

# Knitting for Olive



## Snow Sweater – adult version

**Sizes:** XS (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL)

**Finished measurements:** Chest circumference: approx. 95 (101, 105, 110, 118, 128, 138, 149, 156) cm [37½ (39¾, 41¼, 43¾, 46½, 50½, 54¼, 58¾, 61½)]" to fit chest circumference: 76-83 (84-91, 92-99, 100-107, 108-116, 117-127, 128-139, 140-149, 150-160) cm [30-32¾ (33-35¾, 36¾-39, 39¾-42¾, 42½-45¾, 46-50, 50½-54¾, 55-58¾, 59-63)]"; Length from shoulder to edge: approx. 52 (54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 70) cm [20½ (21¼, 22, 22¾, 23½, 24½, 25¼, 26, 27½)]"; Sleeve length from underarm to edge: approx. 46 (46, 47, 47, 47, 46, 46, 46, 45) cm [18 (18, 18½, 18½, 18½, 18, 18, 18, 17¾)]"

**Yarn:** MC: 1 strand of Knitting for Olive Merino (250 m [273 yd] / 50 g [1.8 oz]), 4 (5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 7, 7, 8) balls + 1 strand of Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair (225 m [246 yd] / 25 g [0.9 oz]), lace-weight yarn, 5 (5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8) balls; CC 1 (snow): 1 strand of Knitting for Olive Merino, 1 ball + 1 strand of Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair, 1 ball; CC 2 (trees): 1 strand of Knitting for Olive Merino, 1 ball + 1 strand of Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair, 1 ball. Sample is knit in Merino + Soft Silk Mohair in Midnight (MC), Cream (CC 1) and Dusty Olive (CC 2) colorways

**Needles:** 3.5 mm / US4 and 4 mm / US6 circular and double-pointed needles, or in size to obtain gauge

**Gauge (after blocking):** 21 sts and 33 rows = 10 cm [4"] in st st with 4 mm / US6 needles

**Notions:** Stitch markers, waste yarn or stitch holders, tapestry needle, row counter (optional)

## Special Techniques

Our Knitting for Olive video tutorials clearly demonstrate the special techniques used in Snow Sweater (in Danish):

- M1R and M1L increases on RS:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4bAF8eMcvM&t=7s>
- German short rows:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9encEthft8E&t=135s>
- Italian bind-off:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzHgm6Gmhyc>
- Provisional Cast on:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhPVrc9j2vc>

## Construction Notes

Snow Sweater is an elegant take on the classic Christmas sweater. It is worked from the top down in the round with a circular yoke construction and features a winter landscape on the sleeves. Snow Sweater is worked using 1 strand of Merino + 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair held together throughout.

You begin with the folded ribbed neckband and continue with neckline shaping using German short rows. Afterwards, increases are worked around the yoke down to the underarms. After the yoke is finished, sleeve stitches are placed on hold to be worked after the body has been completed. The body is then further shaped by working additional German short rows at each underarm before you continue in the round to desired length and finish the body with a ribbed hem. The sleeves are worked from the bottom up, beginning with an i-cord edge and later following charts, and they are sewn to the yoke with grafting stitches. Lastly, the The Fair Isle pattern is charted only.

*Please note that whenever only one number is given in the instructions, this number refers to all sizes.*

## Notes on the Fair Isle Technique

We recommend using the Fair Isle technique when working in the round with multiple colors at the same time. On those rounds of the chart where you alternate between colors, both the strand with the main color and the strands with the contrast colors are carried at the back of the work, creating horizontal strands, or floats, on the wrong side of your work. When you knit using the main color, the strands of contrast colors travel behind the stitches until it is ready to be used again, and vice versa.

With this particular design, you will get long floats in some places. To avoid this causing trouble, we recommend that you trap, or catch, these floats by twisting your strands at regular intervals. You do this by alternately going over or underneath the non-active colors, or “floating” colors, when you pick your active, or working color. This will twist your strands and trap your floats.

## Chart Notes

When you work from charts, always start from the bottom right corner with the first stitch of Row 1 (unless the pattern indicates otherwise) and work the chart from the bottom up. When you are working in the round, work the chart from right to left on all rounds.

You will find a detailed guide on how to read charts that features examples from our patterns if you go to [www.knittingforolive.com](http://www.knittingforolive.com)

## **Folded Ribbed Neckband**

With 3.5 mm / US4 circular needle and 1 strand of Merino + 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair in MC held together, cast on 96 (96, 96, 96, 104, 104, 104, 104, 104) sts using long-tail cast-on method, join for working in the round, being careful not to twist sts, place BOR m. BOR is at mid-back

**Set-up Round:** (K1, p1) to end of round

Work in 1x1 rib pattern as established until work measures 9 (9, 9, 9, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10) cm [3½ (3½, 3½, 3½, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4)]"

*Note: You will now fold the neckband and attach it to the cast-on edge by knitting the live stitches on the needle together with cast-on stitches, either knitwise or purlwise, in order to maintain the established rib pattern. Pick up the stitch from the cast-on edge that is directly below the live stitch on your left needle.*

With RS of work facing, fold neckband in half so that the live sts on needle are parallel to cast-on edge, \*pick up first st from cast-on edge and place on left needle, k2tog, pick up next st from cast-on edge and place on left needle, p2tog; repeat from \* to end of round

## **Yoke**

Change to 4 mm / US6 circular needle

Sizes XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL and 5XL only:

**Set-up Round (inc round):** \*K- (-, -, -, 26, 26, 26, 26, 26), M1L; repeat from \* to end of round [- (-, -, -, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4) sts increased] = - (-, -, -, 108, 108, 108, 108, 108) sts

All sizes:

K 1 round

*Note: You will now start shaping yoke with increases.*

**Inc Round 1:** (M1L, k3) to end of round [32 (32, 32, 32, 36, 36, 36, 36, 36) sts increased] = 128 (128, 128, 128, 144, 144, 144, 144, 144) sts

K 1 round even

*Note: You will now shape the neck opening with German short rows, working back and forth. Work the double stitches as 1 stitch throughout (see Special Techniques).*

**Short Row 1 (RS):** K28 (28, 28, 28, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32), tw

**Short Row 2 (WS):** Ds, p to BOR, sm, p28 (28, 28, 28, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32), tw

**Short Row 3 (RS):** Ds, k to BOR, sm, k30 (30, 30, 30, 34, 34, 34, 34, 34), tw

**Short Row 4 (WS):** Ds, p to BOR, sm, p30 (30, 30, 30, 34, 34, 34, 34, 34), tw

**Short Row 5 (RS):** Ds, k to BOR, sm, k32 (32, 32, 32, 36, 36, 36, 36, 36), tw

**Short Row 6 (WS):** Ds, p to BOR, sm, p32 (32, 32, 32, 36, 36, 36, 36, 36), tw

**Short Row 7 (RS):** Ds, k to BOR, sm, k34 (34, 34, 34, 38, 38, 38, 38, 38), tw

**Short Row 8 (WS):** Ds, p to BOR, sm, p34 (34, 34, 34, 38, 38, 38, 38, 38), tw

**Next row (RS):** Ds, k to BOR

*Note: You will now resume working in the round.*

K 1 round

**Inc Round 2:** (M1L, k4) to end of round [32 (32, 32, 32, 36, 36, 36, 36, 36) sts increased] = 160 (160, 160, 160, 180, 180, 180, 180, 180) sts

K 1 round even

*Note: You will now continue the German short row shaping, working back and forth. Work the double stitches as 1 stitch throughout.*

**Short Row 9 (RS):** K to BOR, sm, k46 (46, 46, 46, 52, 52, 52, 52, 52), tw

**Short Row 10 (WS):** Ds, p to BOR, sm, p46 (46, 46, 46, 52, 52, 52, 52, 52), tw

**Short Row 11 (RS):** Ds, k to BOR, sm, k50 (50, 50, 50, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56), tw

**Short Row 12 (WS):** Ds, p to BOR, sm, p50 (50, 50, 50, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56), tw

**Next row (RS):** Ds, k to BOR

*Note: You will now resume working in the round.*

K 1 (1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2) round(s) even

**Inc Round 3:** (M1L, k5) to end of round [32 (32, 32, 32, 36, 36, 36, 36, 36) sts increased] = 192 (192, 192, 192, 216, 216, 216, 216, 216) sts

K 1 round even

*Note: You will now continue the German short row shaping, working back and forth. Work the double stitches as 1 stitch throughout.*

**Short Row 13 (RS):** K to BOR, sm, k64 (64, 64, 64, 72, 72, 72, 72, 72), tw

**Short Row 14 (WS):** Ds, p to BOR, sm, p64 (64, 64, 64, 72, 72, 72, 72, 72), tw

**Next row (RS):** Ds, k to BOR

*Note: You will now resume working in the round.*

K 3 (3, 3, 3, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5) rounds even

**Inc Round 4:** (M1L, k6) to end of round [32 (32, 32, 32, 36, 36, 36, 36, 36) sts increased] = 224 (224, 224, 224, 252, 252, 252, 252, 252) sts

K 8 (7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 8) rounds even

**Inc Round 5:** (M1L, k7) to end of round [32 (32, 32, 32, 36, 36, 36, 36, 36) sts increased] = 256 (256, 256, 256, 288, 288, 288, 288, 288) sts

K 9 (7, 8, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 8) rounds even

**Inc Round 6:** (M1L, k8) to end of round [32 (32, 32, 32, 36, 36, 36, 36, 36) sts increased] = 288 (288, 288, 288, 324, 324, 324, 324, 324) sts

K 10 (8, 9, 7, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8) rounds even

**Inc Round 7:** (M1L, k9) to end of round [32 (32, 32, 32, 36, 36, 36, 36, 36) sts increased] = 320 (320, 320, 320, 360, 360, 360, 360, 360) sts

K 12 (9, 9, 8, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9) rounds even

Size XS only:

Continue to **Body**

All other sizes:

**Inc Round 8:** \*M1L, k- (20, 10, 10, 20, 20, 10, 10, 10); repeat from \* to end of round [- (16, 32, 32, 18, 18, 36, 36, 36) sts increased] = - (336, 352, 352, 378, 378, 396, 396, 396) sts

K - (10, 12, 9, 9, 10, 10, 10, 10) rounds even

Sizes S and M only:

Continue to **Body**

Sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL and 5XL only:

**Inc Round 9:** \*M1L, k- (-, -, 22, 21, 21, 22, 11, 11); repeat from \* to end of round [- (-, -, 16, 18, 18, 18, 36, 36) sts increased] = - (-, -, 368, 396, 396, 414, 432, 432) sts

K - (-, -, 8, 10, 10, 12, 14, 15) rounds even

## **Body**

*Note: You will now place the sleeve stitches on hold and cast on new stitches for the underarms.*

**Dividing Round:** \*K47 (49, 50, 53, 58, 59, 62, 65, 66), place next 66 (70, 76, 78, 82, 80, 83, 86, 84) sleeve sts on holder, cast on 3 (4, 5, 5, 4, 8, 11, 13, 16) new sts onto right needle, pm (= side m), cast on 3 (4, 5, 5, 4, 8, 10, 13, 26) new sts onto right needle, k47 (49, 50, 53, 58, 59, 62, 65, 66); repeat from \* one more time = 200 (212, 220, 232, 248, 268, 290, 312, 328) sts

K 1 round

*Note: You will now shape the body by working two sets of short rows, one set on each side of the sweater. Work double stitches as 1 stitch throughout (see Special Techniques). BOR is still at mid back. Slip markers as you come to them unless otherwise noted.*

**Short Row 1 (RS):** K to 10 (10, 10, 10, 11, 11, 11, 12, 12) sts after first side m, tw

**Short Row 2 (WS):** Ds, p19 (19, 19, 19, 21, 21, 21, 23, 23), tw

**Short Row 3 (RS):** Ds, k to 10 (10, 10, 10, 11, 11, 11, 12, 12) sts after last ds, tw

**Short Row 4 (WS):** Ds, p to 10 (10, 10, 10, 11, 11, 11, 12, 12) sts after last ds, tw

**Short Rows 5-8:** Repeat Short Rows 3-4, 2 times

**Short Row 9 (RS):** Ds, k to 10 (10, 10, 10, 11, 11, 11, 12, 12) sts after second side m, tw

**Short Rows 10-16:** Repeat Short Rows 2-8, 1 time

**Next Row (RS):** Ds, k to BOR

*Note: You will now resume working in the round.*

K 1 round and remove both side m when you come to them

Continue in st st in the round until work from shoulder next to neckline measures approx. 47 (49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 65) cm [18½ (19¼, 20, 20¾, 21¾, 22½, 23¼, 24, 25½)]" or 5 cm [2"] short of desired finished length

### Ribbed edge

Change to 3.5 mm / US4 circular needle

K 1 round

**Set-up Round:** (K1, p1) to end of round

Work in 1x1 rib pattern as established until the ribbed edge measures approx. 5 cm [2"]

Bind off using Italian bind-off method (see Special Techniques)

### Sleeves

*Note: Sleeves are worked from the bottom up in the round.*

With 4 mm / US6 circular needle and 1 strand of Merino + 1 strand of Soft Silk Mohair held together in CC 1, cast on 76 (80, 85, 90, 90, 95, 95, 95, 95) sts using Provisional Cast On method, join for working in the round, being careful not to twist sts, place BOR m

*Note: You will now start working Chart A (B, C, D, D, A, E, F, G). Be sure to read the Chart Notes on page 2 carefully before proceeding.*

Beginning with Round 1 and ending with Round 32 work *Chart A (B, C, D, D, A, E, F, G)* across all sts 1 time [- (-, -, -, -, -, 2, 4, 4) sts increased] = 76 (80, 85, 90, 90, 95, 97, 99, 99) sts

Sizes XS and S only:

*Note: You will start every repeat of Chart 1 (1, -, -, -, -, -, -) with the 2<sup>nd</sup> (1<sup>st</sup>, -, -, -, -, -, -) stitch in the chart, so that each repeat of the chart is worked across 19 (20, -, -, -, -, -, -) stitches.*

Beginning with 2<sup>nd</sup> (1<sup>st</sup>, -, -, -, -, -, -) st of *Chart 1 (1, -, -, -, -, -, -)* and Round 1, work as indicated across all sts to end of round

Beginning with Round 2 and ending with Round 50, work *Chart 1 (1, -, -, -, -, -, -)* across all sts as established, 1 time

*Note: You will now continue in stockinette stitch in MC only and shape sleeve with decreases.*

**Round 1 (dec round):** K1, K2tog, k to 3 sts left, sl1k, k1, pssso, k1 [2 (2, -, -, -, -, -, -) sts decreased]

**Round 2-24:** K to end of round

Repeat Rounds 1-24, 1 (1, -, -, -, -, -, -) more time [2 (2, -, -, -, -, -, -) more sts decreased] = 72 (76, -, -, -, -, -, -) sts

Sizes M and L only:

*Note: You will start every repeat of Chart - (-, 1, 1, -, -, -, -) with the - (-, 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, -, -, -, -) stitch in the chart, so that each repeat of the chart is worked across - (-, 17, 18, -, -, -, -) stitches.*

Beginning with - (-, 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, -, -, -, -) st of *Chart - (-, 1, 1, -, -, -, -)* and Round 1, work as indicated across all sts to end of round

Beginning with Round 2 and ending with Round 50, work *Chart - (-, 1, 1, -, -, -, -)* across all sts as established, 1 time

*Note: You will now continue in stockinette st in MC only.*

K - (-, 50, 50, -, -, -, -) rounds (the equivalent of approx. 15 cm [6"])

Sizes XL and 2XL only:

*Note: You will start every repeat of Chart - (-, -, -, 1, 1, -, -, -) with the - (-, -, -, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, -, -, -) stitch in the chart, so that each repeat of the chart is worked across - (-, -, -, 18, 19, -, -, -) stitches.*

Beginning with - (-, -, -, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, -, -, -) st of *Chart - (-, -, -, 1, 1, -, -, -)* and Round 1, work as indicated across all sts to end of round

Beginning with Round 2 and ending with Round 50, work *Chart - (-, -, -, 1, 1, -, -, -)* across all sts as established, 1 time

*Note: You will now continue in stockinette stitch in MC only and shape sleeve with increases.*

**Round 1 (inc round):** K1, M1L, k to last st, M1R, k1 [- (-, -, -, 2, 2, -, -, -) sts increased]

**Round - (-, -, -, 2-25, 2-23, -, -, -):** K to end of round

Repeat Rounds - (-, -, -, 1-25, 1-23, -, -, -), one more time [- (-, -, -, 2, 2, -, -, -) more sts increased =] - (-, -, -, 94, 99, -, -, -) sts

Size 3XL only:

Beginning with Round 1 and ending with Round 50, work *Chart 2* across all sts, 1 time [4 sts increased] = 101 sts

*Note: You will now continue in stockinette st in MC only.*

K 21 rounds

*Note: You will now shape the sleeve with increases.*

**Round 1 (inc round):** K1, M1L, k to last st, M1R, k1 [2 sts increased]

**Round 2 - 26:** K to end of round

Repeat Round 1 one more time [2 more sts increased] = 105 sts

Sizes 4XL and 5XL only:

Beginning with Round 1 and ending with Round 50, work *Chart - (-, -, -, -, -, 3, 4)* across all sts, 1 time [- (-, -, -, -, -, 6, 8) sts decreased] = - (-, -, -, -, -, 105, 107) sts

*Note: You will now continue in stockinette st in MC only.*

K - (-, -, -, -, -, -, 1, 8) round(s)

*Note: You will now shape the sleeve with increases.*

**Round 1 (inc round):** K1, M1L, k to last st, M1R, k1 [- (-, -, -, -, -, 2, 2) sts increased]

**Round - (-, -, -, -, -, 2- 14, 2-12):** K to end of round

Repeat rounds - (-, -, -, -, -, 1-14, 1-12), - (-, -, -, -, -, 2, 2) more times [- (-, -, -, -, -, 4, 4) more sts increased]

Repeat Round 1 (inc round), one more time [- (-, -, -, -, -, 2, 2) sts increased] = - (-, -, -, -, -, 113, 115) sts

All sizes:

Continue even in st st in the round until sleeve measures approx. 44 (44, 45, 45, 45, 44, 44, 43, 43) cm [17¼ (17¼, 17¾, 17¾, 17¾, 17¾, 17, 17)]".

*Tip: Try on your sweater and sleeve to ensure you have the perfect sleeve length.*

Break yarn, let sts rest

*Note: You will now join body and sleeves by grafting sleeve stitches and armhole stitches together. You will first work around the armhole on the body "like normal" before the sleeve is placed inside the armhole and the two pieces grafted together.*

First, transfer held 66 (70, 76, 78, 82, 80, 83, 86, 84) armhole sts from holder onto a second 4 mm / US6 circular needle, then with RS of work facing and *beginning from center of underarm and MC*, pick up and knit 3 (3, 4, 6, 6, 10, 11, 14, 15) sts along underarm, k across armhole sts on needle, pick up and knit 3 (3, 5, 6, 6, 9, 11, 13, 16) sts along remaining part of underarm, join for working in the round, place BOR m if needed = 72 (76, 85, 90, 94, 99, 105, 113, 115) sts

K 2 rounds

Break yarn, leaving a long tail

Next, turn sleeve inside out before placing sleeve inside armhole. Then, with both WS toward each other and 72 (76, 85, 90, 94, 99, 105, 113, 115) sts on both needles, hold the two needles parallel, using yarn tail and tapestry needle, graft sts together using Kitchener stitch with MC

Turn sleeve so RS is facing again

### I-cord edge

Change to 3.5 mm / US4 circular or double-pointed needles and join CC 1

**Next round:** K1, M1L \*place the 2 sts back onto left needle, k1, k2tog tbl; repeat from \* until you have worked all sleeve sts. You will have 2 sts remaining on your right needle

Join both ends by grafting the remaining 2 sts together with the beginning of the i-cord edge

Work second sleeve the same

### Finishing

Weave in all loose ends

Block

We hope you enjoy knitting Snow Sweater!

We would love to see your finished projects! If you would like to share your work with us on Instagram, please use the hashtags #knittingforolive, #snesweater and #snowsweater or tag us @knittingforolive

## **Abbreviations**

Approx. – approximately

BOR – beginning of round

K – knit

P – purl

Dec – decrease

Inc – increase

Ds – double stitch (for German short-row technique)

Tw – turn work (for German short-row technique)

K1tbl – knit 1 stitch through back loop

K2tog – knit 2 stitches together [1 stitch decreased]

K2tog tbl – knit 2 stitches together through back loop [1 stitch decreased]

P2tog – purl 2 stitches together [1 stitch decreased]

MC – main color

CC – contrast color

M – marker

Pm – place marker

Sm – slip marker

Pssso – pass slipped stitch(es) over

RS – right side

WS – wrong side

Sl1k – slip 1 stitch knitwise

St/sts – stitch/stitches

St st – stockinette stitch

M1L – make 1 new left leaning knit stitch (RS): insert right needle, from back to front, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar and knit this stitch into the back loop [1 stitch increased]

M1R – make 1 new right leaning knit stitch (RS): insert right needle, from front to back, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar and knit this stitch [1 stitch increased]

## Charts

### Key

- MC
- CC 1 (snow)
- CC 2 (trees)
- L Using MC M1L, picking up thread in MC
- R Using MC M1R, picking up thread in MC

Chart A

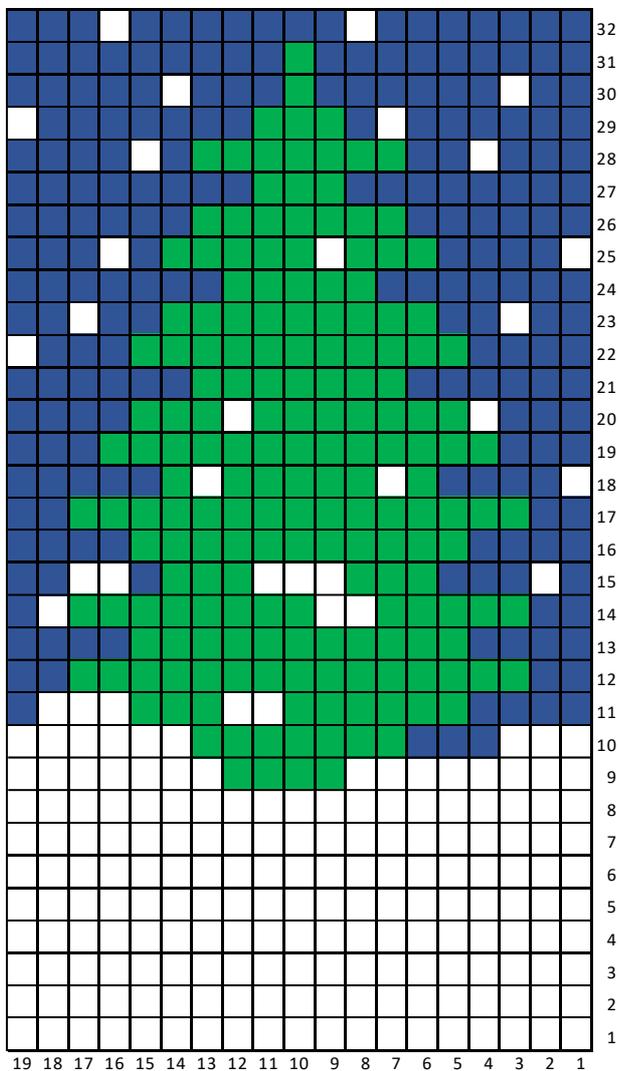


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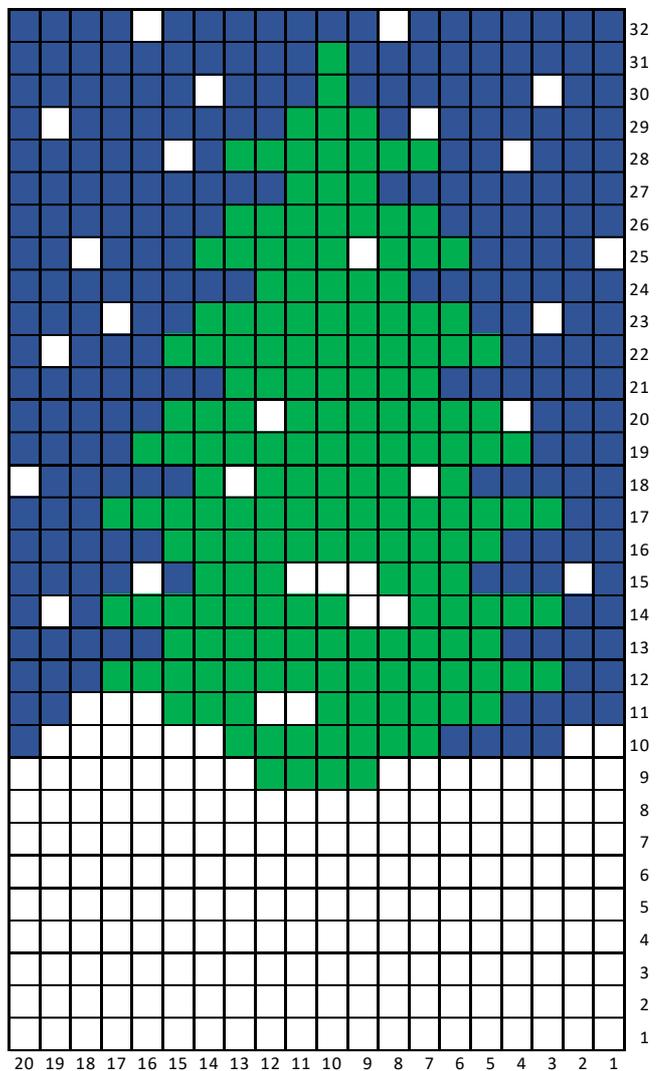


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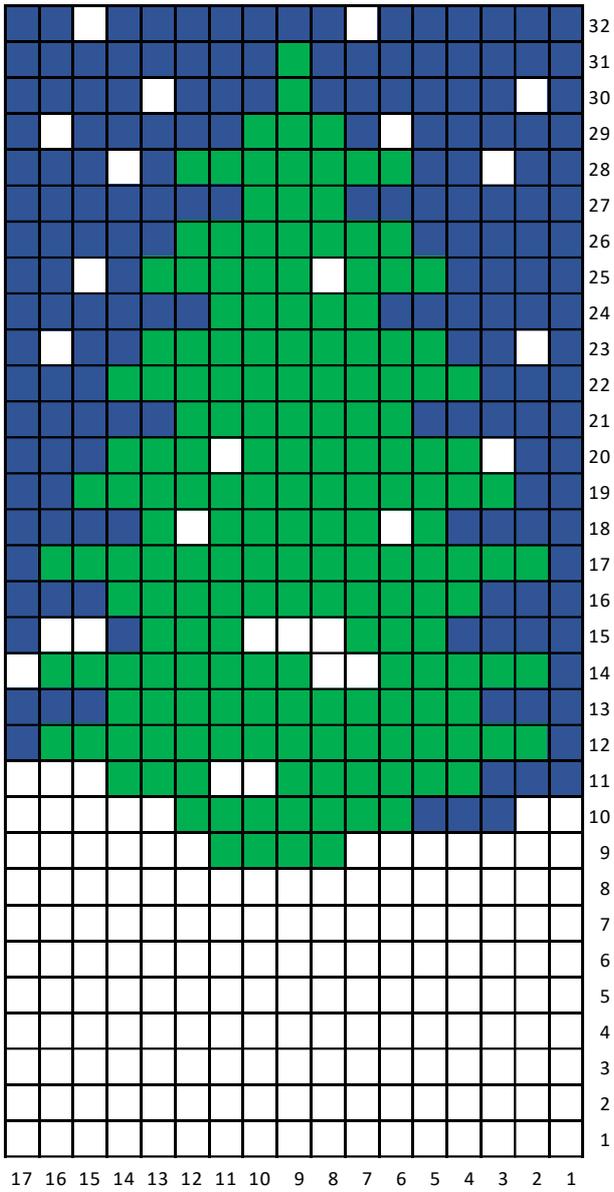


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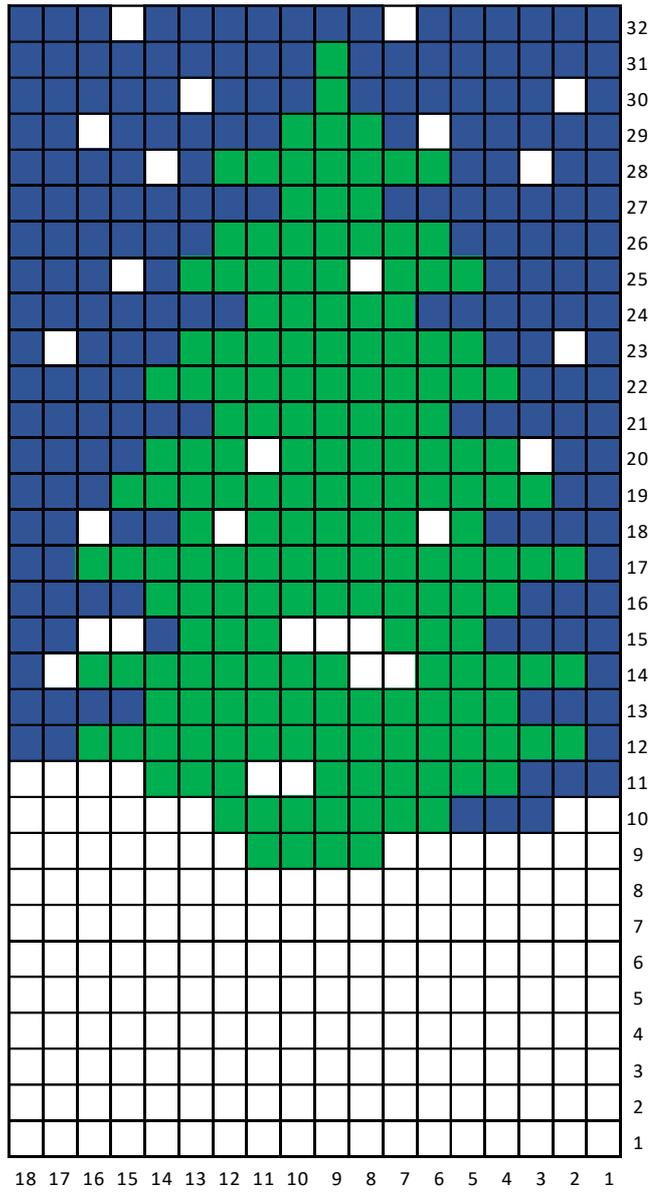


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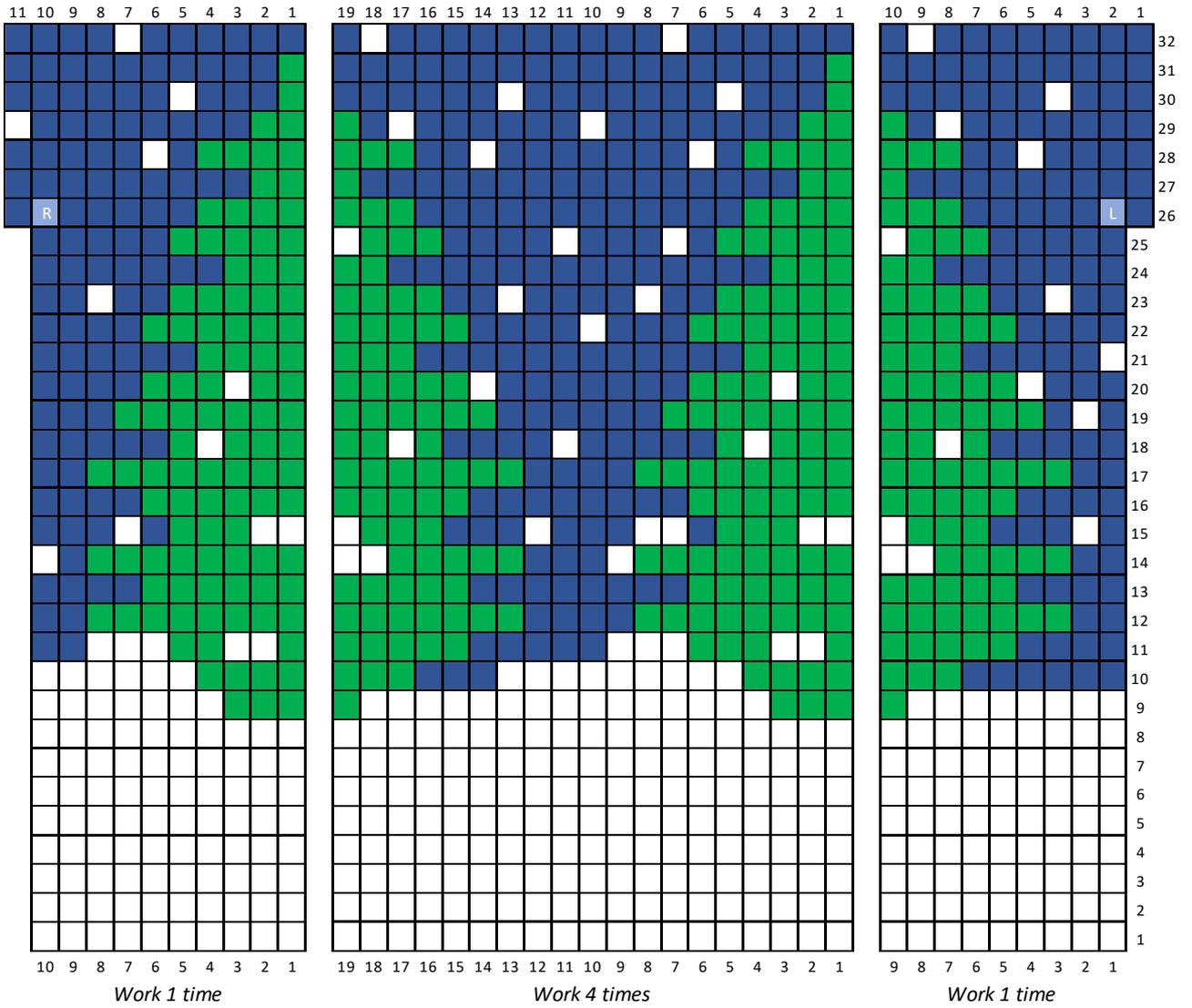
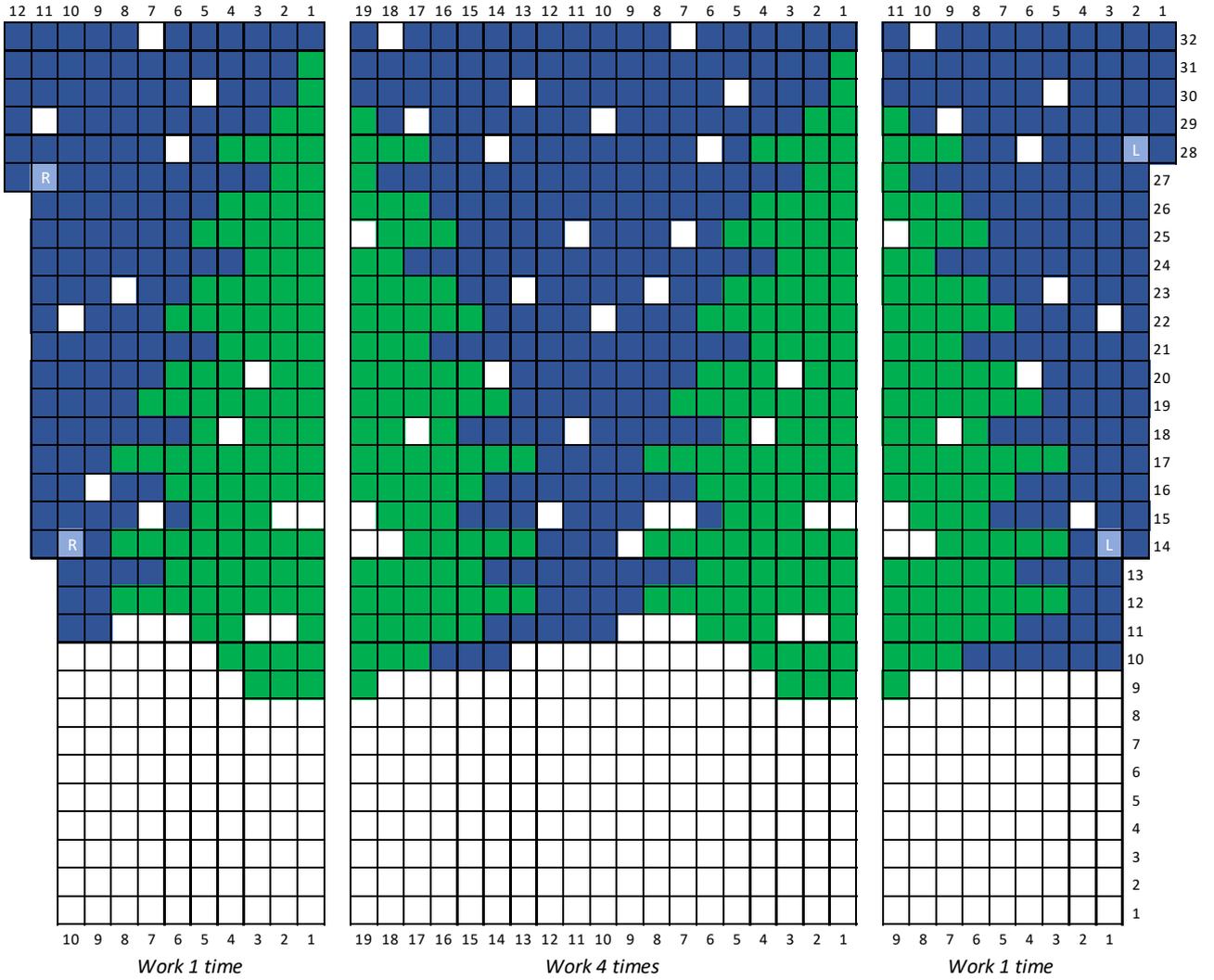


Chart F



**Chart G**

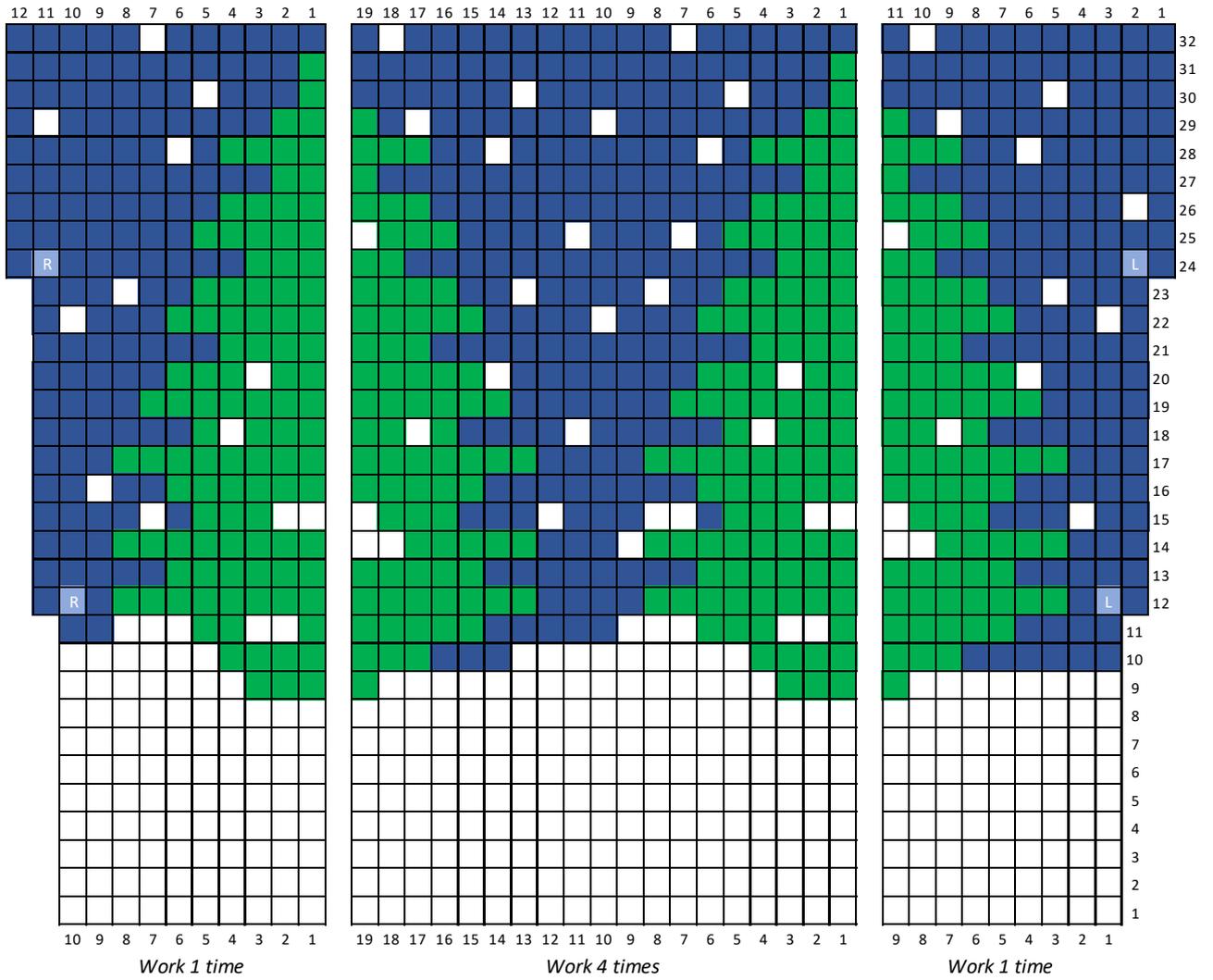


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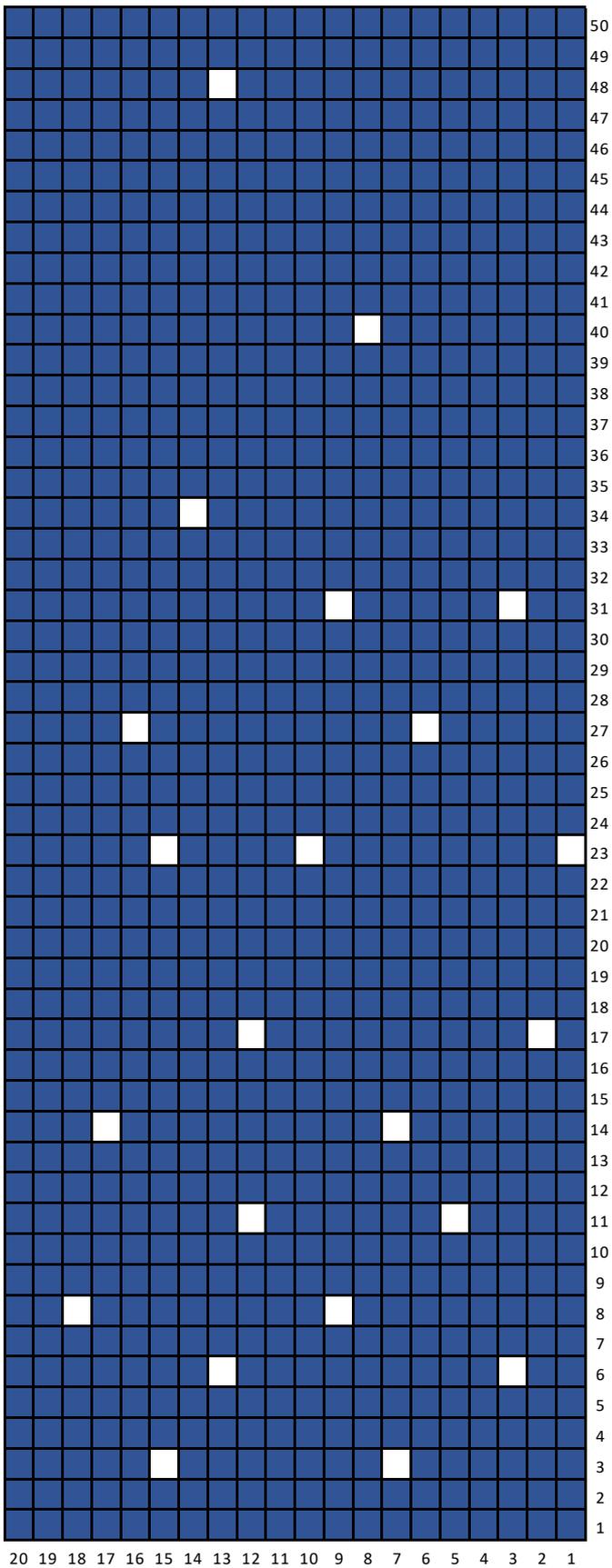


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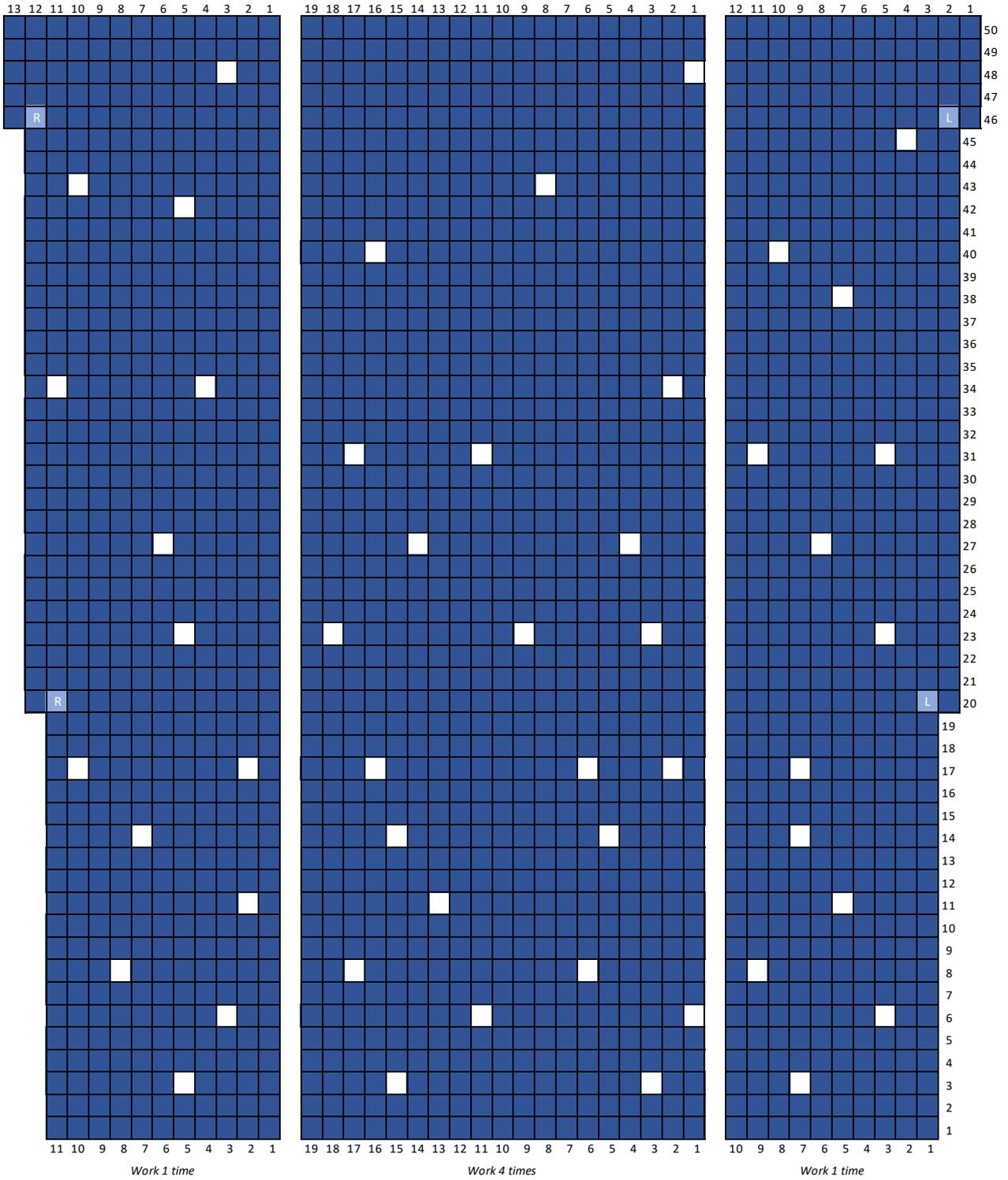


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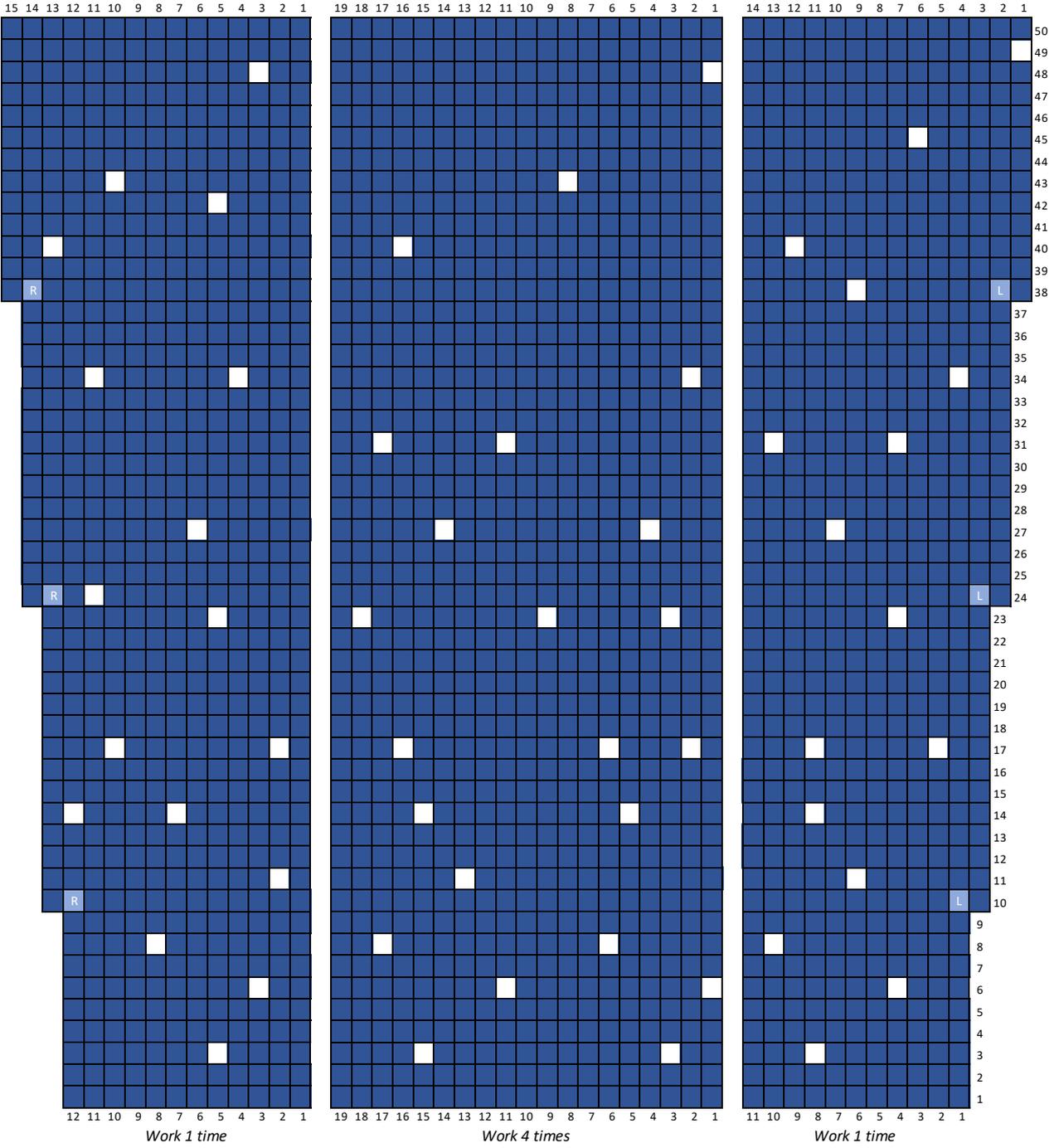


Chart 4

