

Top Surya



About the Surya top:

The Surya top is knitted from top to bottom in stockinette stitch. It starts by knitting the shoulders with short rows, then it is knitted until the armholes, and finally, the front and back are joined together to the desired length.

Sizes:

(80-85) 85-90 (90-95) 95-100 (100-110) 110-120 (120-130) cm

(31.5-33.5) 33.5-35.5 (35.5-37.5) 37.5- 39.5 (39.5-43.3) 43.3-47.3 (47.3-51.3)".

To select your size, I recommend that you measure the fullest part of your bust with a measuring tape and compare that measurement with the finished garment measurements. Keep in mind how much positive ease you want.

The sample is shown in size 1 with 3 cm/ 1.2" of positive ease at the bust.

Feel free to choose the amount of ease you feel comfortable with.



Finished Garment Measurements:

A: Length:

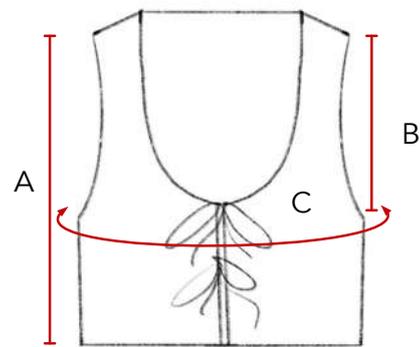
(38) 39,5 (41) 42,5 (44,5) 46 (48) cm
(14.9) 15.5 (16.1) 16.7 (17.5) 18.1 (18.8)"

B: Armhole:

(21) 21,5 (22) 22,5 (23,5) 24,5 (25) cm
(8.2) 8.5 (8.6) 8.8 (9.2) 9.6 (9.8)"

C: Bust circumference:

(86) 92 (98) 104 (112) 118 (130) cm
(33.8) 36.2 (38.5) 40.4 (44) 46.4 (51.1)"



Yarn:

Belle by Drops. Color: 03
50 g = 120 m.

53% cotton, 33% viscose, 14% linen.

(150) 170 (200) 230 (250) 360 (380) grams.

A larger garment will require more yarn.

Recommended Needles:

3.75 mm/US 5 (body- i-cord), 3 mm/US 2.5 (front border) circular needles.

Gauge:

20 sts x 34 rows = 10x10 cm / 4 '' (blocked).

In stockinette stitch on 3.75 mm/US 5 needles, or size necessary to obtain gauge.

Knitting a gauge swatch larger than 10 cm/ 4'' is recommended to ensure you have sufficient fabric to count your stitches.

Additional Materials:

Stitch markers.
3 mm crochet hook.
Sewing needle.
Tapestry needle.

Abbreviations:

CO:	Cast-on.	M1RP:	Right-leaning purlwise increase, lift the thread between the two needles from back to front, purl through the front loop to twist.
St (s):	Stitch (es).	M1LP:	Left-leaning purl wise increase, lift the thread between the two needles from front to back, purl through the back loop.
K:	Knit.	K2togtbl:	Basic decrease, knit 2 sts together through the back loop.
P:	Purl.	K2tog:	Basic decrease, knit 2 sts together.
RS:	Right side.	SL1WYIF:	Slip 1 st as if to purl with yarn in front.
WS:	Wrong side.	SL1WYIB:	Slip 1 st as if to purl with yarn in back
Rep:	Repeat.		
M1R:	Right-leaning increase: lift the thread between the two needles from back to front and knit.		
M1L:	Left-leaning increase: lift the thread between the two needles from front to back and knit through the back loop.		



Helpful Videos:

Long tail cast on method:

<https://youtu.be/DanPQQRalhw>

Pick up sts with the short tail:

<https://youtu.be/wRk464eQWic>

M1L M1R M1LP M1RP increases:

<https://youtu.be/JfaJ8IyWQEE>

Backwards loop cast-on:

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/1wsWG5wf_FQ

German short rows:

<https://youtu.be/QdyYTDNXfdo>

Icelandic bind-off:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceOmSJ7gCl4>

I-cord neckline:

<https://youtu.be/CxTLzA6lmw8>

K2tog:

<https://youtu.be/vIoN7oIOkJE>

Armhole trim:

https://youtu.be/qBu_g772J-8

Front trim:

<https://youtu.be/VrCM6iGPST8>

Ties & How to Attach Them:

<https://youtu.be/CvYcc910fA8>

German short rows are used to shape the shoulders. Each time it says "turn" you should turn your work using the short row technique. If you're not sure how to turn, check the links on page 2.

Important: The turning stitch created when you work the German short rows looks like a V or a double stitch. The turning stitch should be worked as a single stitch; it is NOT two stitches.

Needle sizes indicated are based on the pattern's specified gauge; if you had to change needle size to get gauge, use that size and not the one indicated in the pattern.

Back shoulders:

With 3.75 mm/US 5 needles and the long tail cast-on method, CO (61) 64 (67) 70 (73) 76 (80) sts. Cut the yarn.

Slip the first (14) 15 (16) 17 (18) 19 (20) sts without working them from the left to the right hand needle.

Joining a new ball of yarn, P (33) 34 (35) 36 (37) 38 (40); (14) 15 (16) 17 (18) 19 (20) sts remain on the left needle. **Turn.**

RS: K to the last (10) 10 (11) 11 (12) 12 (13) sts, **turn.**

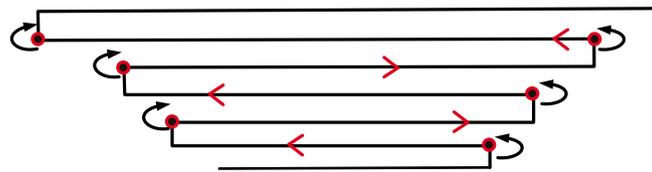
WS: P to the last (10) 10 (11) 11 (12) 12 (13) sts, **turn.**

RS: K to the last (3) 3 (4) 4 (5) 5 (6) sts, **turn.**

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RS: K to the last 3 sts, P1, K1, SL 1 WYIB. (Knit the turning sts as you come to them).

WS: P2, K1, P to the last 3 sts, K1, P1, SL 1 WYIF. (Purl the turning sts as you come to them).



Continue working in stockinette stitch, maintaining edge sts as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, P1, K to the last 3 sts, P1, K1, SL 1 WYIB. (Place a locking stitch marker on this row for reference).

Row 2 (WS): P2, K1, P to the last 3 sts, K1, P1, SL 1 WYIF.

Rep the last 2 rows until you've worked (54) 56 (58) 56 (58) 60 (60) rows, counted from the locking marker you placed; approx. (15.9) 16.5 (17.1) 16.5 (17.1) 17.7 (17.7) cm/(6.3) 6.5 (6.7) 6.5 (6.7) 7 (7)" , ending on the WS.

If you have more or fewer centimeters, it means your gauge is off. Steam your back to quickly block it and check your gauge before continuing, as it will affect the entire pattern, especially the armholes and fronts.

Example size 2:

34 rows—— 10 cm (gauge)

56 rows—— ? cm (rows you've worked on until now)

Rule of 3: $56 \times 10 / 34 = 16,4 \text{ cm} / (6,4)''$ (knitting patterns are just math based on the gauge)

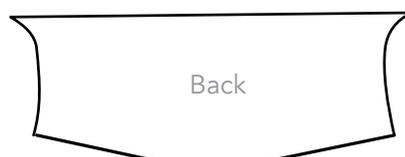
If your gauge is definitely off, dont worry! you can stop at the centimeters mentioned above without considering the rows and continue with the armhole increases. Keep in mind that you will need to do the same on the front.

Armhole increases:

RS: K2, P1, M1R, K to the last 3 sts, M1L, P1, K1, SL 1 WYIB. (2 sts increased.)

WS: P2, K1, P to the last 3 sts, K1, P1, SL 1 WYIF.

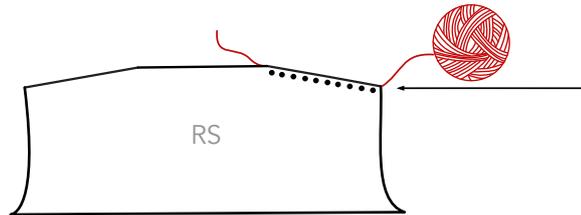
Rep last 2 rows (7) 7 (7) 9 (9) 10 (11) times total. (14) 14 (14) 18 (18) 20 (22) sts increased; (75) 78 (81) 88 (91) 96 (102) sts on the needle. Cut yarn and place sts on hold.



Your project looks like this

Right front:

With 3.75 mm/ US 5 needles and RS facing. Using the short tail method. Pick up and knit (14) 15 (16) 17 (18) 19 (20) sts along the right shoulder, from right to left. Then slide the needle to the left (without moving the stitches) so that the opposite tip of the needle is positioned at the shoulder, where the working yarn is ready to begin the RS row. (See video on page 2, short tail method).



You will now shape the shoulder using German short rows. (See short row video on page 2.)

RS: K2, P1, K to end.

WS: P to the last (10) 10 (11) 11 (12) 12 (13) sts, turn.

RS: K to end.

WS: P to the last (3) 3 (4) 4 (5) 5 (6) sts, turn.

RS: K to end.

WS: P to the last 3 sts, K1, P1, SL 1 WYIF.

RS: K2, P1, K to end.

Continue working as follows:

Row 1 (WS): P to the last 3 sts, K1, P1, SL 1 WYIF. (Place a locking stitch marker on this row for reference.)

Row 2 (RS): K2, P1, K to end.

Rep last 2 rows (24) 25 (26) 26 (27) 27 (27) times total. (48) 50 (52) 52 (54) 54 (54) rows worked from the locking marker, approx. (14.1) 14.7 (15.3) 15.3 (15.9) 15.9 (15.9) cm/(5.6) 5.8 (6) 6 (6.3) 6.3 (6.3)", ending on the RS.

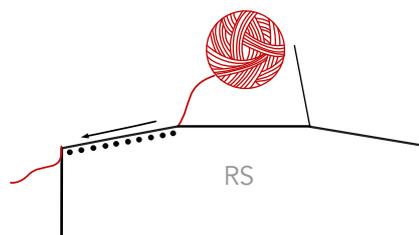
Rep row 1 (WS).

Note: Remember that if your gauge is off and you stopped at the centimeter instead of the rows before the increases at the back yoke, you must do the same on the front. Stop at the centimeter mentioned above and then continue with the chart.

Continue working chart A.1. You will work the armhole increases at the same time as the neckline increases. Work chart through Row (18) 18 (18) 20 (20) 24 (26). Cut yarn and place sts on hold.

Left front:

With 3.75 mm/ US 5 needles and RS facing. Using the short tail method. Pick up and knit (14) 15 (16) 17 (18) 19 (20) sts along the right shoulder, from right to left. Then slide the needle to the left (without moving the stitches) so that the opposite tip of the needle is positioned at the shoulder, where the working yarn is ready to begin the RS row.



You will now shape the shoulder using German short rows.

RS: K to the last 3 sts, P1, K1, SL 1 WYIB.

WS: P2, K1, P to end.

RS: K to the last (10) 10 (11) 11 (12) 12 (13) sts, turn.

WS: P to end.

RS: K to the last (3) 3 (4) 4 (5) 5 (6) sts, turn.

WS: P to end.

RS: K to the last 3 sts, P1, K1, SL 1 WYIB.

Continue working as follows:

Row 1 (WS): P2, K1, P to end. (Place a locking marker on this row for reference).

Row 2 (RS): K to the last 3 sts, P1, K1, SL 1 WYIB.

Rep last 2 rows (24) 25 (26) 26 (27) 27 (27) times total. (48) 50 (52) 52 (54) 54 (54) rows worked from the locking marker, approx. (14.1) 14.7 (15.3) 15.3 (15.9) 15.9 (15.9) cm/(5.6) 5.8 (6) 6 (6.3) 6.3 (6.3)", ending on the RS.

Rep row 1 (WS).

Continue working chart A.2. You will work the armhole increases at the same time as the neckline increases. Work chart through Row (18) 18 (18) 20 (20) 24 (26).

Joining fronts and back:

Fronts and back have now been worked to the bottom of the armhole; you will join them as follows, beginning from the RS:

On the left front, work row (19) 19 (19) 21 (21) 25 (27) of chart A.2 (this is the row marked in red in the chart); with the backwards loop method (see video page 2), CO (10) 14 (16) 16 (20) 22 (28) sts, place back sts on needle, K to end, CO (10) 14 (16) 16 (20) 22 (28) sts, place right front sts and work row (19) 19 (19) 21 (21) 25 (27) of chart A.1.

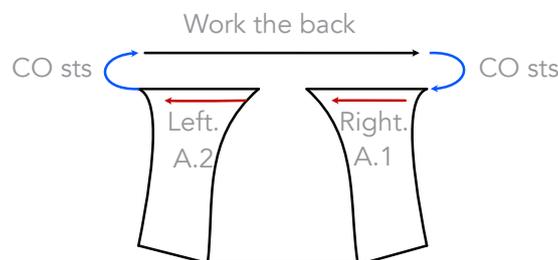
If you prefer less positive ease CO less sts in this part.

The fronts and back are joined; continue working the back and fronts in stockinette stitch.

(173) 186 (197) 210 (225) 238 (262) sts total.

If you don't know how to add the pieces onto the needles to join them together, check this video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_cEUGXfsr4



Body:

Continue working as follows:

WS: P to end.

RS: K to end.

Rep RS and WS until piece measures (19) 19 (20) 21 (21.5) 22 (22.5) cm/(7.4) 7.4 (7.8) 8.2 (8.4) 8.6 (8.8)" from the joining row, or desired length, ending on the WS.

Bind off using the Icelandic Bind-off. (See Icelandic Bind-off video on page 2.). Take care not to bind off tightly.

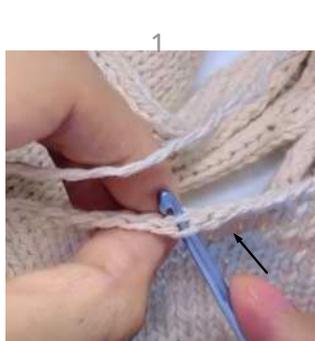
Armhole trim:

Joining a new yarn and using a 3 mm crochet hook, you will create a border of slip sts, beginning at the center of the bottom of the armhole, where you cast on to join the back and fronts.

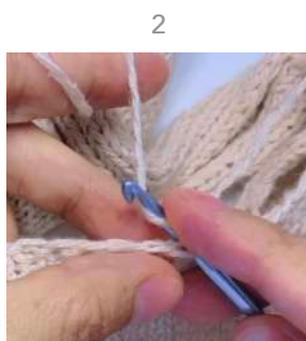
Note: When working on this part, be mindful of your tension, as you are working with a slipped stitch, which tends to be longer. When working the edge, avoid tightening the stitch with the crochet hook, as this can significantly reduce the armhole size. Try to maintain even tension.

If you lose your row gauge and your armhole ends up a bit longer, you can knit the trim more tightly to help reduce the circumference.

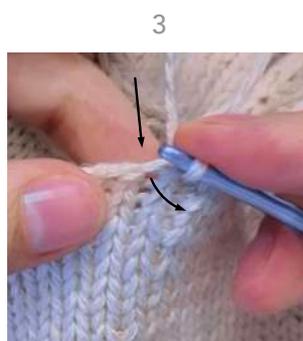
Work as follows: (See armhole trim video on page 2.)



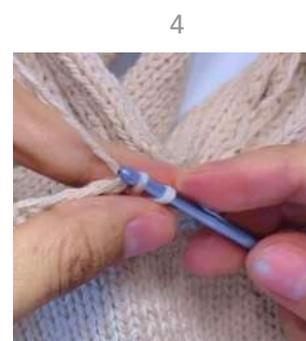
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From the RS, insert the crochet hook into the edge stitch.



2
Pull the working yarn.



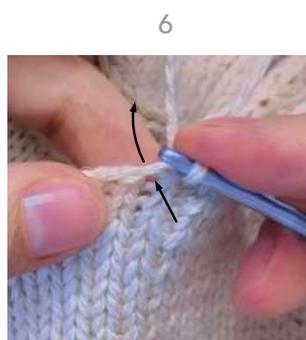
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Through the st.



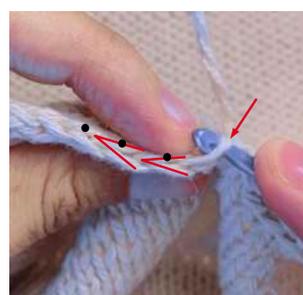
4
Rep from step 1 to 3, inserting the hook into the next edge st. You have 2 sts on the hook.



5
Pass the first st through the second st. 1 st remaining.



6
Insert the hook into the next edge st and rep steps 4, 5 and 6 until trim is complete, working all the way around the armhole.



Important:
On the edge with the slipped sts, insert the hook into the top leg of the stitch. Not into the entire slipped st.

Neckline I-cord:

With 3.75 mm/US 5 needles and RS facing. Using the short tail method, pick up and knit one stitch for each stitch along the neckline, starting at the RS of the fabric. You should pick up approximately (76) 80 (83) 85 (87) 92 (95) sts along each front and (33) 34 (35) 36 (37) 38 (40) sts along the back neckline.

Begin at the right front neckline, continue along the back neckline, and finish at the left front neckline. You have (185) 194 (201) 206 (211) 222 (230) sts.

With the RS facing, cast on 3 stitches using the backward loop method onto the left-hand needle and proceed as follows:

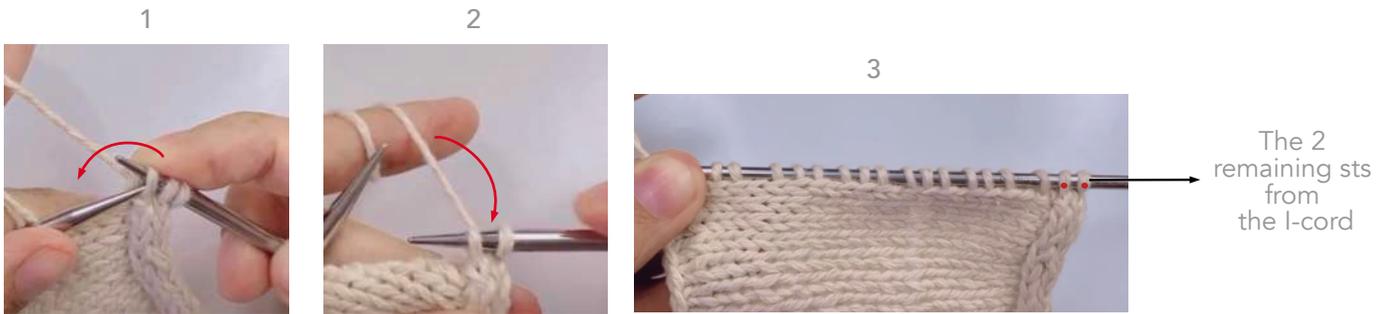
K2, K2togtbl, slip the 3 stitches back to the left needle; rep from * to * until all picked-up sts have been worked. Leave the final 3 stitches on hold, without binding off. (See I-cord video on page 2.)

Note: The neckline should not change shape or tighten. If this happens, it's likely because you are knitting either too tightly or too loosely. In that case, adjust your needle size. If the edge appears wavy or too loose, consider sizing down to 3.5 mm or even 3 mm / US 4 o 2.5.

Front trim:

Slip the 3 l-cord sts that you have on hold from the previous step to the left needle (photo 1). Then K2tog. Slip the remaining st to the right needle (photo 2). You have 2 sts on the right needle.

Switch to 3 mm/US 2.5 needles. From the RS, pick up 3 sts for every 4 rows along the front edge. (Photo 3.)



After picking up, work as follows:

WS: P to the last st, SL 1 WYIF.

RS: K to the last st, SL 1 WYIB.

Work the last 2 rows 2 times total. 4 rows worked.

WS: P to end.

With a 3 mm crochet hook, work the trim as follows:

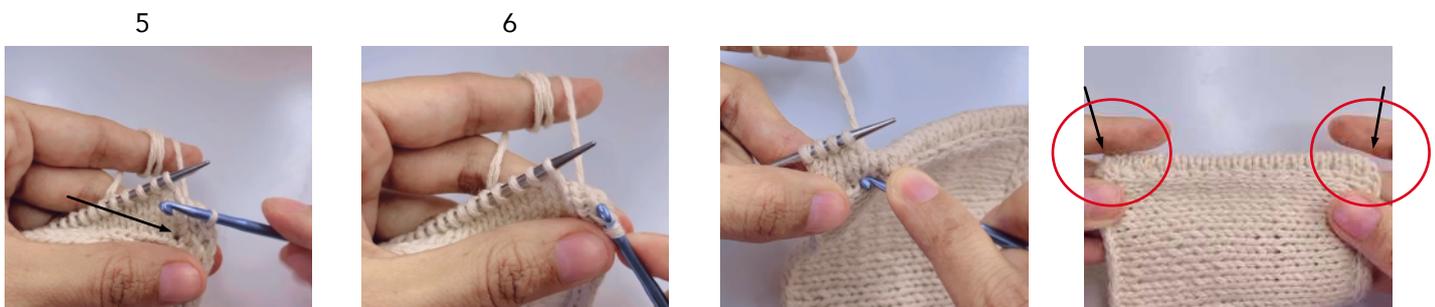


1
Insert the hook into the center of the first stitch where you picked up the st.

2
Then insert it through the first st on the needle, from right to left.

3
Slide the st off the needle and pull the working yarn.

4
Toward the front, through the st.



5
Rep steps 1 to 4. Pass the needle through the next base stitch.

6
You have 2 stitches on the needle. Pass the first stitch through the second. You now have 1 stitch on the needle.

7
Rep steps 1 to 6 until all stitches are finished. When you have 1 stitch left, cut the yarn and pass it through the last stitch.

8
The edge should be the same width as the front, not stretched or gathered, and both corners should be neat.

See front trim video on page 2.

Work the other front in the same way. Use a new strand of yarn and begin picking up the sts from RS, from the hem to the edge of the i-cord. The last picked-up st should be in the center of the i-cord, not at the edge, so that once folded, the edge will align with the i-cord, creating a cleaner finish.

Ties:

With 2 mm crochet hook, work a 24 cm/ 9.4" crochet chain, or desired length. When finished, cut the yarn leaving a 6cm/ 2.5" tail and pull it through the final chain st.

Crochet chain:



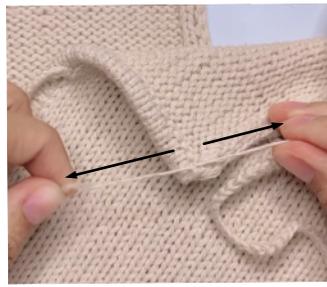
After working all the ties, locate the spots where you want to sew them on; you can use as many ties as you like. For reference, the sample top has the first tie at the neckline I-cord and the second 6 cm/2.5" below that. (See Ties video on page 2.)



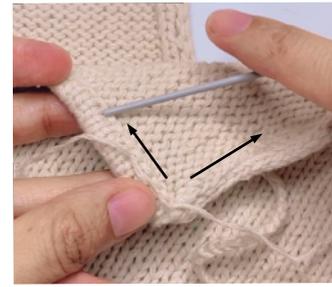
Pick the spot to place your tie. This should be along the trim you just worked.



Insert the crochet hook from back to front. Pull the tail from the end of the tie through



WS: Divide the yarn in 2 strands.



Using the crochet hook weave ends in along both edges



Sew the tie on with a sewing needle, like a button, so it's reinforced and sturdy.

When you finish the ties, you can make one or two tight knots where you started knitting the ties, and then cut the yarn.

If you prefer, you can replace the ties with buttons—use the same yarn and crochet hook to create button loops.

Another option is to sew invisible hooks on the WS of the garment.

invisible hooks



Finishing:

Wet block your garment to the finished measurements given on page 1. Check out this video on how to remove water from your hand-knits without damaging your garment.

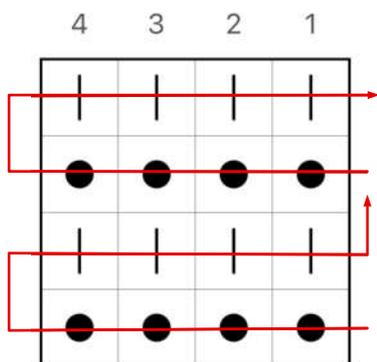
<https://youtube.com/shorts/KczKyQmUsXM?feature=share>

For a neater finish, once dry use steam to improve the final look of the fabric. Watch here:

<https://youtu.be/ScgsGpa5ZwY>

Charts:

How to read charts



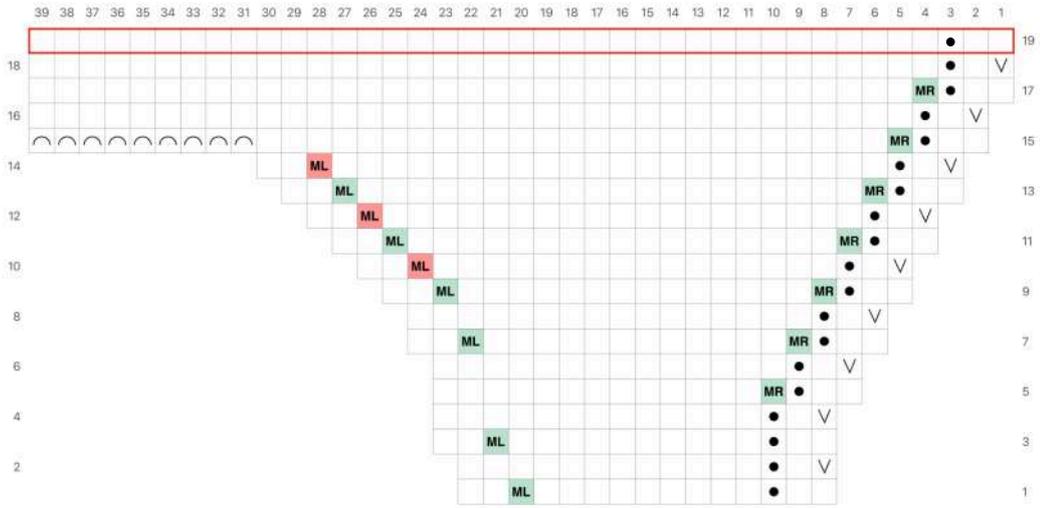
Charts are read from the bottom up.
RS rows are read from right to left.
WS rows are read from left to right.

RS: Odd numbers
WS: Even numbers

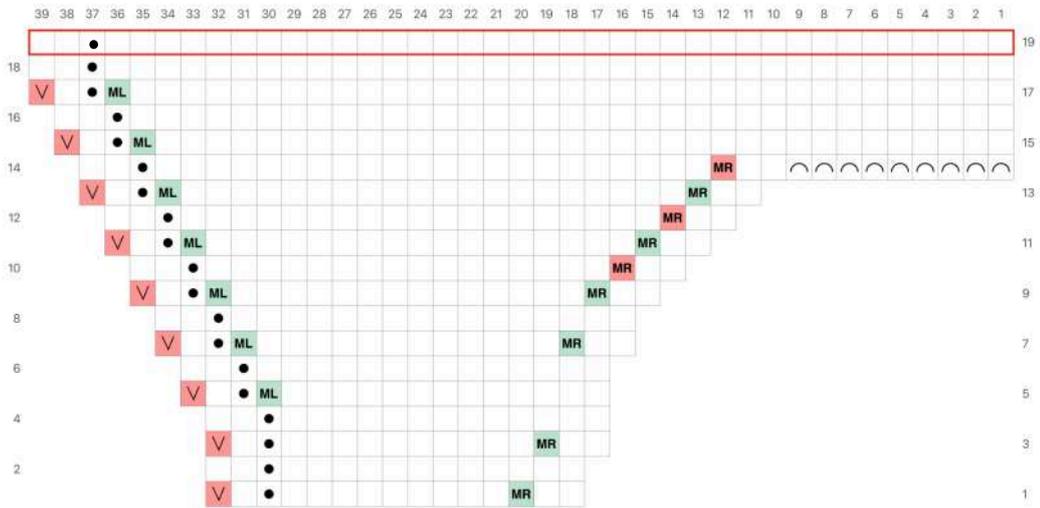
-  RS: P. WS: K.
-  RS: K. WS: P.
-  M1L.
-  M1R.
-  M1RP.
-  M1LP.
-  Cast on sts with the backward loop method.
-  SL1 WYIB: Slip 1 st purlwise with yarn in back.
-  SL1 WYIF: Slip 1 st purlwise with yarn in front.
-  The red boxes on Charts A1 and A2 mark the row where the back and fronts are joined.

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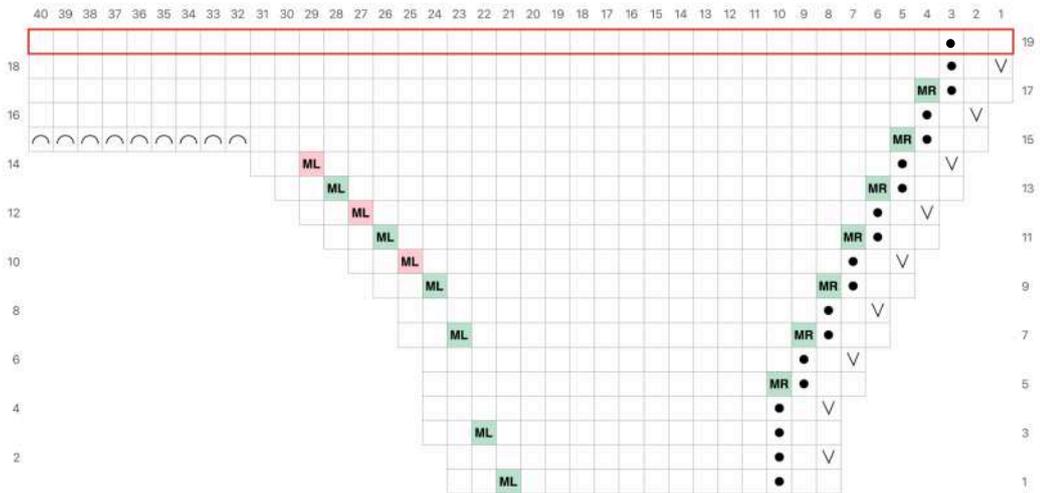


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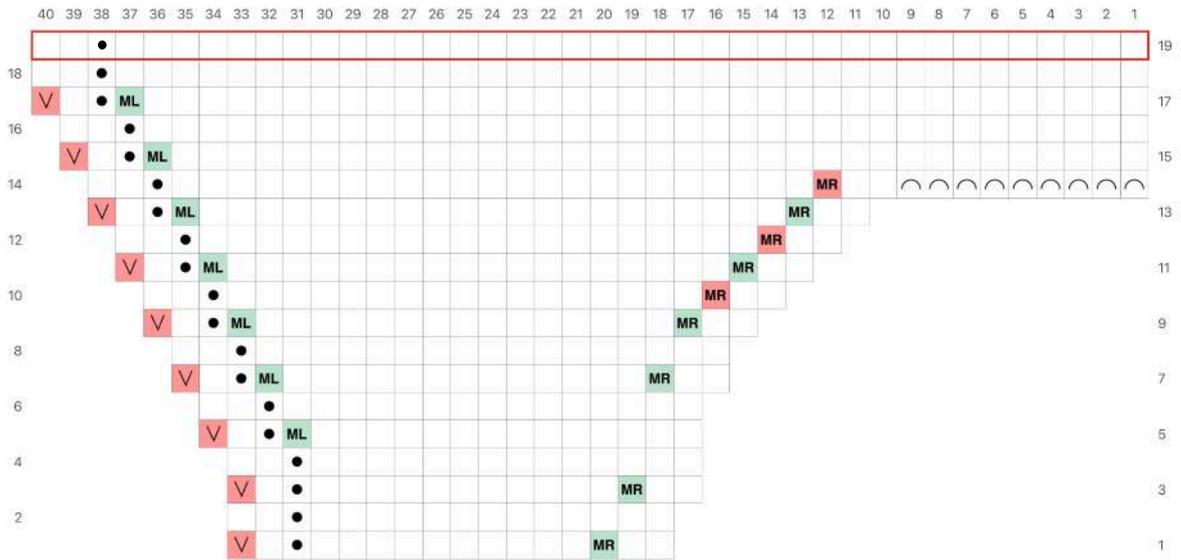


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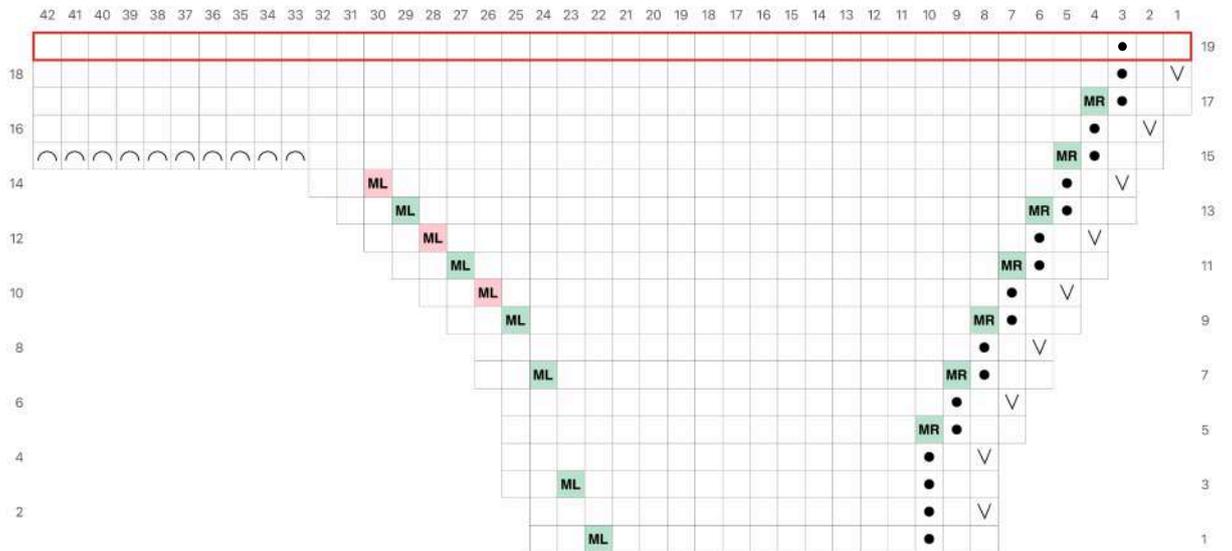


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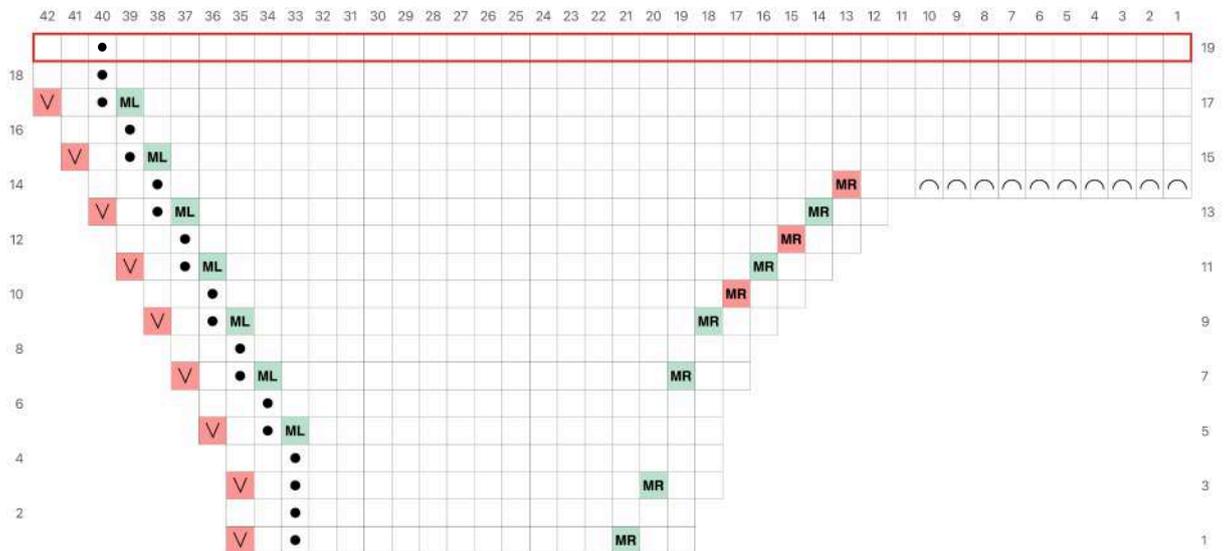
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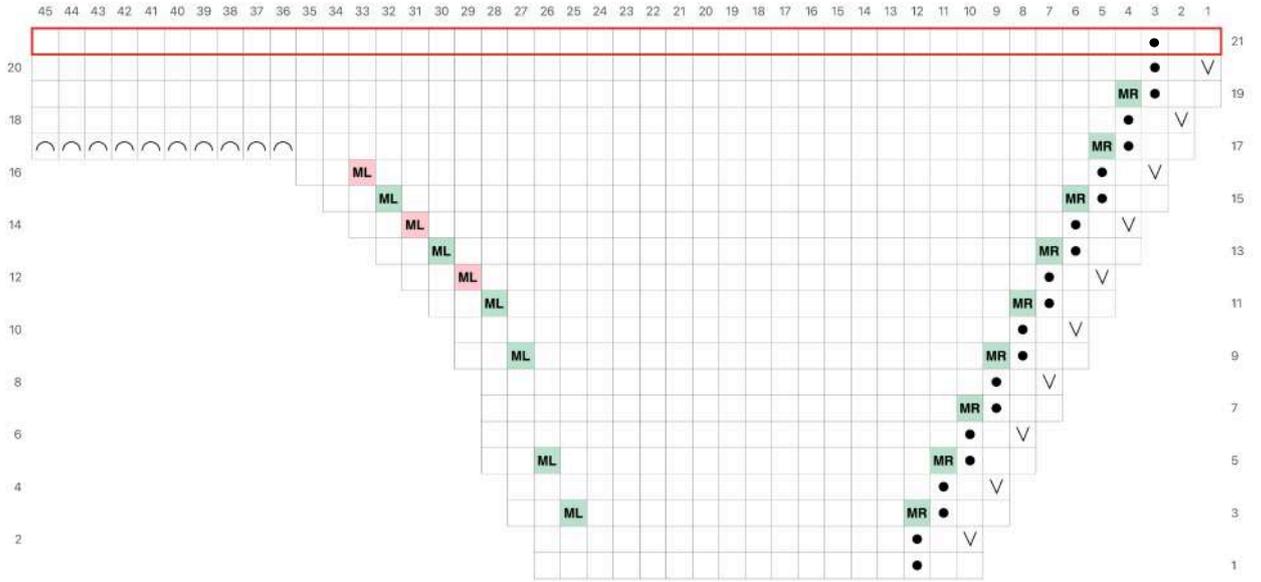


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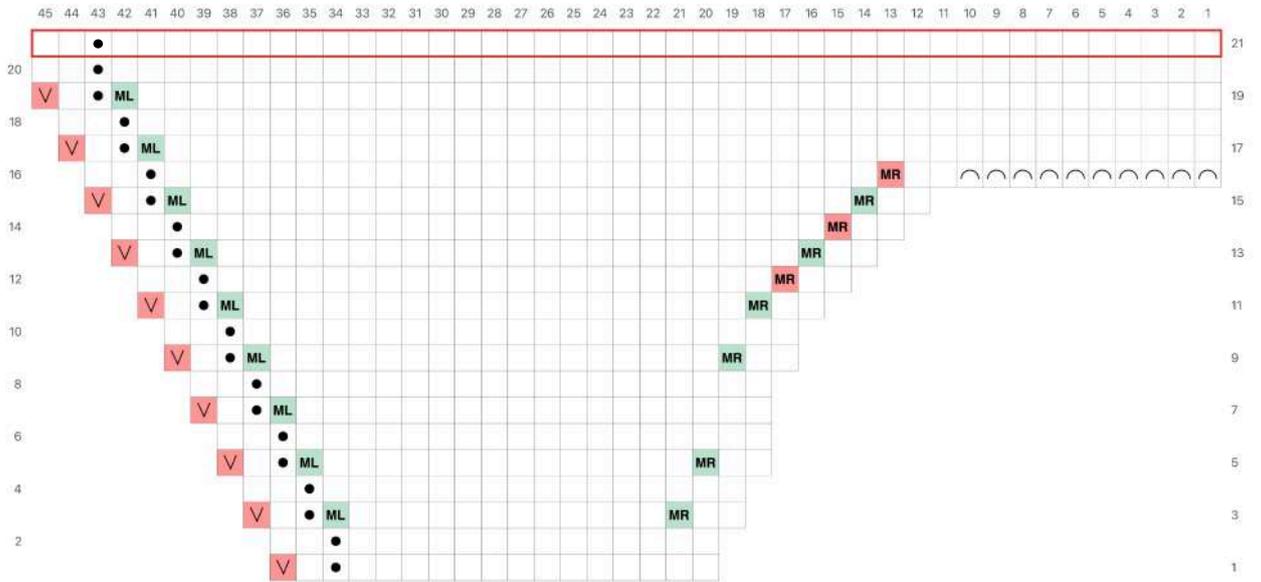


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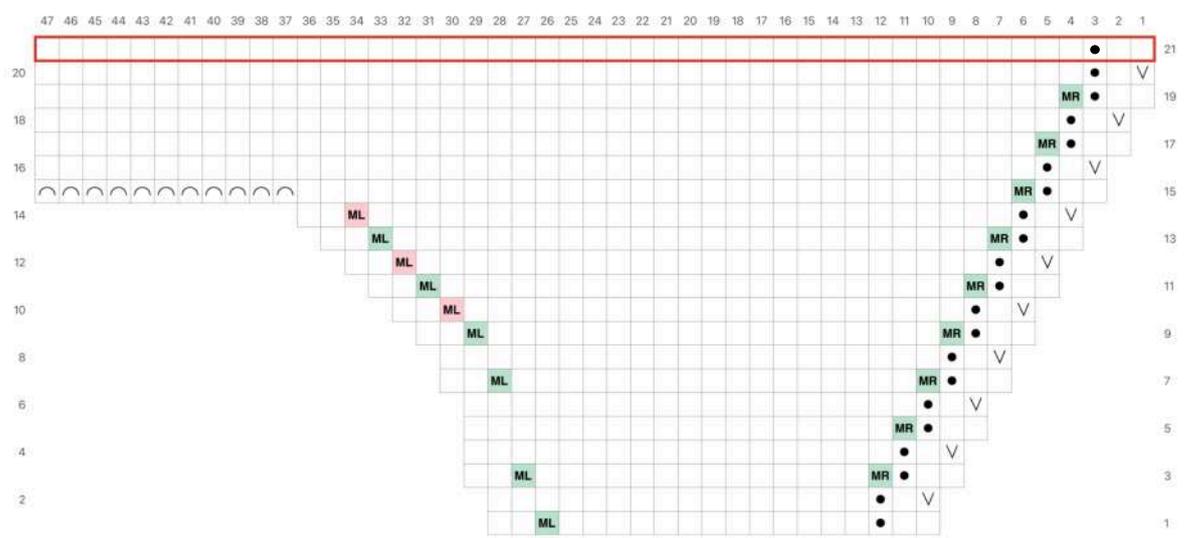


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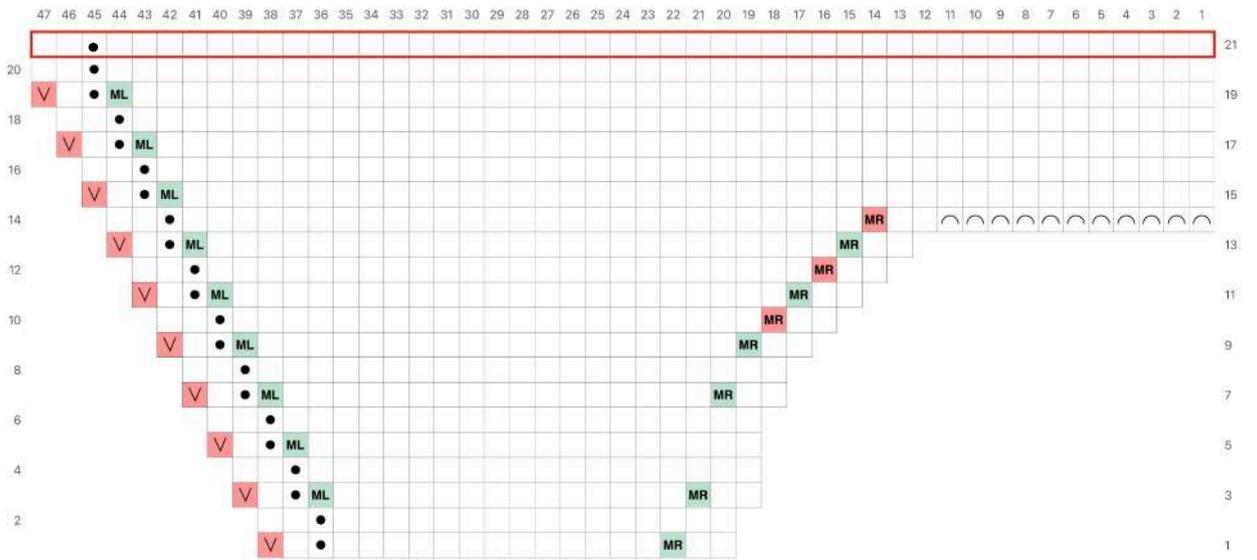
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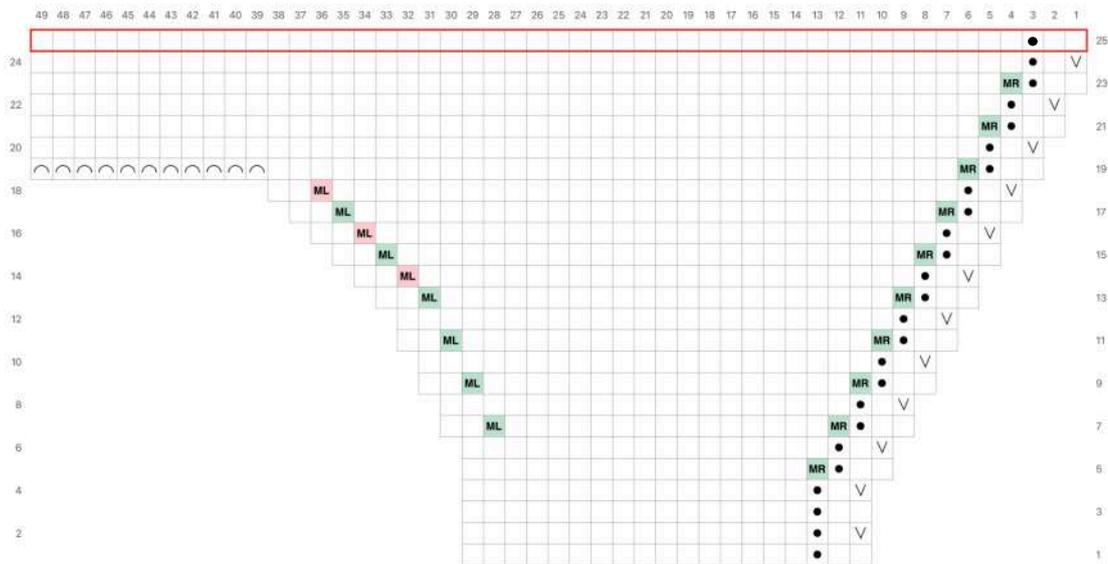
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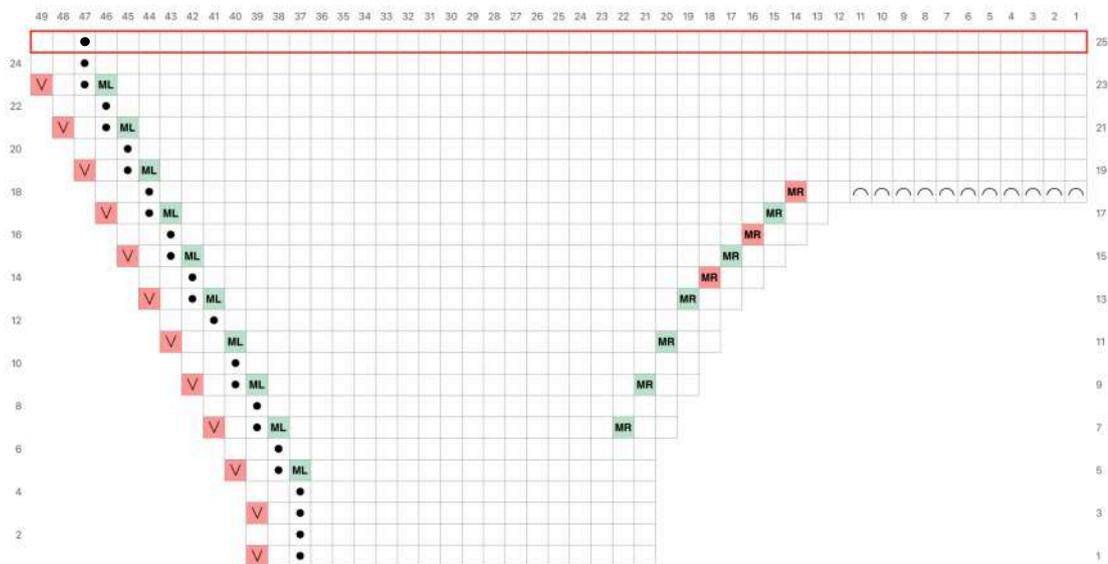


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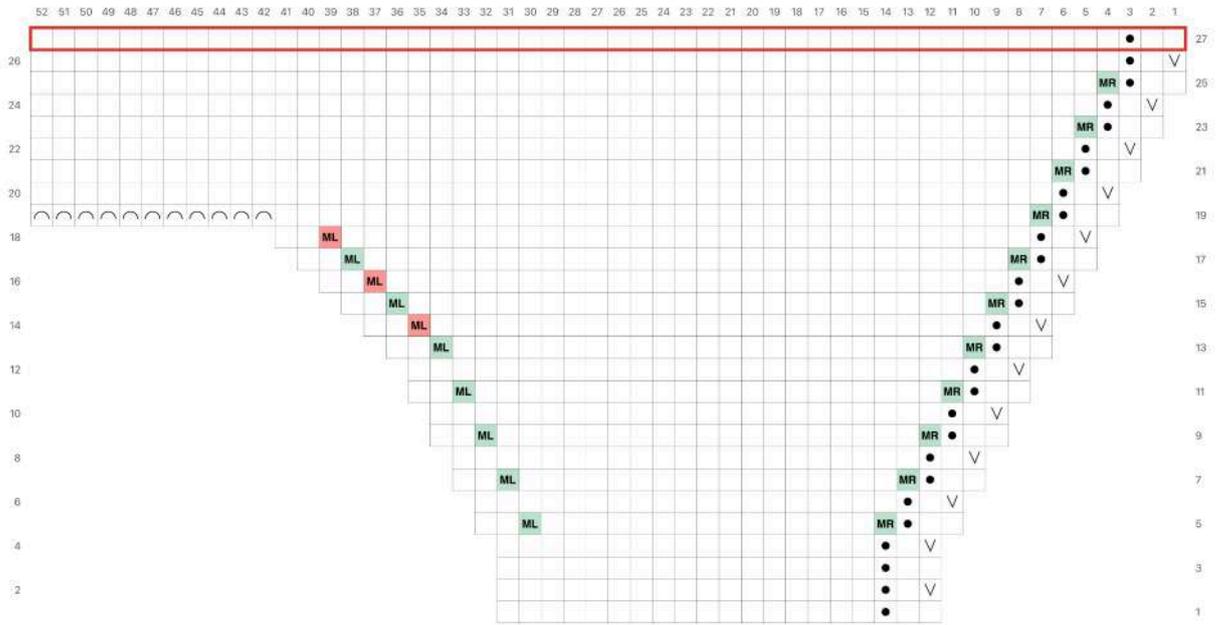


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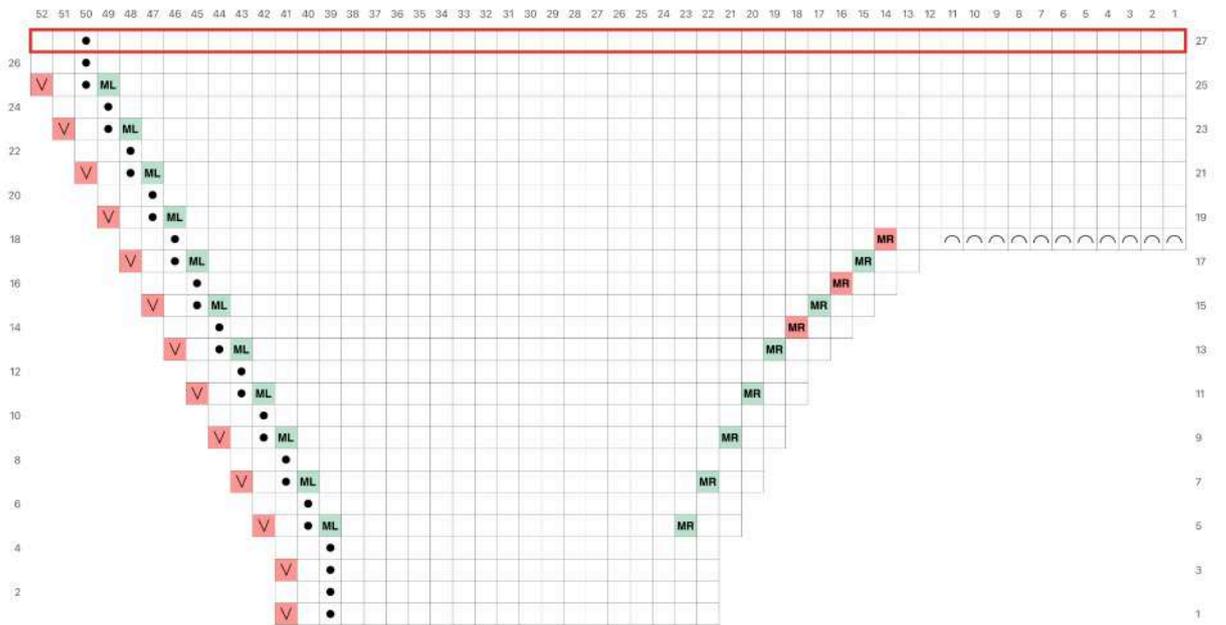


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