

A Blessing of Bellflowers

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Yarn - Lace weight. I used handspun spun from a blend of merino, tussah silk, bombyx silk, angelina, and bamboo.

Yardage - Approximately 800 yards.

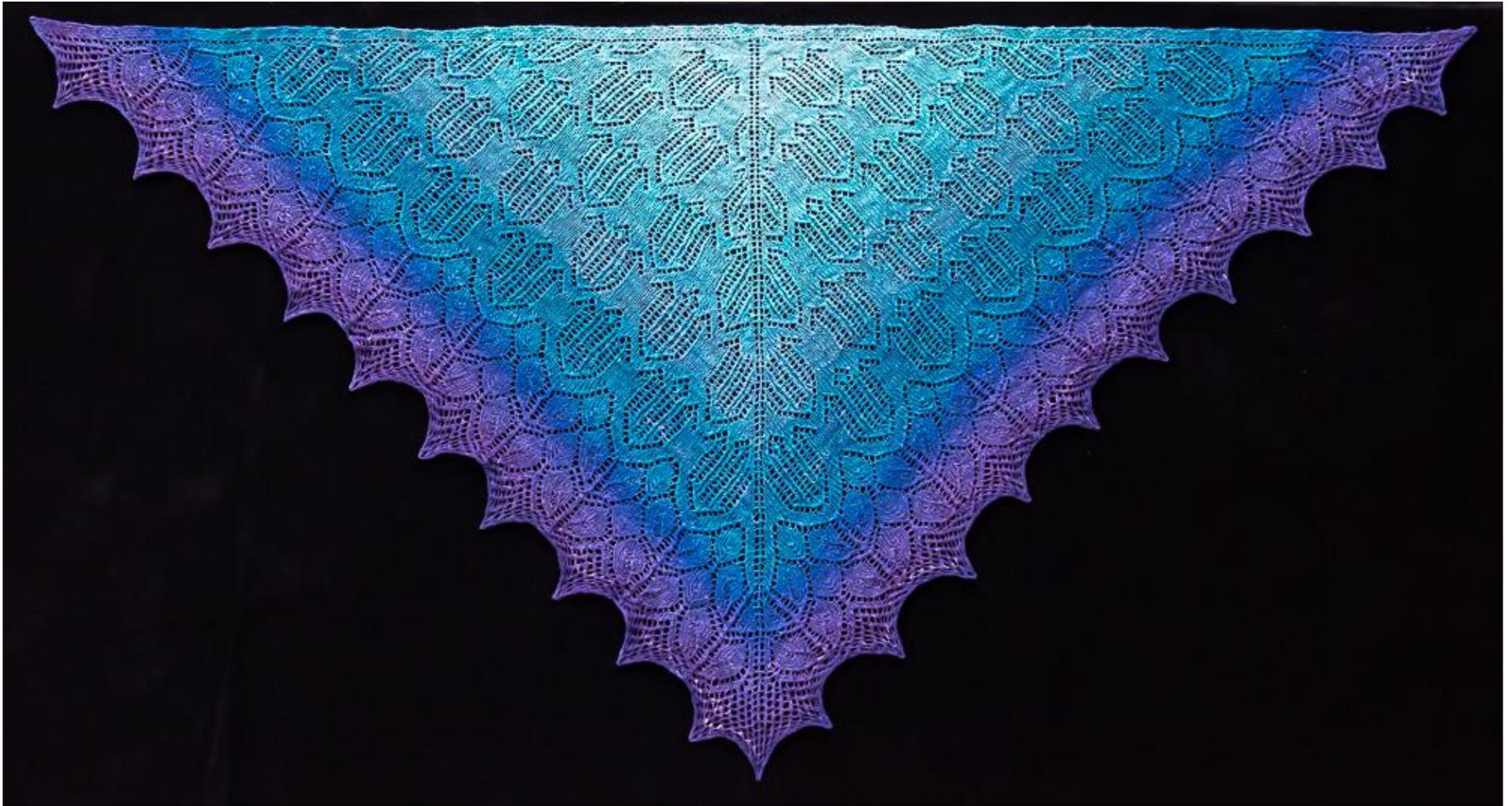
Needles - I used US 2 (2.75 mm) but I knit very loosely.

Depth at Center - 33 inches.

Length - 68 inches.



Start with a tab cast-on. I like a seed-stitch edging instead of a garter-stitch one because the gauge is closer to the stockinette gauge and I like the texture. Cast on 5 stitches and do 6 rows of k1, p1, k1, p1, k1. On the seventh row, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, turn work 90 degrees and pick up 3 stitches along the side of the little tab you just made, turn another 90 degrees and pick up 5 stitches along the cast-on edge. You can also start with a provisional cast-on to give you the final 5 stitches.



All wrong-side (even) rows are k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, purl to last 5 stitches, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1.

Rows 1 - 68: K1, p1, k1, p1, k1, Chart 1, k1, Chart 1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1.

Rows 69 - 122: K1, p1, k1, p1, k1, Chart 2, k1, Chart 2, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1.

Rows 123 - 150: K1, p1, k1, p1, k1, Chart 3, k1, Chart 3, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1.

Rows 151 - 180: K1, p1, k1, p1, k1, Chart 4, k1, Chart 4, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1.

Rows 181 - 225: K1, p1, k1, p1, k1, Chart 5, k1, Chart 5, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1.

Bind off loosely. I bound off on the purl side using the bind off P1, *p1, slip stitches back to left needle and p2tog, repeat from *.

Block enthusiastically, to quote Nim Teasdale.



Chart 1

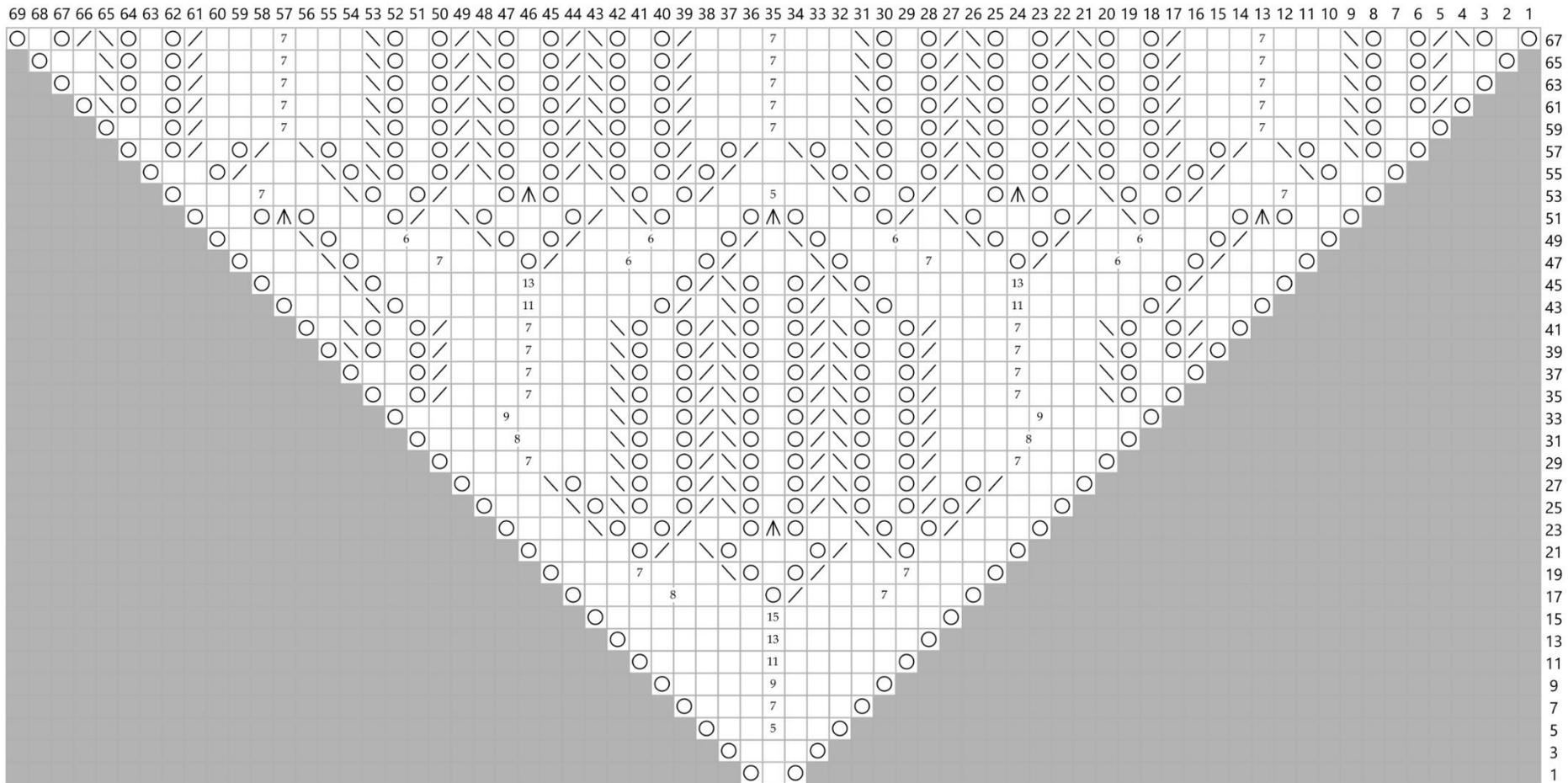


Chart 2

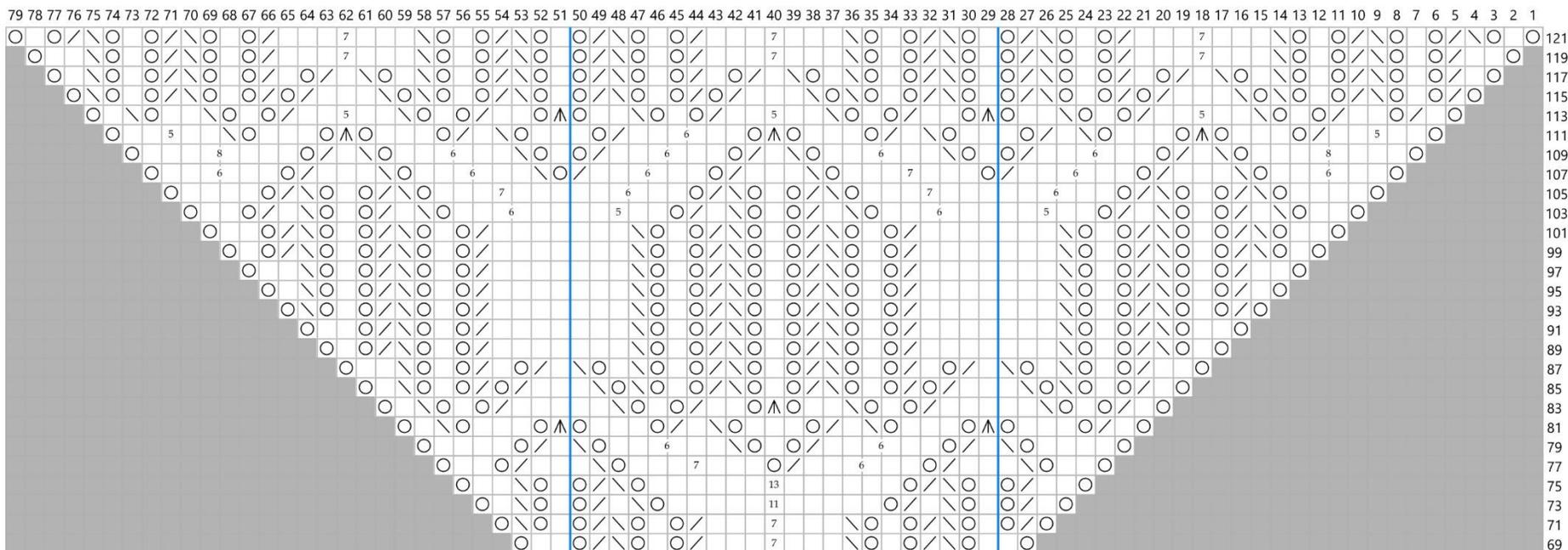


Chart 3

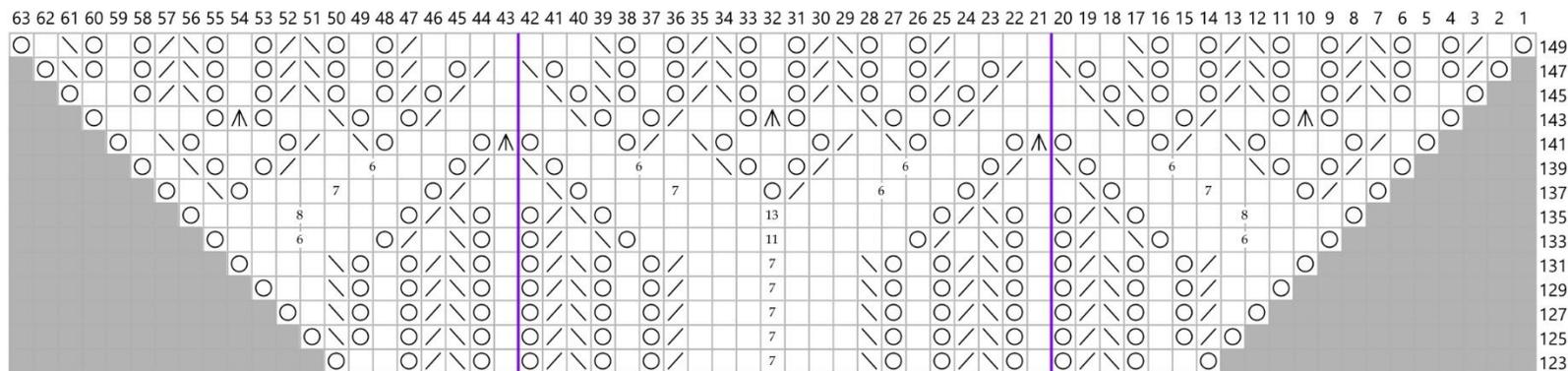


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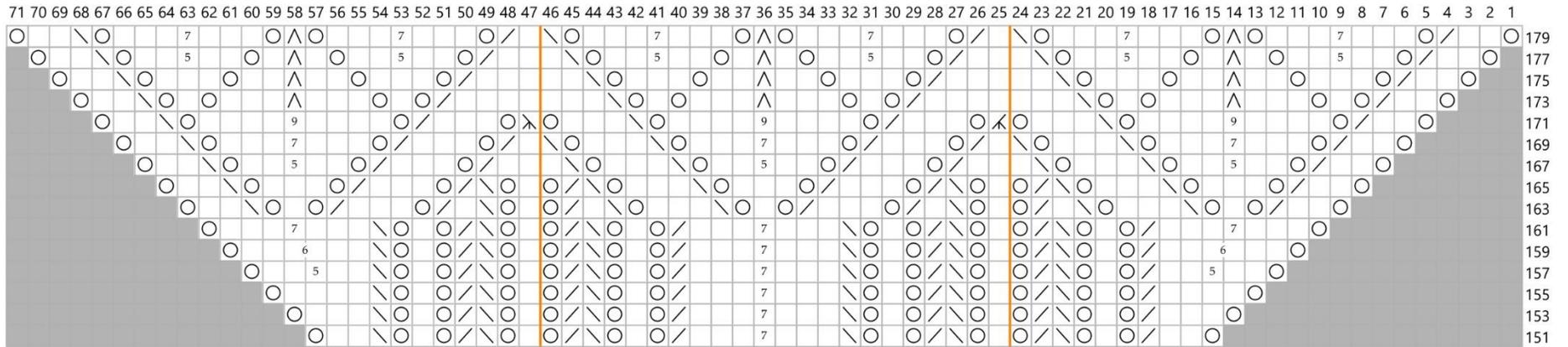
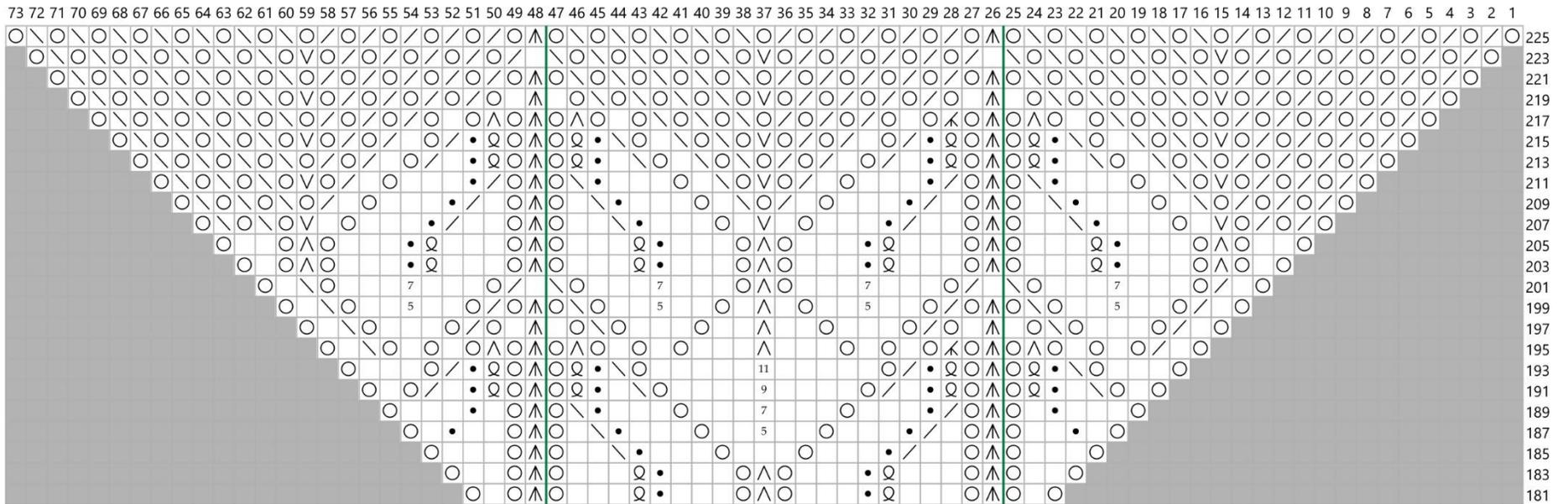


Chart 5



Key		
 knit	 k2tog	 knit into fb
 grey no stitch	 k3tog	 work 3 times
 purl	 ssk	 work 5 times
 k tbl	 sl2, k1, p2sso	 work 6 times
 sl1, k2tog, pssso	 yo	 work 8 times

Notes: The symbol V is used to indicate a kfb (knit in front and back), not a slip stitch. It adds an extra stitch that in this pattern is removed in the next pattern row by an extra decrease. Don't worry if your stitch count does not match the number of stitches shown in the chart for rows with the kfb stitch.

