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Wishbone Sweater



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The Wishbone Sweater is a true showstopper piece and I've had people literally stop me in the street to ask me where the sweater is from! The sweater is worked top down in an all over rib cable motif with a dropped shoulder. The elegant texture combined with the high collar makes it a contemporary and easy-to-wear piece, the fit is slightly cropped but can be modified to a longer length if desired by working additional rounds for the body.

Note: The pattern includes optional directions for shaping the collar with German Short Rows. This is something that you can choose to either do or not, both versions work for the design (see photos for reference: gray melange is done with German Short Rows while the cream colored one is without).

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SIZES:

XS (S-M) L-XL (2XL-3XL) 4XL-5XL

FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS:

a. Finished bust circumference: 83.5 (103.5) 116.5 (123.5) 136.5 cm / 33.25 (41.25) 46.75 (49.25) 54.75".

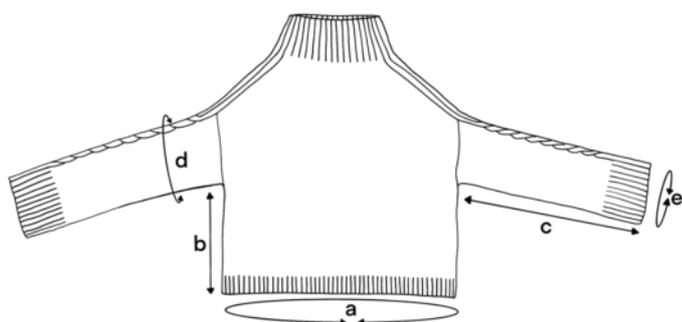
b. Length from underarm to hem: 26 (26) 29 (29) 32.5 cm / 10.25 (10.25) 11.75 (11.75) 13".

c. Sleeve length from underarm: 46 cm / 14.5" all sizes.

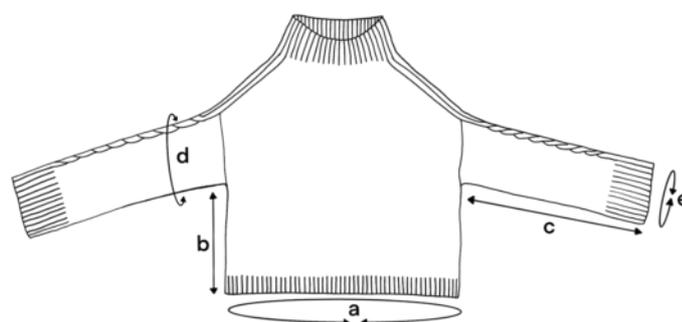
d. Upper sleeve circumference: 33 (33) 39.5 (46) 46 cm / 13 (13) 16 (18.5) 18.5".

e. Cuff circumference: 31 (31) 36.5 (36.5) 36.5 cm / 12 (12) 14 (14) 14".

STRAIGHT COLLAR VERSION



GERMAN SHORT ROWS VERSION



Choose the size that is 10-15 cm / 4-6" bigger than your bust circumference.

Sample in size S-M (Kikas bust circumference is approx. 87 cm / 34.25").

GAUGE:

24 sts x 24 rnds = 10 cm / 4" on 5 mm (US8) needles over Chart B cable stitch pattern, after blocking.

23 sts x 30 rnds = 10 cm / 4" on 3 mm (US 2.5) needles over *p1, k1tbl* -ribbing, after blocking.

NEEDLES:

3 mm (US2.5) circular needles 40-60 cm / 16-24" for neck opening and 80-100 cm / 32-40" for hem rib, and DPNs for sleeve rib (or use Magic Loop Technique instead).

5 mm (US8) circular needles 40-60 cm / 16-24" for the sleeves and 80-100 cm / 32-40" for body, or just a 80-100 cm / 32-40" needle if you're using Magic Loop Technique.

NOTIONS:

Cable needle, stitch markers, tapestry needle, stitch holders (wire and safety pin style) or scrap yarn.

SUGGESTED YARN:

500 (500) 600 (700) 800 g of Sandnes Garn Double Sunday (100% merino wool - 108 m / 118 yds / 50 g) in color 2511 Almond together with 125 (125) 150 (175) 200 g of Knitting For Olive Soft Silk Mohair (70% mohair, 30% silk - 225 m / 246 yds / 25 g) in color Cream.

(Gray sample knit in Knitting For Olive Heavy Merino color Oatmeal and Soft Silk mohair color Oat)

The sweater is worked holding one strand of merino and one strand of silk mohair together.

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YOKE

CO 96 (112) 112 (128) 128 sts on 3 mm (US2.5) 40-60 cm / 16-24" circular needle using the Long-Tail Cast-On method (or, using your preferred stretchy cast-on method). Join to work in the rnd and place a marker to indicate the beginning of rnd (this is BORm).

German Short Rows version, work as follows:

Work in rib repeating *p1, k1 tbl* for 15 rnds (or, until collar measures 5 cm / 2" in total).

Straight collar version, work as follows:

Work in rib repeating *p1, k1 tbl* for 22 rnds (or, until collar measures 7.5 cm / 3" in total).

If you're not working the German Short Rows move directly to the Shoulder Shaping section.

SHAPING THE COLLAR WITH GERMAN SHORT ROWS (optional)

You can choose to shape the collar by working German Short Rows back and forth (after working the 7.5 cm/ 3" rib collar), this will make the collar longer on the backside and shorter in the front, which will help the yoke lay nice and flat.

Start working German Short Rows as follows:

Short Row 1 (RS):

P1, rep *k1 tbl, p1* across 40 (48) 48 (56) 56 sts, PM, k1 tbl, rep *p1, k1 tbl* 3 times (=this will be the shoulder seam), PM, p1, k1 tbl, p1, turn work.

Short Row 2 (WS):

MDS, p1 tbl, k1, SM, p1 tbl, rep *k1, p1 tbl* to M, SM, k1, *p1 tbl, k1* to BORm, SM, p1 tbl, rep *k1, p1 tbl* 3 times (=this will be the shoulder seam), PM, k1, p1 tbl, k1, turn work.

Short Row 3 (RS):

MDS, k1 tbl, p1, SM, k1 tbl, *p1, k1 tbl* to BORm, SM, p1, *k1 tbl, p1* to M, SM, k1 tbl, *p1, k1 tbl* to M, SM, p1, k1 tbl, p DS, k1 tbl, p1, turn work.

Short Row 4 (WS):

MDS, *p1 tbl, k1* to M, SM, p1 tbl, *k1, p1 tbl* to M, SM, k1, *p1 tbl, k1* to BORm, SM, p1 tbl, *k1, p1 tbl* to M, SM, k1, p1 tbl, k DS, p1 tbl, k1, turn work.

Short Row 5 (RS):

MDS, *k1 tbl, p1* to M, SM, k1 tbl, *p1, k1 tbl* to BORm, SM, p1, *k1 tbl, p1* to M, SM, k1 tbl, *p1, k1 tbl* to M, SM, rep *p1, k1 tbl* 2 times, p DS, k1 tbl, p1, turn work.

Short Row 6 (WS):

MDS, *p1 tbl, k1* to M, SM, p1 tbl, *k1, p1 tbl* to M, SM, k1, *p1 tbl, k1* to BORm, SM, p1 tbl, *k1, p1 tbl* to M, SM, rep *k1, p1 tbl* 2 times, k DS, p1 tbl, k1, turn work.

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Short Row 7 (RS):

MDS, *k1 tbl, p1* to M, SM, k1 tbl, *p1, k1 tbl* to BORm, SM, p1, *k1 tbl, p1* to M, SM, k1 tbl, *p1, k1 tbl* to M, SM, rep *p1, k1 tbl* 3 times, p DS, k1 tbl, p1, turn work.

Short Row 8 (WS):

MDS, *p1 tbl, k1* to M, SM, p1 tbl, *k1, p1 tbl* to M, SM, k1, *p1 tbl, k1* to BORm, SM, p1 tbl, *k1, p1 tbl* to M, SM, *k1, p1 tbl* 3 times, k DS, p1 tbl, k1, turn work.

Short Row 9 (RS):

MDS, *k1 tbl, p1* to M, SM, k1 tbl, *p1, k1 tbl* to BORm, SM, p1, *k1 tbl, p1* to M, SM, k1 tbl, *p1, k1 tbl* to M, SM, rep *p1, k1 tbl* 4 times, p DS, k1 tbl, p1, turn work.

Short Row 10 (WS):

MDS, *p1 tbl, k1* to M, SM, p1 tbl, *k1, p1 tbl* to M, SM, k1, *p1 tbl, k1* to BORm, SM, p1 tbl, *k1, p1 tbl* to M, SM, rep *k1, p1 tbl* 4 times, k DS, p1 tbl, k1, turn work.

Short Row 11 (RS):

MDS, *k1 tbl, p1* to M, SM, k1 tbl, *p1, k1 tbl* to BORm, SM, p1, *k1 tbl, p1* to M, SM, k1 tbl, *p1, k1 tbl* to M, SM, rep *p1, k1 tbl* 5 times, p DS, k1 tbl, p1, turn work.

Short Row 12 (WS):

MDS, *p1 tbl, k1* to M, SM, p1 tbl, *k1, p1 tbl* to M, SM, k1, *p1 tbl, k1* to BORm, SM, p1 tbl, *k1, p1 tbl* to M, SM, rep *k1, p1 tbl* 5 times, k DS, p1 tbl, k1, turn work.

Short Row 13 (RS):

MDS, *k1 tbl, p1* to M, SM, k1 tbl, *p1, k1 tbl* to BORm. Don't turn work, short rows are now complete.



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SHOULDER SHAPING

Resume working in the rnd, switch to a 5 mm (US8) mm circular needle 60 cm / 16" and start working the back and front of the yoke according to Chart A in your chosen size as follows:

If you didn't work German Short Rows, work one setup rnd as follows:

Setup rnd (only if you didn't work German Short Rows):

P1, rep *k1 tbl, p1* across 40 (48) 48 (56) 56 (=back) sts, PM, k1 tbl, rep *p1, k1 tbl* 3 times (=shoulder seam), PM, p1, rep *k1 tbl, p1* across 40 (48) 48 (56) 56 (=front) sts, PM, k1 tbl, rep *p1, k1 tbl* 3 times (=shoulder seam), place BORm.

Rnd 1: (Note: If you worked German Short Rows, resolve all DS on this rnd)

Work Rnd 1 of Chart A (=back), SM, k tbl, rep *p1, k1 tbl* 3 times to M (=shoulder seam), SM, work Rnd 1 of Chart A (=front), SM, k1 tbl, rep *p1, k1 tbl* 3 times to BORm (=shoulder seam).

Next Rnd:

Work next rnd of Chart A (=back), SM, k1tbl, rep *p1, k1 tbl* 3 times to M (=shoulder seam), SM, work next rnd of Chart A (=front), SM, k1 tbl, rep *p1, k1 tbl* 3 times to BORm (=shoulder seam).

Continue in this manner, always working the following rnd of Chart A at back and front, and working shoulder seam sts as est in twisted rib, until all 30 (38) 46 (46) 54 rnds have been finished.

You have 200 (248) 280 (296) 328 sts in total.

UPPER BODY

Next, the armholes are shaped by working the front and back separately back and forth following Chart B in your chosen size.

UPPER BACK

Row 1 (RS):

Remove BORm, work Row 1 of Chart B (see how to read pattern repeat at end of pattern) to M, RM. Transfer 107 (131) 147 (155) 171 shoulder seam and front sts onto a holder, for example a long piece of scrap yarn or stitch wire. Turn work.

Row 2 (WS): (Note: Remember that this is the wrong side of the work which means all k1tbl sts are worked as p1tbl, and p sts are worked as k).

Work Row 2 of Chart B, turn.

Row 3 (RS):

Work next row of Chart B, turn.

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Row 4 (WS):

Work next row of Chart B, turn.

Continue in this manner, until you have finished all 8 Rows of Chart B.

Then work Rows 1-8 of Chart B, 3 (3) 4 (5) 5 more times and cut yarn.

UPPER FRONT

Next, work the front sts back and forth while the shoulder seam and back sts are put on hold.

Transfer 7 shoulder seam sts onto a holder, transfer 93 (117) 133 (141) 157 sts for the front onto a 5 mm (US8) circular needle, transfer 7 remaining shoulder seam sts onto a holder.

Work the 93 (117) 133 (141) 157 front sts back and forth as follows:

Row 1 (RS):

Work Row 1 of Chart B, turn.

Row 2 (WS):

Work next row of Chart B, turn.

Row 3 (RS):

Work next row of Chart B, turn.

Continue in this manner, until you have finished all 8 Rows of Chart B.

Then work Rows 1-8 of Chart B, 3 (3) 4 (5) 5 more times. Don't cut the yarn yet.

JOINING FRONT AND BACK

Next join the front and back to work the lower body in the rnd using 5 mm (US8) 80-100 cm / 32-40" circular needle as follows (the shoulder seam sts are still on hold). Note: From here on, all Chart B rows are worked according to the RS row instructions.

Joining Rnd:

Work Rnd 1 of Chart B across front sts, PM, CO 7 sts for underarm, PM, work Rnd 1 of Chart B across back sts, PM, CO 7 sts with the backward loop cast-on method for underarm, join to work in the rnd and place new BORm.

You have 200 (248) 280 (296) 328 body sts in total.

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LOWER BODY

Next Rnd:

Work next rnd of Chart B to M, SM, k1tbl, rep *p1, k1 tbl* 3 times, SM, work next rnd of Chart B, SM, k1 tbl, rep *p1, k1 tbl* 3 times.

Continue repeating this rnd, until you have finished all 8 Rnds of Chart B. Then work Rnds 1-8 of Chart B once more.

On the next rnd, work decreases as follows:

Decrease Rnd 1:

Work Rnd 1 of Chart B to M, SM, k1 tbl, p1, RDD-L, k1 tbl, SM, work Rnd 1 of Chart B to M, k1 tbl, p1, RDD-L, k1 tbl.

4 sts decreased, you have 196 (244) 276 (292) 324 body sts in total.

Next Rnd:

Work next rnd of Chart B to M, SM, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, SM, work next rnd of Chart B to M, SM, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl.

Continue repeating this rnd, until you have finished all 8 rnds of Chart B.

On the next rnd, work decreases as follows:

Decrease Rnd 2:

Work Rnd 1 of Chart B to M, SM, ssk, k1 tbl, k2tog, SM, work Rnd 1 of Chart B to M, SM, ssk, k1 tbl, k2tog.

4 sts decreased, you 192 (240) 272 (288) 320 body sts in total.

Next Rnd:

Work next rnd of Chart B to M, SM, k3 tbl, SM, work next rnd of Chart B to M, SM, k3 tbl.

Continue repeating this rnd, until you have finished all 8 rnds of Chart B.

Decrease Rnd 3:

Work Rnd 1 of Chart B to M, SM, sssk, SM, work Rnd 1 of Chart B to M, SM, sssk.

4 sts decreased, you have 188 (236) 268 (284) 316 body sts in total.

Next Rnd:

Work next rnd of Chart B to M, SM, k1 tbl, SM, work next rnd of Chart B to M, SM, k1 tbl.

Continue repeating this rnd, until you have finished all 8 rnds of Chart B. Then work Rnds 1-8 of Chart B 0 (0) 1 (1) 2 more times (or, until the sweater measures 7.5 cm / 3" less than total desired length from underarm).

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HEM

Switch to 3 mm (US2.5) 80-100 cm / 32-40" circular needle and work repeating *p1, k1tbl* until hem measures 7.5 cm / 3" in total (you can remove all markers except BORm now) and then BO with Italian bind off method.

SLEEVES

For the sleeves, sts are picked up along the edges of the armhole, the shoulder seam sts are transferred onto the working circular needle and worked, and sts are picked up from the underarm.

With a 5 mm (US8) 40-60 cm / 16-24" circular needle, starting from the middle of underarm, pick up and knit 4 sts (pick up the first stitch from a twisted k sts from the body), PM, pick up and knit 32 (32) 40 (48) 48 sts from armhole edge, transfer 7 shoulder seam sts onto the left working needle, then k1tbl, rep *p1, k1 tbl* 3 times, pick up and knit 33 (33) 41 (49) 49 sts from armhole edge, PM, pick up and knit 4 sts from underarm. Join to work in the rnd and place BORm.

You have 80 (80) 96 (112) 112 sts in total for the sleeve.

Rnd 1:

K1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p1, SM, work Rnd 1 of Chart C to m, SM, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

Continue in this manner, always working the following rnd of Chart C until all 1-8 Rnds are finished.

Dec Rnd 1:

K1 tbl, p1, k1tbl, p1, SM, work Rnd 1 of Chart C to M, SM, k1 tbl, p1, remove BORm for a while, RDD-L, place BORm back in place.

2 sts decreased, you have 78 (78) 94 (110) 110 sts in total for the sleeve.

Next Rnd:

K1tbl, p1, SM, work next rnd of Chart C to M, SM, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

Continue in this manner, always working the following rnd of Chart C until all 8 Rnds are finished.

Dec Rnd 2:

K1tbl, p1, SM, work rnd 1 of Chart C to M, SM, ssk, k1tbl, remove BOR-marker, k2tog, place BOR-marker.

2 sts decreased, 76 (76) 92 (108) 108 sts in total for the sleeve.

Next Rnd:

P1, SM, work next rnd of Chart C to M, SM, k3tbl.

Continue in this manner, always working the following rnd of Chart C until all 8 rnds are finished.

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Dec Rnd 3:

P1, SM, work rnd 1 of Chart C to M, SM, sssk (remove BORm), place BORm back.

2 sts decreased, you have 74 (74) 90 (106) 106 sts in total for the sleeve.

Rnd 1:

P1, RM, work next rnd of Chart C to M, RM, k1 tbl.

Rnd 2:

P1, work next rnd of Chart C to last st, k1 tbl.

Continue in this manner, always working the following rnd of Chart C until all 1-8 rnds are finished, and repeat Chart C rnds 1-8 a total of 7 (7) 7 (7) 7 more times, or until sleeve measures 37 cm / 14.5" from underarm (or 9 cm / 3.5" less than total desired length).

Switch to 3 mm (US 2.5) 40 cm / 16" circular needles or DPNs for sleeve ribbing.

Work in rib repeating *p1, k1t bl* - ribbing for 22 more rnds (or until sleeve ribbing is 7.5 cm / 3") and then BO with the Italian bind off method.

Work the other sleeve like the first one.



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FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Block the sweater by soaking it in cold to lukewarm water and gently shape it to the desired measurements while the garment is wet. Dry flat and enjoy :)

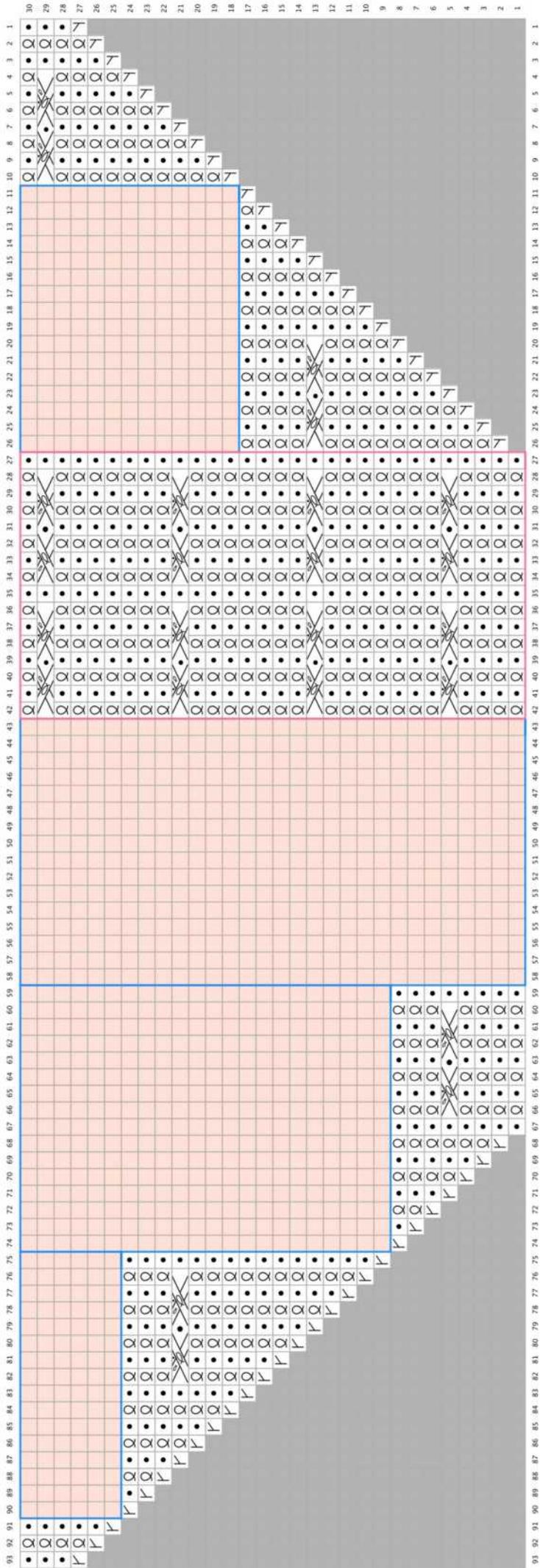


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If you have any questions, you can contact me at kika@kutovakika.com

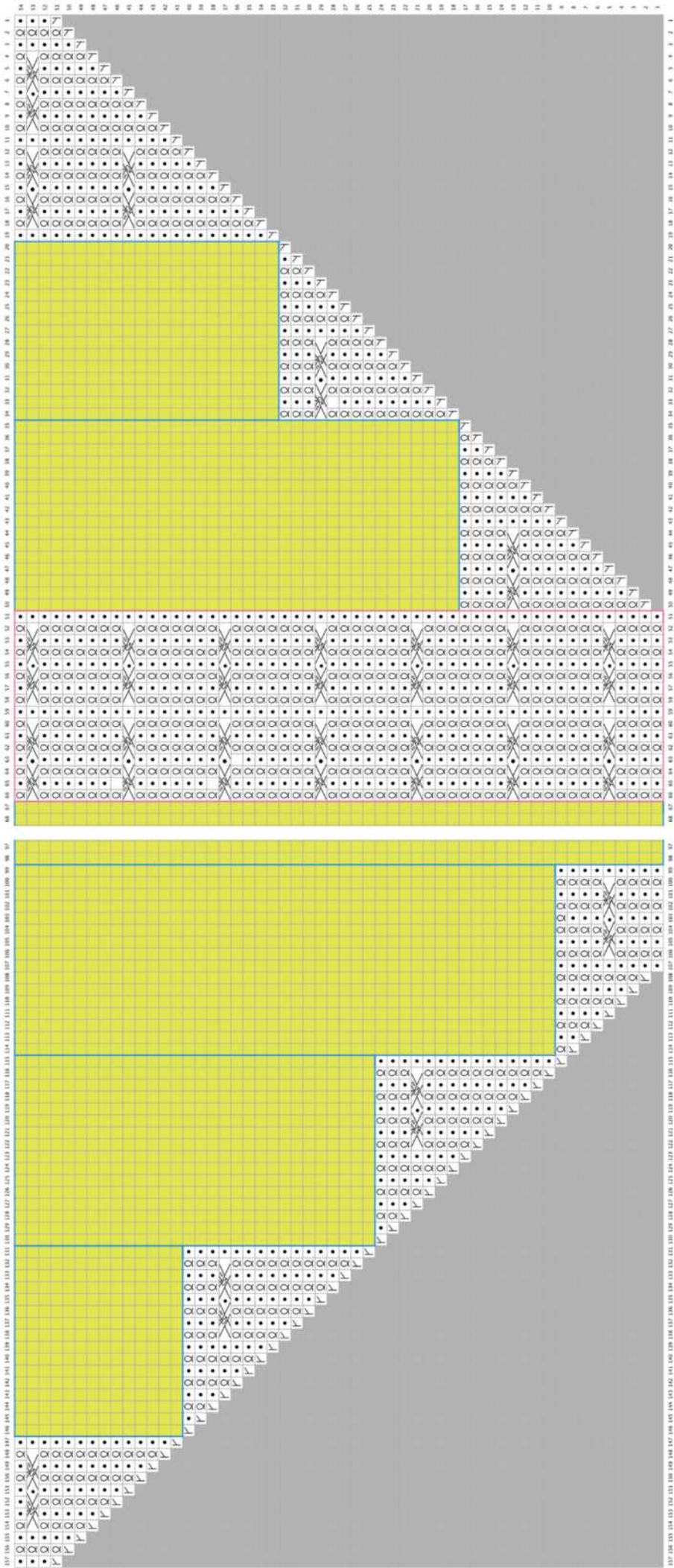
Chart A size XS



Key

- perl
- Q k tbl
- 4/3 LC cable
- 4/3 RC cable
- MIL
- MIR
- Pattern repeat
- Work pattern repeat
- Work pattern repeat
- grey no stitch

Chart A size 4XL-5XL



Note!
 Work as pattern repeat across sts 67-98
 (2 x 16 sts = pattern repeat worked twice)

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Chart B size XS & 4XL-5XL

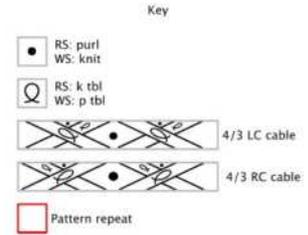
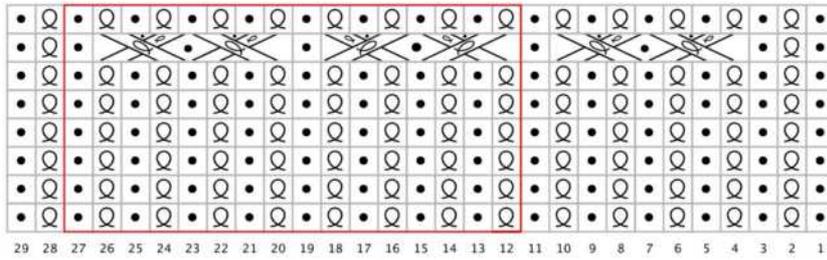


Chart B size S-M

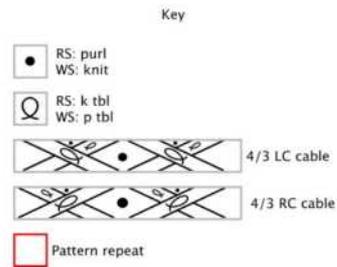
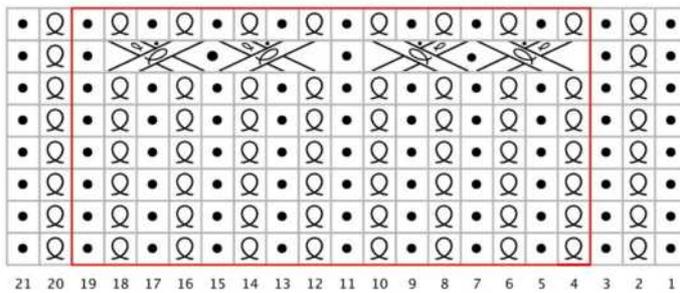


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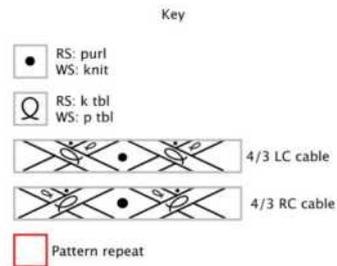
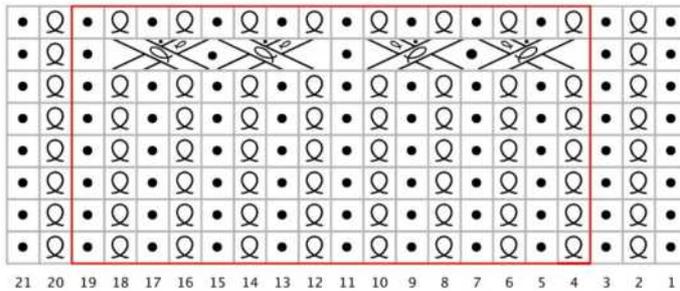
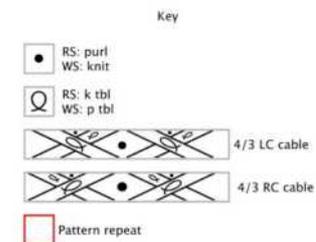
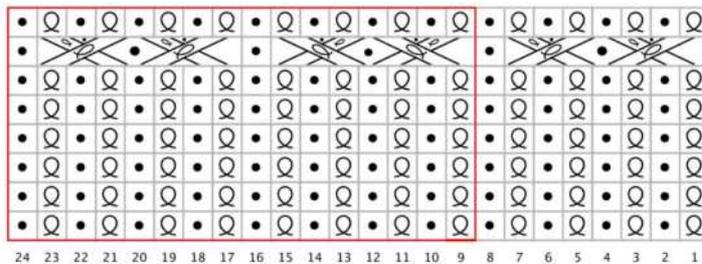
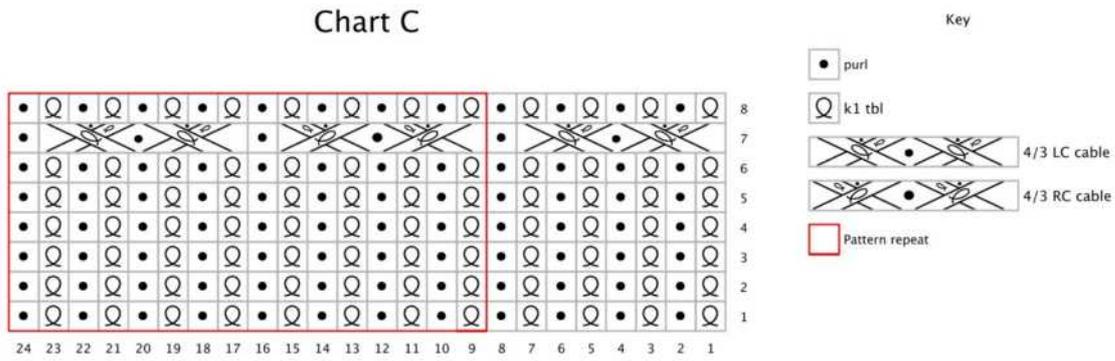


Chart B size 2XL-3XL



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Chart C



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ABBREVIATIONS

BO = bind off

BOR = beginning of round

CO = cast on

Dec = decrease

DPN = double pointed needle

DS = double stitch (the stitch used when working German Short Rows)

Inc = increase

K = knit

K1 tbl = Knit 1 stitch through the back loop. Knit the stitch "twisted", insert the right needle through the back loop and knit.

K2tog = knit 2 stitches together through front loops. *(1 stitch decreased)*

MDS = made double stitch. Slip 1 stitch purlwise with yarn held in front, then bring the yarn up, over and back and pull tightly over the needle so that the two legs of the stitch in the row below are pulled up and exposed on the right needle.

M1L = make 1 left (left-leaning increase), knit the strand between two sts by inserting the left needle from front to back and knit the stitch twisted (through the back loop).

M1R = make 1 right (right-leaning increase), knit the strand between two stitches by inserting the left needle from back to front and knit the stitch (through the front loop)

P = purl

PM = place marker

P1 tbl = Purl 1 stitch through the backloop. Purl the stitch "twisted", insert the right needle into the back leg of the stitch and purl.

P2tog = Purl 2 stitches together. *(1 st decreased)*

RDD-L = Ribbed Double Decrease-Left. Slip one stitch purlwise from left to right needle, slip one stitch to cable needle and hold in back, slip one stitch purlwise from left to right needle, return stitch from cable needle to left needle, return both slipped stitches on right needle to left needle. Ssk, P2tog. *(2 stitches decreased)*

RM = remove marker

Rnd(s) = round(s)

SM = slip marker

Ssk = slip, slip, knit. Slip the first stitch as if to knit, slip the second stitch as if to knit. Slide both stitches from the right needle back to the left hand needle. Knit both stitches through the back loops together as if they were one stitch. *(1 stitch decreased)*

Sssk = slip, slip, slip, knit. Slip the first stitch as if to knit, slip the second stitch as if to knit, slip the third stitch as if to knit. Slide all 3 stitches from the right needle back to the left hand needle. Knit all 3 stitches through the back loops together as if they were one stitch. *(2 stitches decreased)*

Ssp = Slip, slip, purl: Slip two stitches knitwise, one at a time; transfer stitches back to left needle in their new orientation, then purl the stitches together through the back loops. *(1 stitch decreased)*

St(s) = stitch(es)

tbl = through back loop. Knit or purl a stitch "twisted": for a knit stitch insert the right needle through the back loop and knit, for a purl stitch insert the right needle into the back leg of the stitch and purl.

4/3 LC = Left cross cable. Transfer 4 sts onto a DPN and keep in front of work, k1tbl, p1, k1tbl, transfer the last stitch from DPN (stitch number 4, it's a purl stitch) onto the left needle and p that stitch, then from the DPN: k1tbl, p1, k1tbl

4/3 RC = Right cross cable. Transfer 4 sts onto a DPN and keep behind work, k1tbl, p1, k1tbl, transfer the last stitch from DPN (stitch number 4) onto the left needle and p that stitch, then from DPN: k1tbl, p1, k1tbl