

Sirena Sweater

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Sizes XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL)

Bust circumference 105 (110) 115 (120) 125 (135) 145 (155)cm [41¹/₄ (43¹/₄) 45¹/₄ (47¹/₄) 49¹/₄ (53¹/₄) 57 (61)"]

Length 59 (59) 59 (60) 60 (63) 64 (65)cm [23¹/₄ (23¹/₄) 23¹/₄ (23¹/₂) 23¹/₂ (24³/₄) 25¹/₄ (25¹/₂)"] (from center back including the neck band)

Sleeve circumference 39 (39) 41 (43) 43 (45) 45 (46)cm [15¹/₄ (15¹/₄) 16¹/₄ (17) 17 (17³/₄) 17³/₄ (18)"]

Sleeve length 46 (46) 46 (46) 45 (45) 45 (44)cm [18 (18) 18 (18) 17³/₄ (17³/₄) 17³/₄ (17¹/₂)"]

Gauge 10 x 10cm [4 x 4"] = 16 stitches x 24 rows in moss stitch **or** as suggested swatch pattern with 5.5mm [US9] needle, after washing and blocking

Needles 5.5mm [US9]: 40cm [16"] and/or DPNs, 60 or 80 and/or 100cm [24 or 32 and/or 40"], 100 or 120cm [40 or 47"] circular needles,

4.5mm [US7]: 40cm [16"] and/or DPNs, 100 or 120cm [40 or 47"] circular needles

Yarn & weight 450 (450) 450 (450-500) 500 (500) 500-550 (550)g of Merinocot by Lana Gatto (50g=125m [136 yds]) **and** 350 (350) 350 (350) 350 (400) 400 (400-450)g of Alpaca by Drops (50g=167m [183 yds]), 2 strands held together

Other elastic thread (optional), waste yarn to put stitches on hold, tapestry needle, cable needle (optional)

The Sirena Sweater is a drop shoulder sweater worked top down. First, the back yoke is worked back and forth in pattern with short rows to create the shoulder slope. Then, stitches are picked up for each shoulder and worked in pattern to shape the neckline. Then, the shoulder pieces are joined together for the front

yoke. When the two yokes are done and joined together, the body is worked in the round. The sleeves are picked up from the armhole and worked in pattern in the round. Finally, the neck band is worked.

The Sirena Sweater requires the following techniques: knit and purl stitches, cross stitches, increases (M1L, M1R), decreases (k2tog, ssk, p2tog, ssp), German short rows, and tubular bind off.

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1. Size guide

The Sirena Sweater is designed to have 20-25cm [8-10"] of positive ease. The sizes XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL) are meant to fit to bust circumferences 80-85 (85-90) 90-95 (95-100) 100-110 (110-120) 120-130 (130-140)cm [31½-33½ (33½-35½) 35½-37½ (37½-39¼) 39¼-43¼ (43¼-47¼) 47¼-51¼ (51¼-55)"]. The model in the photos has a bust of 90cm [35½"], and wears a size S with 20cm [8"] of ease.

2. Abbreviations

BOR	beginning of round	CO	cast on	k	knit	p	purl
rep **	repeat between * and *	RS	right side	st/sts	stitch/stitches	WS	wrong side

3. Skills

DS	after turn, slip 1 st purlwise and bring the working yarn over right needle
M1R	pick up the strand between two sts from back to front with left needle and knit
M1L	pick up the strand between two sts from front to back with left needle and knit through back loop
K/p2tog	knit/purl 2 sts together
Ssk	slip 1 st knitwise, slip 1 st purlwise, slip 2 sts back to left needle purlwise, k2tog through back loop
Ssp	slip 1 st purlwise, slip 1 st knitwise, slip 2 sts back to left needle purlwise, p2tog through back loop

4. Cables and gauge

Please refer to page 7 for the cables, their symbols and the gauge.

Playlist for the Sirena Sweater: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLA1zNnDsoxMY2cE3qbSZKROvhKJ8JDskP

Back yoke

With a preferred method, CO 109 (113) 113 (117) 121 (125) 133 (141) stitches with 5.5mm/80 or 100cm [US9/32 or 40"] needles and place a marker 2 stitches from each edge. These 2 edge stitches are not written in the chart but will always be worked in stockinette stitch.

Cut the working yarn and move 39 (41) 41 (43) 45 (47) 51 (55) stitches from the left needle onto the right needle. Join back the yarn and work **Chart A** from Row 1 to Row 24 (26) 26 (26) 26 (26) 26 (26) until there are 6 (5) 5 (7) 9 (11) 15 (19) stitches left on the right needle after the last turn.

Turn so the RS is facing and continue **Chart A** as follows ([video #1](#), [video #2](#), [video #3](#)):

For sizes XS (S) M

DS, work 35 (38) 38 sts on Row 25 (27) 27, cut yarn

For sizes (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL)

Continue to work to Row (28) 28 (30) 32 (36) while working short rows (work until DS, work 3 more sts after DS, turn) in moss st until there are (4) 6 (5) 6 (4) sts left on right needle, turn, DS, work (41) 41 (44) 47 (53) sts on Row (29) 29 (31) 33 (37), cut yarn

After the short rows are done, with RS facing, slip the stitches to the left needle until the right edge of the work (where you would normally begin on the RS). Join the yarn.

There are 2 edge stitches and 2 (4) 4 (6) 8 (10) 14 (18) stitches in moss stitch at each side. From now on, work as **Chart B** for 34 (32) 32 (34) 34 (32) 32 (32) rows starting from Row 9 (11) 11 (13) 13 (15) 17 (21) and ending on Row 42 (42) 42 (46) 46 (46) 48 (52). Cut the working yarn and let the stitches rest.

Left shoulder

Bring the cast-on edge of the back yoke to the top. RS facing, pick up 39 (41) 41 (43) 45 (47) 51 (55) stitches with 5.5mm/60 or 80cm [US9/24 or 32"] needles. This is one in every stitch from the middle of the work towards the shoulder edge along the left slope. Work the left shoulder following **Chart C** to Row 30 (30) 30 (30) 30 (32) 32 (32) and cut the working yarn. Let the stitches rest.

Right shoulder

With 5.5mm/100 or 120cm [US9/40 or 47"] circular needles, pick up 39 (41) 41 (43) 45 (47) 51 (55) stitches, one from every stitch along the right slope of the back yoke from the shoulder edge towards the center. Work the right shoulder following **Chart C** to Row 30 (30) 30 (30) 30 (32) 32 (32). Do not cut the yarn.

Front yoke

Join the two shoulder pieces by working Row 31 (31) 31 (31) 31 (33) 33 (33) from **Chart C** and casting on 15 stitches with backwards loop CO. There are now 109 (113) 113 (117) 121 (125) 133 (141) stitches. Place a marker on each side for the 2 edge stitches. The next row is a WS row. Work **Chart B** from Row 16 (16) 16 (16) 16 (18) 18 (18) to Row 42 (42) 42 (46) 46 (46) 48 (52), a total of 27 (27) 27 (31) 31 (29) 31 (35) rows. Do not cut the working yarn.

Body

Remove the edge markers. From now on, the edge stitches at each side will be worked in moss stitch. Join the front and the back yokes while working Row 7 (7) 7 (11) 11 (11) 13 (17) of **Chart B** as follows:

Work the front, backwards loop CO 0 (0) 4 (4) 4 (8) 8 (8), Work the back, CO 0 (0) 2 (2) 2 (4) 4 (4), place marker (BOR), CO 0 (0) 2 (2) 2 (4) 4 (4)

There are 218 (226) 234 (242) 250 (266) 282 (298) stitches for the body.

Begin to work in the round from Row 8 (8) 8 (12) 12 (12) 14 (18) of **Chart B** until the work measures 49 (49) 49 (50) 50 (53) 54 (55)cm [19¼ (19¼) 19¼ (19½) 19½ (20¾) 21¼ (21½)"] from the cast-on edge at the center back or until the desired length, preferably ending after Row 36 (36) 36 (2) 2 (10) 14 (16). Change to 4.5mm/100 or 120cm [US7/40 or 47"] circular needles and repeat *k1, p1* for 7cm [2¾"]. Then work the last rows in double knitting as follows:

Row 1 rep *k1, slip 1 st with yarn in front* to end

Row 2 rep *slip 1 st with yarn in back, p1* to end

Finally, bind off using the tubular bind off method.

Sleeve

With 5.5mm/40cm [US/16"] circular needles or DPNs, pick up 23 (23) 23 (24) 24 (24) 24 (25) stitches along the armhole and place a marker. This is 2 stitches for every 3 rows. Next, pick up 22 stitches from every row for sizes XS (S) M (L) XL, 4 stitches every 5 rows for sizes (2XL) 3XL (4XL) and place a marker. Then again working 2 stitches for every 3 rows, pick up 23 (23) 23 (24) 24 (24) 24 (25) stitches. And then, pick up 0 (0) 4 (4) 4 (8) 8 (8) stitches from the underarm cast-on edge and place a BOR marker in the middle of them. There are 68 (68) 72 (74) 74 (78) 78 (80) stitches for the sleeve.

The sleeve will be worked in the round. Work the first and the last sections in moss stitch and the middle section as indicated in **Chart D**, **while at the same time** decreasing every 16 (16) 13 (11) 12 (9) 9 (9)th row, a total of 5 (5) 6 (7) 6 (8) 8 (8) times as follows:

K2tog or p2tog per the pattern (matching the 2nd st on the left needle), work **Chart D** to last 2 sts, ssk or ssp per the pattern (matching the **next** stitch on the left needle)

There are 58 (58) 60 (60) 62 (62) 62 (64) stitches left now. Work another 2.5 (2.5) 3.5 (4) 5 (5) 5 (4)cm [1 (1) 1¼ (1½) 2 (2) 2 (1¾)"] or until the sleeve is the desired length. Change to 4.5mm[US7/16"] DPNs and work in rib for 10cm [4"], repeating *k1, p1*. And then, work two rounds of double knitting as follows:

Row 1 rep *k1, slip 1 st with yarn in front* to end

Row 2 rep *slip 1 st with yarn in back, p1* to end

Bind off using the tubular bind off method.

Neck band

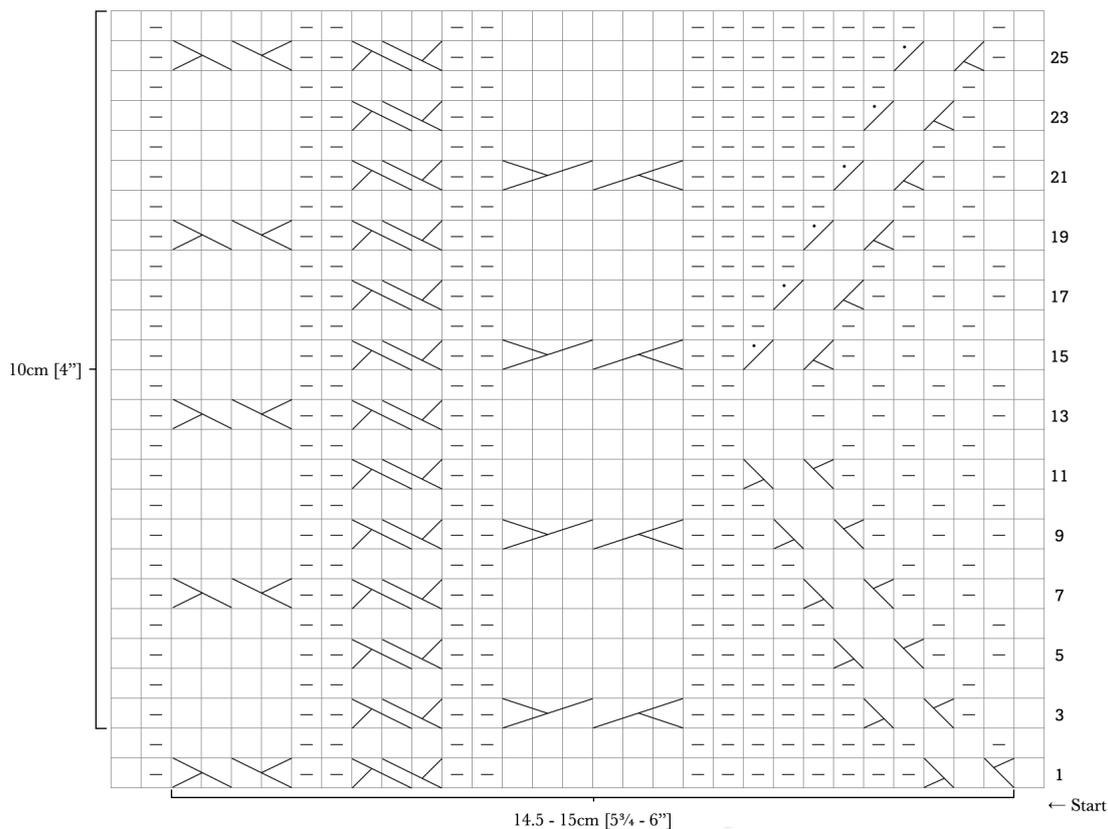
Around the neck, pick up 98 (98) 98 (98) 98 (100) 100 (100) stitches from the back neck with 4.5mm[US7/16"] DPNs. This is approximately one from every stitch / 5 stitches from every 6 rows. Work *k1, p1* rib for 7cm [2¾"] in the round and bind off as follows ([video #4](#)):

Pick up 1 st from the pick-up edge, k2tog, rep *p1, slip 2 sts to left needle, k2tog through back loop, pick up 1 st from the pick-up edge, k2tog, slip 1 st to left needle, k2tog through back loop* to end

Cut the working yarn and weave in ends. If the neck band is loose, you can insert an elastic thread.

Swatch

Make sure to wash the swatch to obtain the correct gauge as it the work may grow wider and/or longer after washing. Cast on 31 sts and work as below.



-  Knit on RS (purl on WS)
-  Purl on RS (knit on WS)
-  DS Double stitch in German short row. It is considered as 1 st.
-  M1L increase
-  M1pL increase
-  M1R increase
-  M1pR increase
-  Backwards loop cast on

 **1/2 RC**: slip 2 sts onto a cable needle and hold at back, k1 from left needle, k2 from cable needle (2/1 RC on WS) ([video #1](#))

 **1/2 LC**: slip 1 st onto a cable needle and hold at front, k2 from left needle, k1 from cable needle (2/1 LC on WS)

 **2/1 RC**: slip 1 st onto a cable needle and hold at back, k2 from left needle, k1 from cable needle

 **2/1 LC**: slip 2 sts onto a cable needle and hold at front, k1 from left needle, k2 from cable needle

 **2/1 RpC**: slip 1 st onto a cable needle and hold at back, k2 from left needle, p1 from cable needle

 **2/1 LpC**: slip 2 sts onto a cable needle and hold at front, p1 from left needle, k2 from cable needle

 **2/1/2 LC**: slip 3 sts onto a cable needle and hold at front, k2 from left needle, k1 the left most st, and k2 from cable needle ([video #3](#))

 **2/2 LC**: slip 2 sts onto a cable needle and hold at front, k2 from left needle, k2 from cable needle (same on WS)

 **2/2 RC**: slip 2 sts onto a cable needle and hold at back, k2 from left needle, k2 from cable needle (same on WS)

 **3/3 RC**: slip 3 sts onto a cable needle and hold at back, k3 from left needle, k3 from cable needle (same on WS)

 **3/3 LC**: slip 3 sts onto a cable needle and hold at front, k3 from left needle, k3 from cable needle (same on WS)

 **4/4 RC**: slip 4 sts onto a cable needle and hold at back, k4 from left needle, k4 from cable needle (same on WS)

 **4/4 LC**: slip 4 sts onto a cable needle and hold at front, k4 from left needle, k4 from cable needle (same on WS)

Chart B

The yokes: 2 edge sts in stockinette st, 2 (4) 4 (6) 8 (10) 14 (18) sts in moss st, work cables, 2 (4) 4 (6) 8 (10) 14 (18) sts in moss st, 2 edge sts in stockinette st
 The body: rep *4 (6) 10 (12) 14 (20) 24 (28) sts in moss st, work cables, 4 (6) 10 (12) 14 (20) 24 (28) sts in moss st* twice

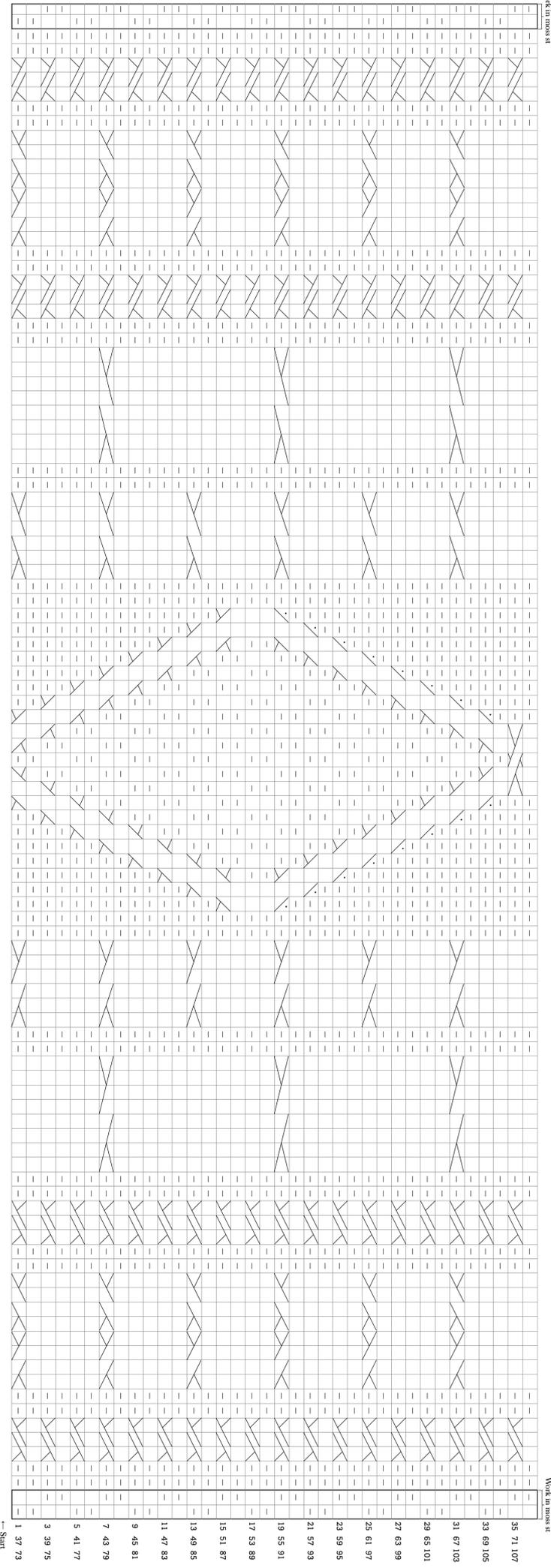
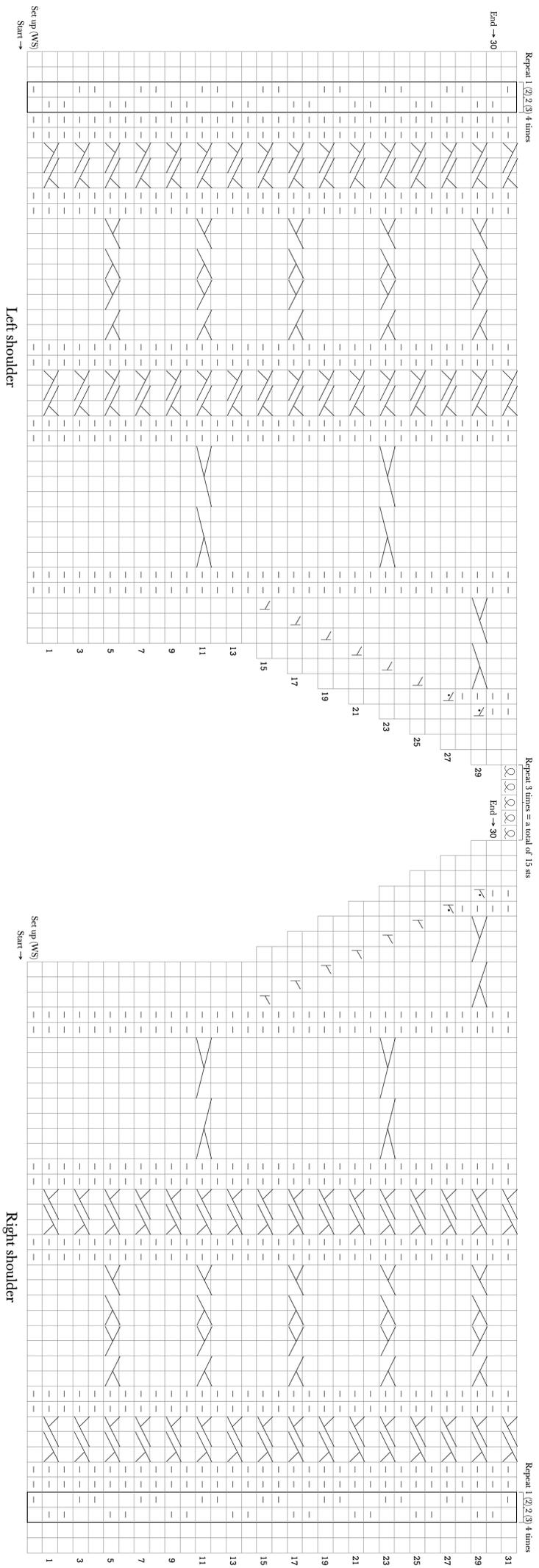


Chart C

Sizes XS (S) M (L) XL



Sizes (2XL) 3XL (4XL)

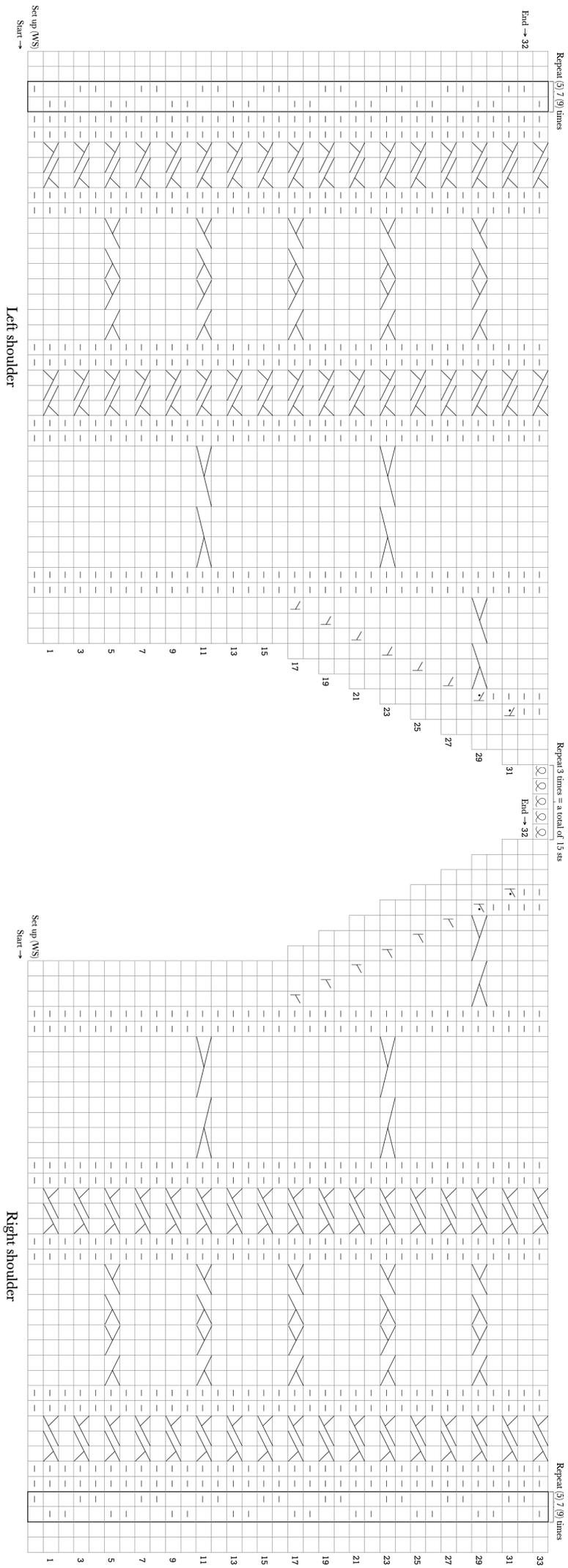
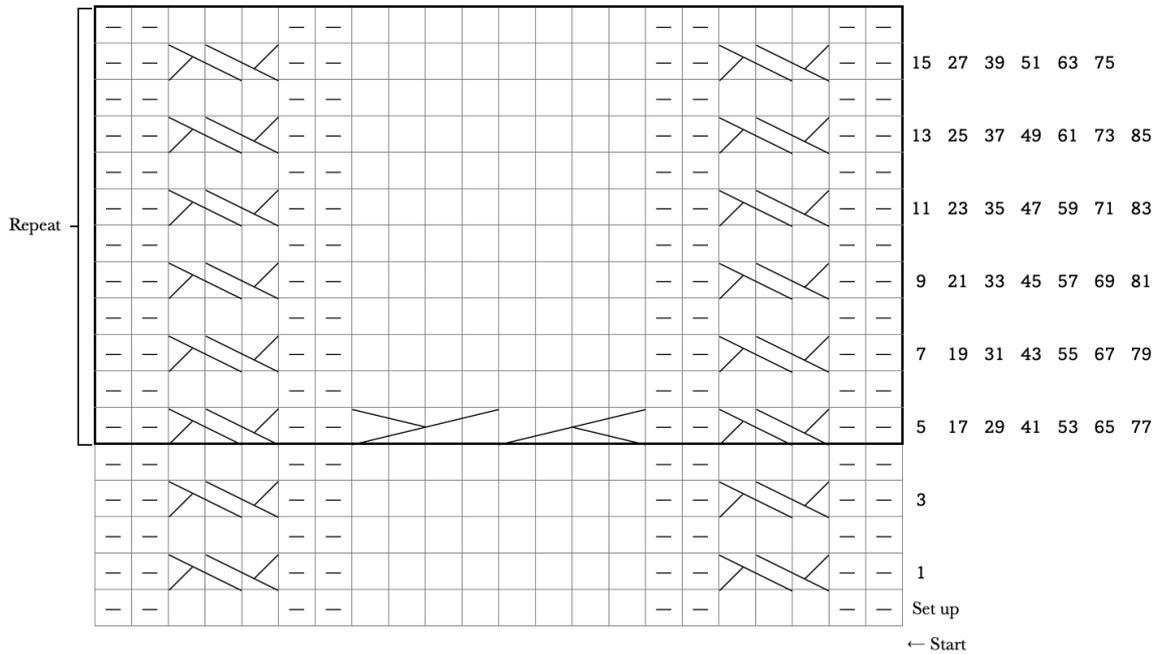


Chart D

Set up: k1, continue in moss st, work chart, p1 (p1) p1 (k1) k1 (k1) k1 (p1), continue in moss st.

Left sleeve



Right sleeve

