 (WS): P to end.

Rep rows 3–4, for 6 more times.

140 (150, 154, 162, 168) (170, 176, 176, 178) sts in total: 9 sts for ea front, 36 (38, 38, 40, 42) (42, 44, 44, 44) sts for ea sleeve, 50 (56, 60, 64, 66) (68, 70, 70, 72) sts for the back.

Row 17 (RS): K to 1 st bef m, m1r, k1, SM, k1, m1l, [k to 1 st bef the next m, m1r, k1, SM, k1, m1l], rep [-] twice more, k to end, CO 37 (43, 47, 51, 53) (55, 57, 57, 69) sts. Join in the rnd, careful not to twist sts.

185 (201, 209, 221, 229) (233, 241, 241, 245) sts in total: 57 (63, 67, 71, 73) (75, 77, 77, 79) sts for the front, 38 (40, 40, 42, 44) (44, 46, 46,

46) sts for ea sleeve, 52 (58, 62, 66, 68) (70, 72, 72, 74) sts for the back.

START ROOSIMINE

Hold floating yarn (CC1 & CC2) double for Roosimine. Work Roosimine chart 1 and then move onto Roosimine chart 2 once Roosimine chart 1 has been completed.

Next rnd: [K to m, SM, k1 (2, 2, 3, 4) (4, 5, 5, 5), PM for RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, PM for RSM, k – (1, 1, 2, 3) (3, 4, 4, 4) to next m, SM], rep [-] once more, k28 (31, 33, 35, 36) (37, 38, 38, 39). PM for BOR. *BOR also marks the centre of the front and st for steeking.*

IN FOLLOWING 4 INC RND AT THE SAME TIME move RSM, move 1 st to left and 1 st to the right until there are 45 sts between RSMs.

Rnd 1 (inc body and sleeves): P1, [k to 1 st bef m, m1r, k1, SM, k1, m1l, k to RSM (moving m as needed), sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM (moving m as needed), k to 1 st bef the next m, m1r, k1, SM, k1, m1l], rep [-] once more, k to end.

Rnd 2: P1, k to m, SM, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to m, SM, k to m, SM, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to m, SM, k to end.

Rep rnds 1–2 a total of 4 (7, 14, 20, 18) (11, 3, 1, 6) times while advancing Roosimine chart 1.

217 (257, 321, 381, 373) (321, 265, 249, 293) sts in total: 65 (77, 95, 111, 109) (97, 83, 79, 91) sts for the front, 60 (72, 90, 106, 104) (92, 78, 74, 86) sts for the back, 46 (54, 68, 82, 80) (66, 52, 48, 58) sts for ea sleeve.

Sizes 1, 2 and 3 only

Rnd 1 (inc body and sleeves): P1, [k to 1 st bef m, m1r, k1, SM, k1, m1l, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to 1 st bef the next m, m1r, k1, SM, k1, m1l], rep [-] once more, k to end.

Rnd 2: P1, k to m, SM, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to m, SM, k to m, SM, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to m, SM, k to end.

Rnd 3 (inc body only): P1, [k to 1 st bef m, m1r, k1, SM, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to m, SM, k1, m1l], rep [-] once more, k to end.

Rnd 4: P1, k to m, SM, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to m, SM, k to m, SM, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to m, SM, k to end.

Rep rnds 1–4 a total of 9 (8, 5, –, –) (–, –, –, –) times while advancing Roosimine chart 1.

325 (353, 381, –, –) (–, –, –, –) sts in total: 101 (109, 115, –, –) (–, –, –, –) sts for the front, 96 (104, 110, –, –) (–, –, –, –) sts for the back, 64 (70, 78, –, –) (–, –, –, –) sts for ea sleeve.

Sizes 6, 7, 8 and 9 only

Rnds 1–2 (inc body and sleeves): P1, [k to 1 st bef m, m1r, k1, SM, k1, m1l, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to 1 st bef the next m, m1r, k1, SM, k1, m1l], rep [-] once more, k to end.

Rnd 3: P1, k to m, SM, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to m, SM, k to m, SM, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to m, SM, k to end.

Rep rnds 1–3 a total of – (–, –, –, –) (1, 6, 7, 3) times while advancing Roosimine chart 1.

– (–, –, –, –) (337, 361, 361, 341) sts in total:
– (–, –, –, –) (101, 107, 107, 103) sts for the front, – (–, –, –, –) (96, 102, 102, 98) sts for the back, – (–, –, –, –) (70, 76, 76, 70) sts for ea sleeve.

Sizes 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 only

Rnd 1 (inc body and sleeves): P1, [k to 1 st bef m, m1r, k1, SM, k1, m1l, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to 1 st bef m, m1r, k1, SM, k1, m1l], rep [-] once more, k to end.

Rnd 2 (inc body only): P1, [k to 1 st bef m, m1r, k1, SM, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to m, SM, k1, m1l], rep [-] once more, k to end.

Rnd 3: P1, k to m, SM, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to m, SM, k to m, SM, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to m, SM, k to end.

Rep rnds 1–3 a total of – (–, –, 4, 8) (14, 16, 18, 20) times while advancing Roosimine chart 1.

– (–, –, 429, 469) (505, 553, 577, 581) sts in total: – (–, –, 127, 141) (157, 171, 179, 183) sts for the front, – (–, –, 122, 136) (152, 166, 174, 178) sts for the back, – (–, –, 90, 96) (98, 108, 112, 110) sts for ea sleeve.

Sizes 2, 3, 4 and 5 only

Rnds 1–2 (inc body only): P1, [k to 1 st bef m, m1r, k1, SM, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to m, SM, k1, m1l], rep [-] once more, k to end.

Rnd 3: P1, k to m, SM, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to m, SM, k to m, SM, k to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart 1, sl RSM, k to m, SM, k to end.

Rep rnds 1–3 a total of – (1, 2, 2, 1) (–, –, –, –) time(s) while advancing Roosimine chart 1.

– (361, 397, 445, 477) (–, –, –, –) sts in total:
– (113, 123, 135, 145) (–, –, –, –) sts for the front, – (108, 118, 130, 140) (–, –, –, –) sts for the back, – (70, 78, 90, 96) (–, –, –, –) sts for ea sleeve.

All sizes

325 (361, 397, 445, 477) (505, 553, 577, 581) sts in total: 101 (113, 123, 135, 145) (157, 171, 179, 183) sts for the front, 96 (108, 118, 130, 140) (152, 166, 174, 178) sts for the back, 64 (70, 78, 90, 96) (98, 108, 112, 110) sts for ea sleeve.

DIVIDE FOR SLEEVES

Sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 only

Divide for sleeves after completing Roosimine chart 1 rnd 45 (50, 55, 59, 64) (68, 73, –, –).

Sizes 8 and 9

Divide for sleeves after completing all rnds of Roosimine chart 1 and after completing Roosimine chart 2 rnd – (–, –, –, –) (–, –, 1, 5).

Next rnd: P1, [k to m, p1 64 (70, 78, 90, 96) (98, 108, 112, 110) sts for sleeve including RSMs on waste yarn / holder, CO 6 (6, 8, 8, 10) (10, 10, 12, 14) sts], rep [–] once more, k to end. 209 (233, 257, 281, 305) (329, 357, 377, 389) sts.

BODY

K in rnd until body measures 9" / 23 cm from underarm or approx. 2" / 5 cm short of desired length.

HEM

Kihnu Vits with Steek

Rnd 1: Join CC2, k1 CC2, k1 MC, k1 CC2, PM (marking end of steek section), [k1 CC2, k1 MC], rep [–] to end.

Rnd 2: K1 CC2, k1 MC, k1 CC2, SM, bring yarn to front, [p1 MC bringing yarn over CC2, p1 CC2 bringing yarn over MC], rep [–] to last 2 sts, PM (marking start of steek section), bring yarn to back, k1 CC2, k1 MC.

Rnd 3: With MC, k to end, SMs.

Rnds 4–5: Rep rnds 1–2.

Corrugated Rib

Next 5 rnds: K1 CC2, k1 MC, k1 CC2, SM, [k1 MC, p1 CC2] to m, SM, k1 CC2, k1 MC.

Next 4 rnds: Join CC1, k1 CC1, k1 MC, k1 CC1, SM, [k1 MC, p1 CC1] to m, SM, k1 CC1, k1 MC. Break CC1.

Next 3 rnds: K1 CC2, k1 MC, k1 CC2, SM, [k1 MC, p1 CC2] to m, SM, k1 CC2, k1 MC. Break CC2.

Next rnd: With only MC, p to end.

BO with MC.

SLEEVE

With MC, pick up and k6 (6, 8, 8, 10) (10, 10, 12, 14) sts from underarm CO edge, pick up and k 1 st between CO edge and sts on hold, k 64 (70, 78, 90, 96) (98, 108, 112, 110) sts from hold sl RSMs and working Roosimine chart (*either chart 1 to completion and then start / continue with chart 2*), pick up and k 1 st, k3 (3, 4, 4, 5) (5, 5, 6, 7), PM for BOR. 72 (78, 88, 100, 108) (110, 120, 126, 126) sts.

Work 16 rnds until 2" / 5 cm from underarm as follows:

Next rnd: K to RSM, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart (*either chart 1 to completion or chart 2*), sl RSM, k to end.

Dec rnd: K1, k2tog, k to m, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart (*either chart 1 to completion or chart 2*) sl RSM, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1.

Work dec rnd every 13th (9th, 7th, 6th, 5th) (5th, 4th, 4th, 4th) rnd a total of 9 (12, 15, 19, 21) (20, 25, 27, 26) times. 54 (54, 58, 62, 66) (70, 70, 72, 74) sts.



Continue working sleeve as follows: k to m, sl RSM, work Roosimine chart, sl RSM, k to end. Work in this manner rep Roosimine chart 2 rnds 1–10 until sleeve measures 16" / 41 cm or approx. 2" / 5 cm short of desired length finishing on Roosimine chart 2 rnd 10.

End by working Roosimine chart 2 rnds 11–22.

Ea chart motif for sleeve measures approx. 2" / 5 cm.

Break CC2.

Next 4 rnds: With MC, k to end.

CUFF

Rnds 1–2: Work Kihnu Vits or Kihnu Braid.

Rnd 3: with MC, k to end.

Rnds 4–5: Work Kihnu Vits or Kihnu Braid.

Corrugated Rib

Next 5 rnds: [K1 MC, p1 CC2], rep [-] to end.

Next 4 rnds: Join CC1, [k1 MC, p1 CC1], rep [-] to end. Break CC1.

Next 3 rnds: [K1 MC, p1 CC2], rep [-] to end. Break CC2.

Next rnd: With only MC, p to end. BO with MC.

Rep for second sleeve.

PREPARE TO CUT STEEK

Use steeking method of your preference.

Sewing

With a sewing machine and small sts, run a seam on either side of steek st marked by the centre colour stripe in CC1 and CC2 in the hem and column of purl sts in the body. Sew forward and backward at the beginning and end of ea. seam to secure the sts.

Crochet steek

With CC (either CC1 or CC2) and a crochet hook, double chain along ea side of the steek stitch marked by the centre colour stripe in CC1 and CC2 in the hem and column of purl sts in the body. Chain using half of a stitch or "v" of the steek st and the st next to the steek st.

CUT STEEK

With sharp scissors, cut along centre of front aligned with the central stripe in CC1 & CC2 in the hem and column of purl sts in the body.

BUTTON BAND

Beg at the neck with RS facing, use MC to pick up and k144 (150, 154, 158, 164) (168, 172, 178, 182) sts along column of sts 2 sts from the edge of the steek.

Pick up 1 st from each st in the column of sts. You should pick up an even total number of sts.

Work 1x1 rib for 7 rnds approx. 1" / 2.5 cm from the pickup edge as foll:

RS: [K1, p1], rep [-] to end.

WS: [K1, p1], rep [-] to end.

BO in rib.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

Beg at the corrugated rib hem with RS facing, use MC and CC2 to pick up and k 144 (150, 154, 158, 164) (168, 172, 178, 182) sts along column of sts 2 sts from the edge of the steek alternating MC and CC2 as foll [k1 with MC, k1 with CC2].

Pick up the same number of sts as the button band by picking up 1 st from each st in the column of sts. You should pick up an even total number of sts.

Corrugated ribbing worked flat.

Ea WS row is worked twice. Work with only one colour at a time, sl sts not worked in that colour.

Row 1 (WS): With CC2 only [k1, sl1wyif], rep [-] to end. Work row again with MC. With MC only, [sl1wyif, p1], rep [-] to end.

Row 2 (RS): [K1 with MC, p1 with CC2], rep [-] to end.

Row 3: Rep row 1.



NECKBAND

Beg at the top of the buttonhole band, use MC and CC2 to pick up and k evenly around the neck alternating colours as follows [k1 MC, k1 CC2].

Make sure to end up with an even number of sts 138 (140, 144, 150, 152) (158, 162, 168, 172) sts.

Corrugated ribbing worked flat.

Ea WS row is worked twice. Work with only one colour at a time, slipping sts not worked in that colour.

Row 1 (WS): With CC2 only, [k1, sl1wyif], rep [-] to end. Work row again with MC. With MC only, [sl1wyif, p1], rep [-] to end.

Row 2 (RS): [K1 with MC, p1 with CC2], rep [-] to end.

Row 3 (WS): With CC2 only, [k1, sl1wyif], rep [-] to end. Work row again with MC. With MC only, [sl1wyif, p1], rep [-] to end.

Row 4 (RS): K1 with MC, p1 with CC2, work buttonhole st patt, work corrugated rib RS row (follow row 2) to end.

Rows 5–8: Rep rows 1–2 twice more. Break CC2.

Row 9 (WS): With MC only, k to end.

BO with MC.

FINISHING

Weave in ends and block to measurements.

For Roosimine ends (see *Technique Tutorial*)

Anchor end by creating a knot with the end around a nearby st using the purl bump on WS. Do not pull the knot too tight.

Weave remaining end through the floats of same colour on WS as with weaving ends in on stranded colourwork.

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Row 4 (RS): Work 14(10, 12, 14, 18) (12, 14, 18, 20) sts in Corrugated Rib RS row (follow row 2), work Buttonhole st patt, [work Corrugated Rib RS row (follow row 2) for 12 (14, 14, 14, 14) (16, 16, 16, 16) sts foll est alternating colours, work Buttonhole st patt], rep [-] 6 times more until there are 8 buttonholes, work Corrugated Rib RS row (follow row 2) for 14 (10, 12, 14, 16) (12, 14, 16, 18) sts foll est alternating colours.

Space buttonholes evenly over even number of sts with a min of 10 sts between ea buttonhole. To evenly space buttonholes, subtract 32 sts from the total buttonhole band sts and then divide that number by 9. This is the number of sts to work between buttonholes.

Row 5–6: Rep rows 1–2. Break CC1.

Next row: With MC only, k to end.

BO with MC.

ROOSIMINE CHART 1

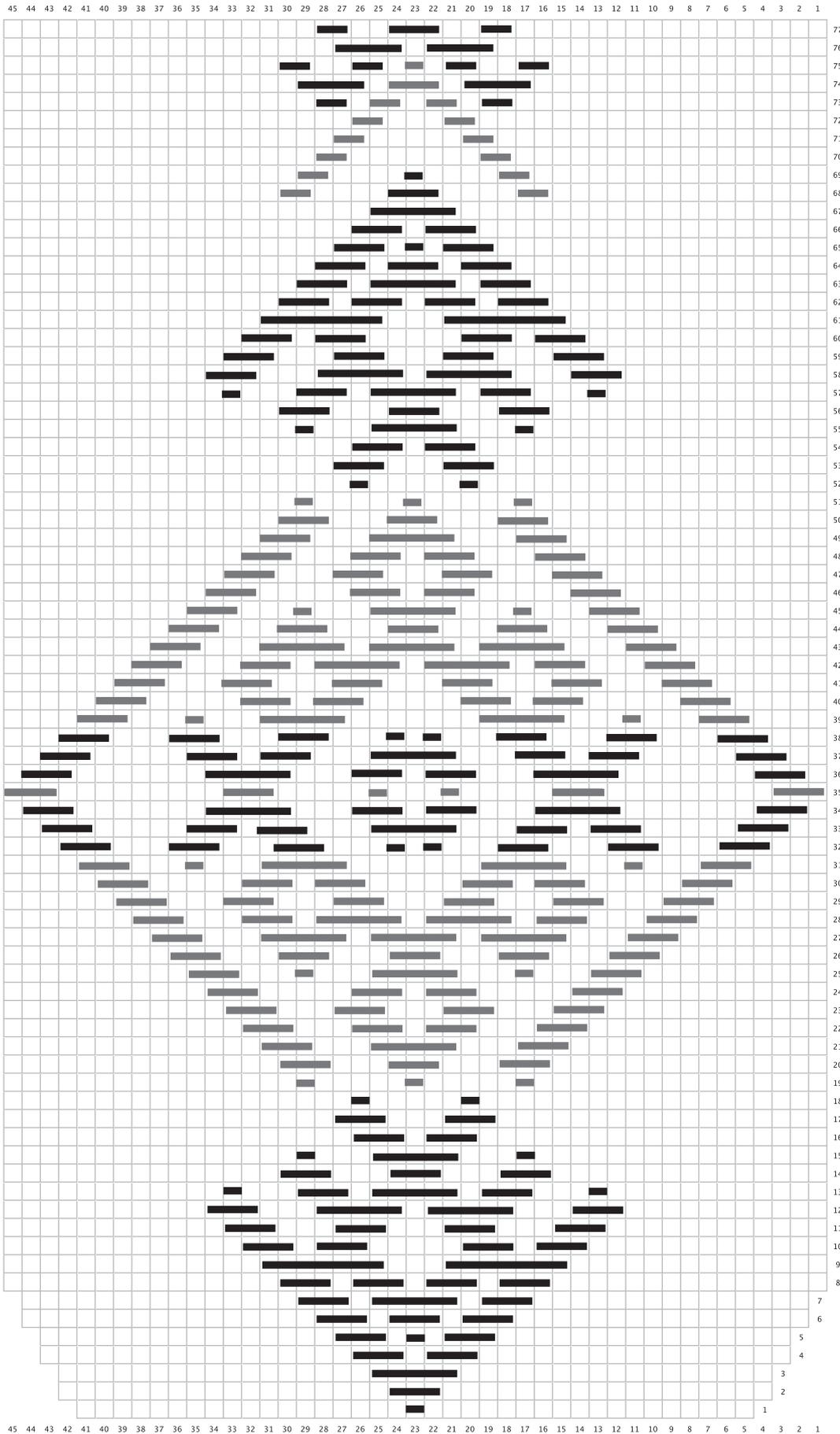


CHART KEY

- knit with MC
- knit with MC,
work Roosimine
with CC1
- knit with MC,
work Roosimine
with CC2

ROOSIMINE CHART 2

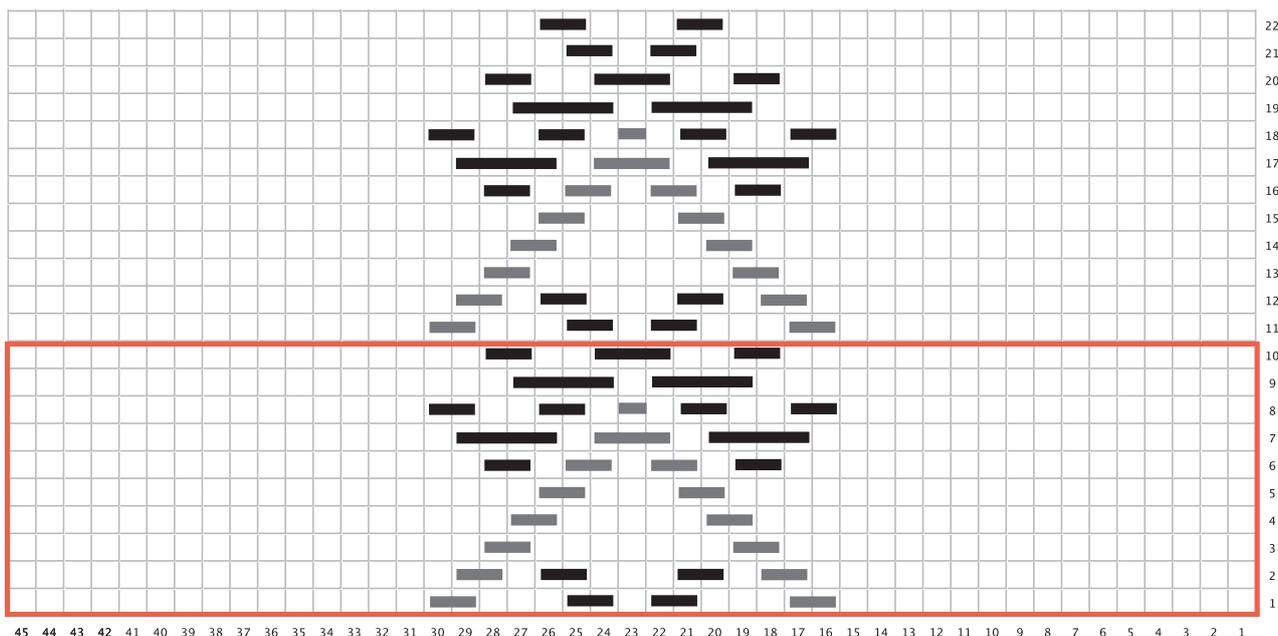


CHART KEY

 knit with MC	 knit with MC, work Roosimine with CC1
 repeat	 knit with MC, work Roosimine with CC2

ABBREVIATIONS

bef- before
 beg - beginning
 BO - bind off
 BOR - beginning of rnd
 CC - contrast colour
 CO - cast on
 dec - decrease
 ea - each
 est - established
 inc - increase
 k - knit
 k2tog - knit 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
 kfb - knit into the front and back of the same stitch (1 st increased)
 LN - left needle
 m(s) - marker(s)
 m1l - make one left; using left needle picking up from the front to the back. Lift the strand between the stitches to the left needle and k into the back of this new stitch (1 stitch increased)

m1r - make 1 right; make one right; using the left needle to pick up the strand between the stitches from back to front, place the new stitch on the left needle and k into the front of the stitch (1 stitch increased)
 MC - main colour
 p - purl
 pl - place
 PM - place marker
 rep - repeat
 rnd(s) - round(s)
 RN - right needle
 RS - right side
 RSM(s) - marker(s) for Roosimine section.
 sl - slip
 SM(s) - slip marker(s)
 ssk - slip 2 stitches purlwise, then knit these two stitches together through the back loop (1 stitch decreased)
 st(s) - stitch(es)
 wyif - with yarn in front
 wyib - with yarn in back
 WS - wrong side
 [-] - repeat everything written in between []