

A photograph of a person's legs and feet. They are wearing maroon, hand-knitted socks with a cable pattern. The socks are resting on a weathered wooden deck. Fallen autumn leaves are scattered around the feet. The person is wearing light blue jeans. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting.

# CONFLAGRATION

noun: a large, destructive fire

**SHOWN IN:** Casbah by Fleece Artist in a custom color (Wine is a close match). Made in the 64-stitch size at 8 stitches per inch with about 325 yards of yarn (if you are making a higher stitch count size, 350-400 yards is a safer bet).

**GAUGE AND SIZING:** Gauge is measured over blocked stockinette.

Feel free to adjust your gauge a bit to fine tune the fit of the sock. Just be sure that you're working at a gauge that gives you a sturdy fabric with your chosen yarn.

The chart below shows you the size of the foot or leg (in inches) that the sock will fit at various gauges and stitch counts.

	7 SPI	8 SPI	9 SPI
<b>56 STITCHES</b>	8.75	7.75	6.75
<b>64 STITCHES</b>	10	8.75	7.75
<b>72 STITCHES</b>	11.25	10	8.75

**CAST ON:** Cast on 56 [64, 72] stitches. Join for working in the round. Place marker to indicate beginning of round.

**CUFF AND LEG:** Using needles two sizes bigger than those needed to get gauge, work the appropriate Chart A over the first half of the round and the appropriate Chart B over the second half of the round. Work through the appropriate Charts A & B once.

**HEEL FLAP:** The heel flap is worked over stitches 30-56 [34-64, 38-72]. It uses a total of 27 [31, 35] stitches.

Rows 1 and 3 are wrong-side rows (worked with the inside of the sock facing you, following the wrong-side notations in the stitch key, and reading the chart from left to right). Rows 2 and 4 are right-side rows (worked with the outside of the sock facing you, following the right-side notations in the stitch key, and reading the chart from right to left).

Switch to needles needed to get gauge and work the appropriate Heel Chart 7 [8, 9] times or until heel flap reaches desired length. Stop after completing row 2 or 4 of the appropriate Heel Chart.

**HEEL TURN:** Odd rows are wrong-side rows. Even rows are right-side rows. Turn at the end of each row.

**FOR ALL SIZES:**

Row 1 (WS): Sl1, p15 [17, 19], right-leaning p decrease, p1.

Row 2 (RS): Sl1, k6 [6, 6], left-leaning k decrease, k1.

Row 3 (WS): Sl1, p to 1 stitch before the gap created by the turn on the previous row, right-leaning p decrease (this decrease uses 1 stitch from either side of the gap), p1.

Row 4 (RS): Sl1, k to 1 stitch before the gap created by the turn on the previous row, left-leaning k decrease (this decrease uses 1 stitch from either side of the gap), k1.

Work rows 3 and 4 until all heel stitches have been worked, ending with a RS row.

17 [19, 21] stitches remain.

**GUSSET AND FOOT:**

**SETUP ROUND:** Pick up and knit stitches along the side of the heel flap, place first marker. Work across the top of the foot following the first row of the appropriate Foot Chart, place second marker. Pick up and knit stitches along the other side of the heel flap, k8 [9, 11]. The round now begins in the middle of the bottom of the foot.

**DECREASE ROUND:** K until 3 stitches remain before first marker, right-leaning k decrease, k1. Work across the top of the foot following the next row of the appropriate Foot Chart. K1, left-leaning k decrease, k to end of round. 2 stitches decreased.

**NON-DECREASE ROUND:** K to first marker. Work across the top of the foot following the next row of the appropriate Foot Chart. K to end of round.

Alternate decrease and non-decrease rounds until 58 [66, 74] stitches remain. Repeat the non-decrease round until you reach the end of appropriate Foot Chart. Repeat the final row of the appropriate Foot Chart until sock measures 2 [2.25, 2.5] inches shorter than desired length.

**TOE:**

**DECREASE ROUND:** K until 3 stitches remain before first marker, right-leaning k decrease, K1. K1, left-leaning k decrease, k until 3 stitches remain before second marker, right-leaning k decrease, k1. K1, left-leaning k decrease, k to end of round 4 stitches decreased.

**NON-DECREASE ROUND:** K to end of round.

Work these 2 rounds 4 [5, 6] times, 42 [46, 50] stitches remain. Work the decrease round 4 [5, 6] more times, 26 [26, 26] stitches remain. K to first marker.

**FINISHING:** Remove markers. Graft toes. Weave in ends.

**NOTES:** The sizes use different charts. Be sure you are following the appropriate charts.

**LEFT-LEANING KNIT DECREASE:** Slip 1 knitwise. Slip another 1 knitwise. Return slipped stitches to the left needle. Insert the right needle from the right to the left into the back loops of both stitches. Knit both together.

**RIGHT-LEANING KNIT DECREASE:** Knit 2 together.

**RIGHT-LEANING PURL DECREASE:** Purl 2 together.

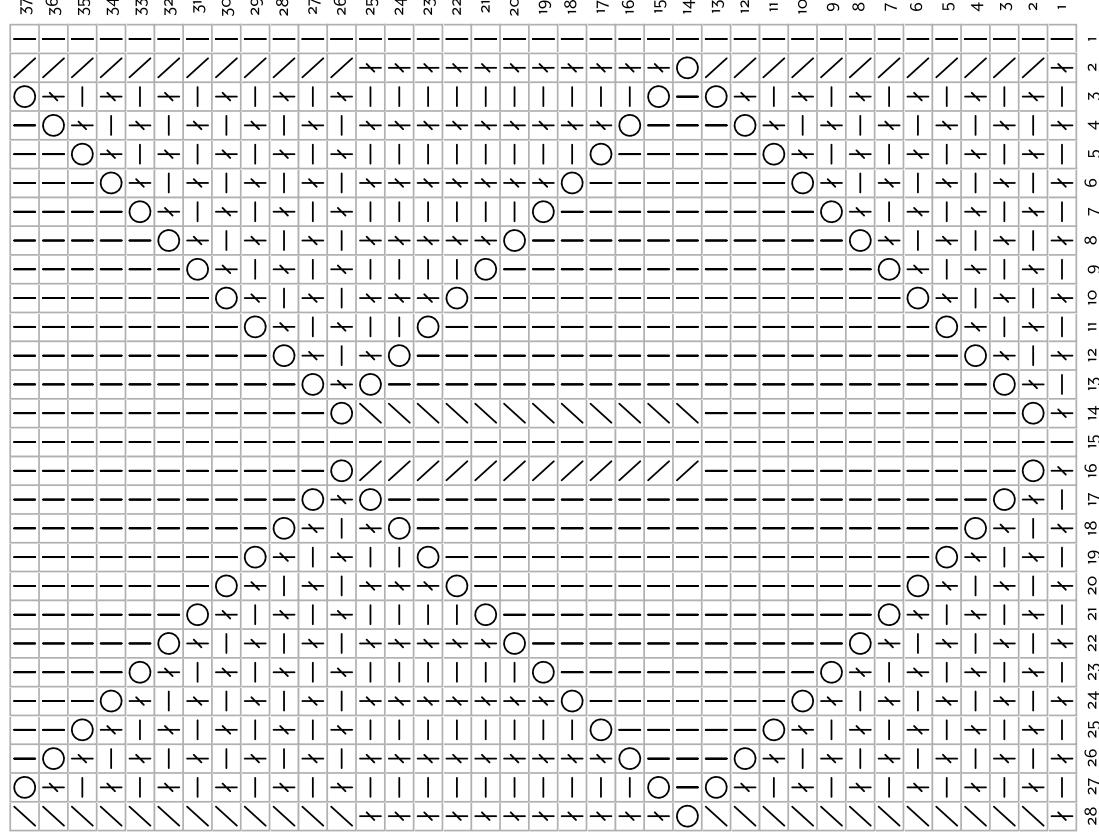
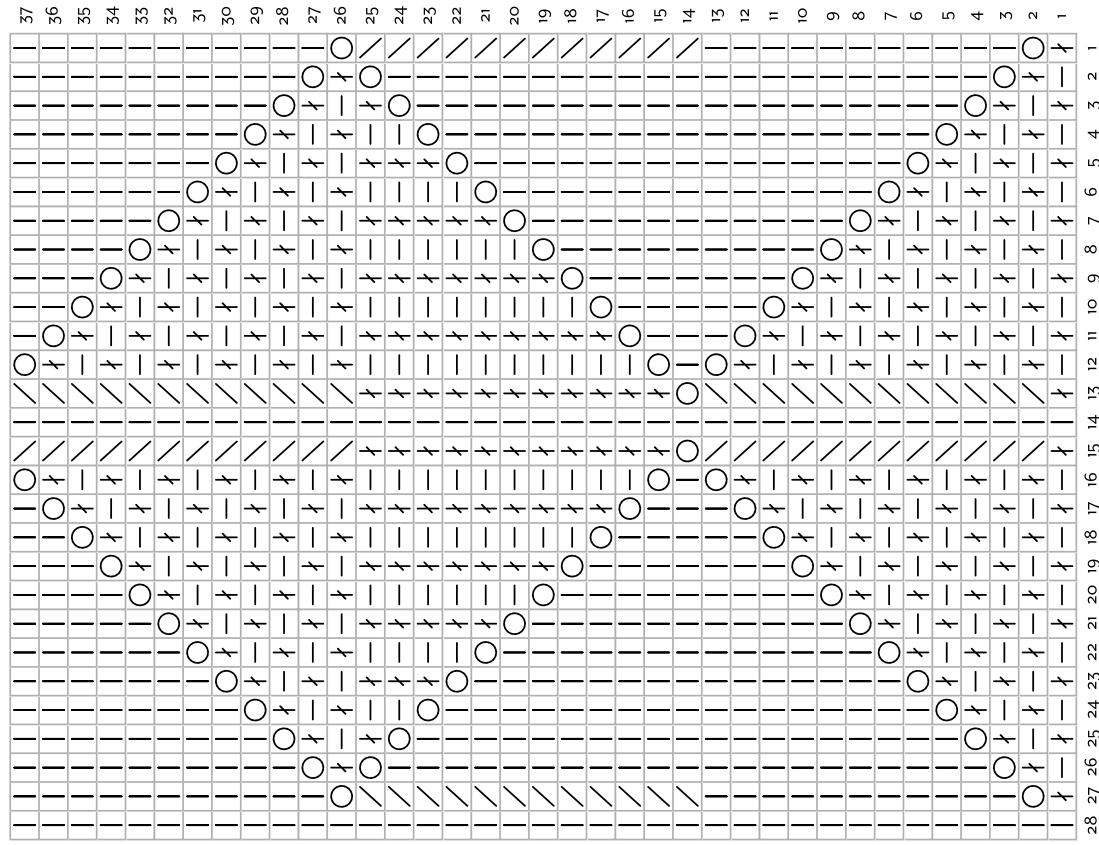
**SLIP:** Slip as if to purl with the yarn to the inside of the project.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

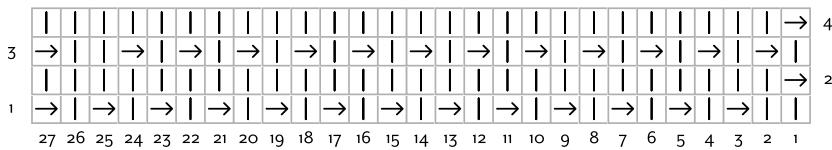
<b>K</b>	Knit
<b>P</b>	Purl
<b>SL</b>	Slip
<b>RS</b>	Right side (outside or public facing side)
<b>WS</b>	Wrong side (inside or private side)

## CHART A 56-STITCH SIZE

## CHART B 56-STITCH SIZE

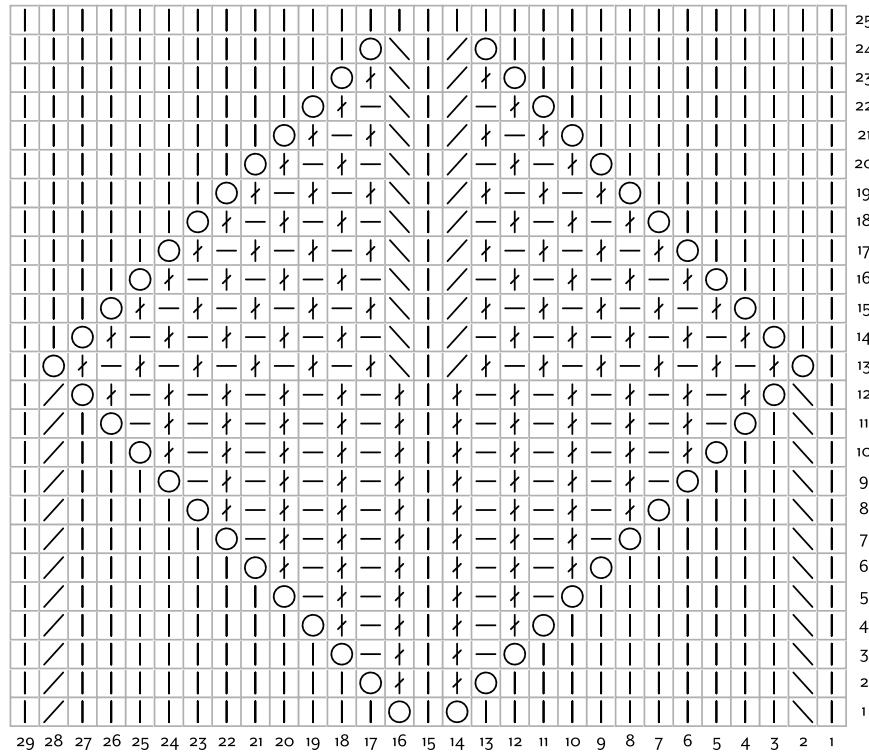


## HEEL CHART 56-STITCH SIZE



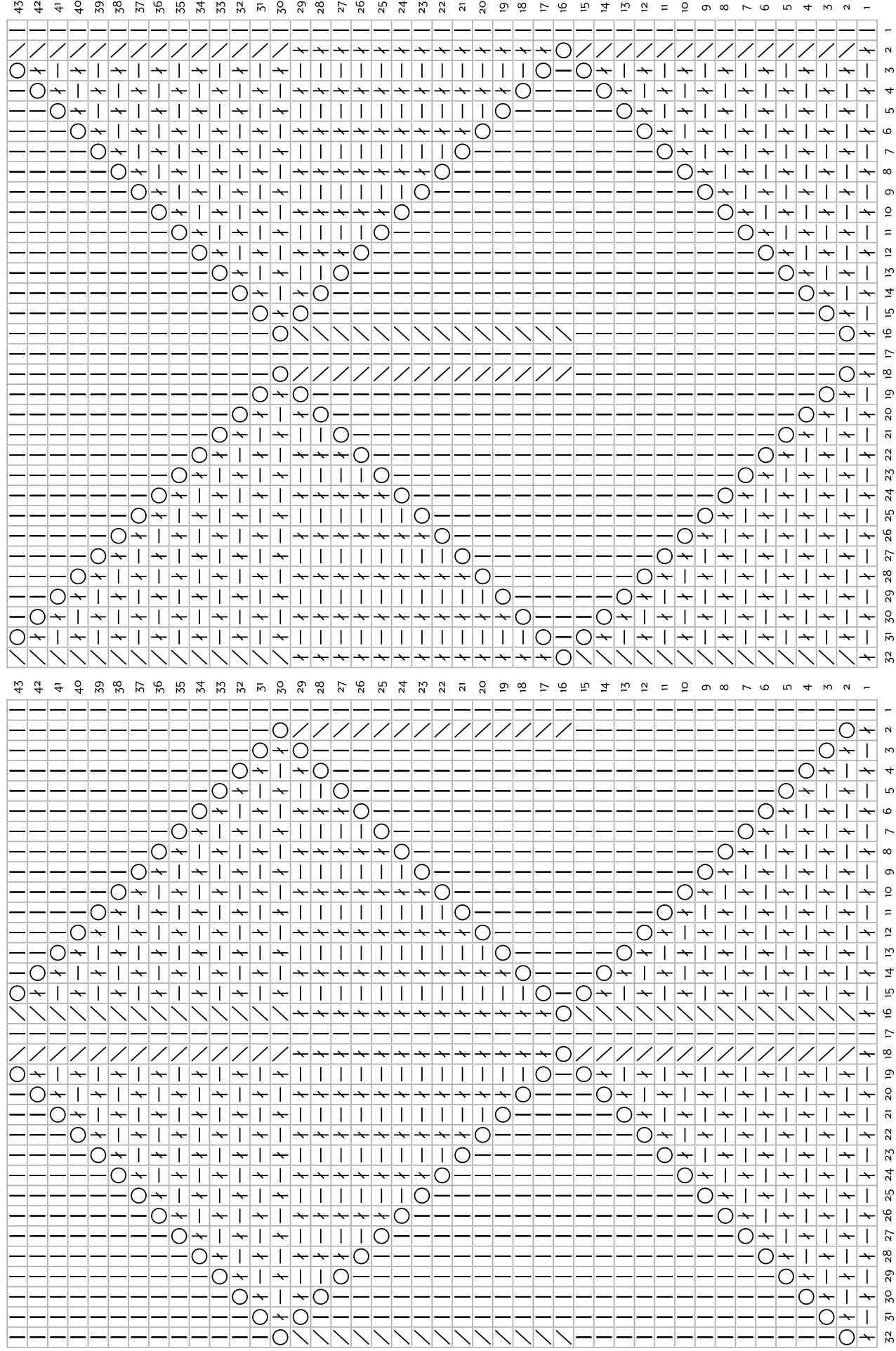
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WS: Purl
- ↖ Knit through the back loop
- Purl
- Slip as if to purl
- Yarn over
- ↗ Right-leaning knit decrease
- ↖ Left-leaning knit decrease

## FOOT CHART 56-STITCH SIZE

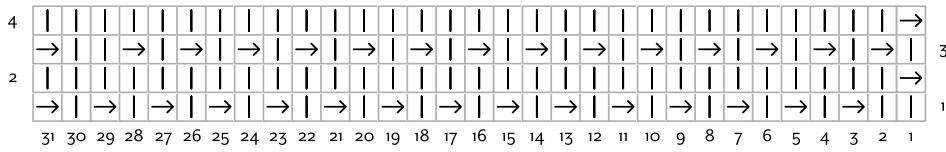


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## CHART B 64-STITCH SIZE

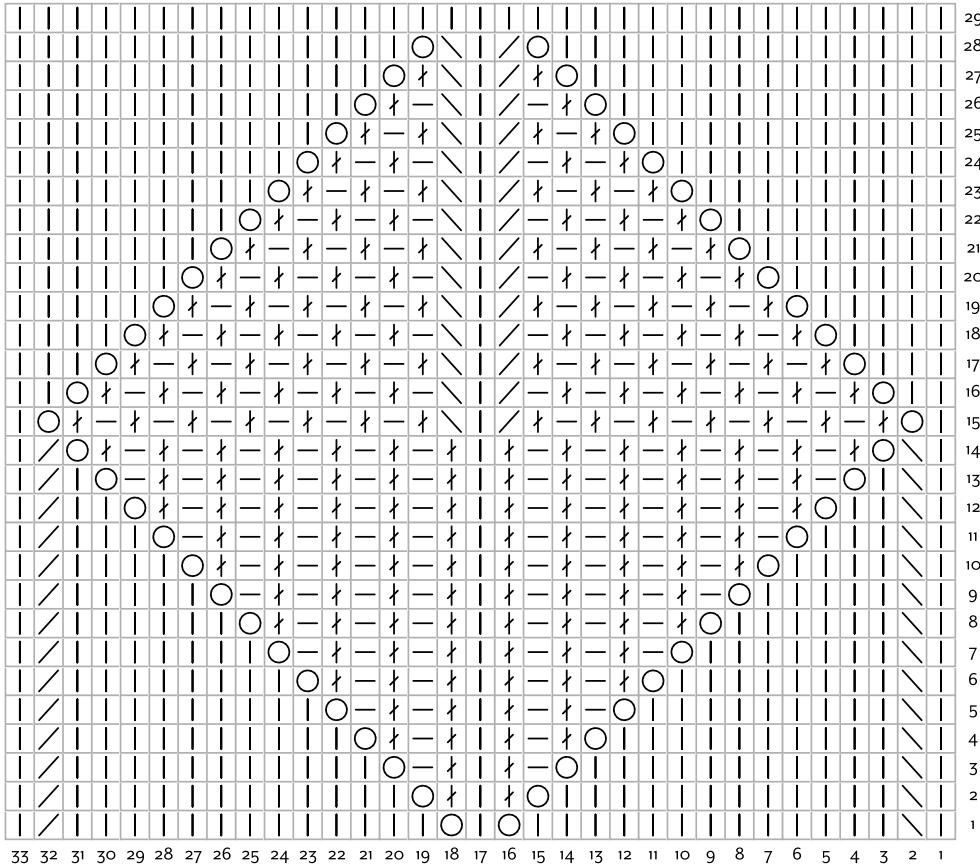


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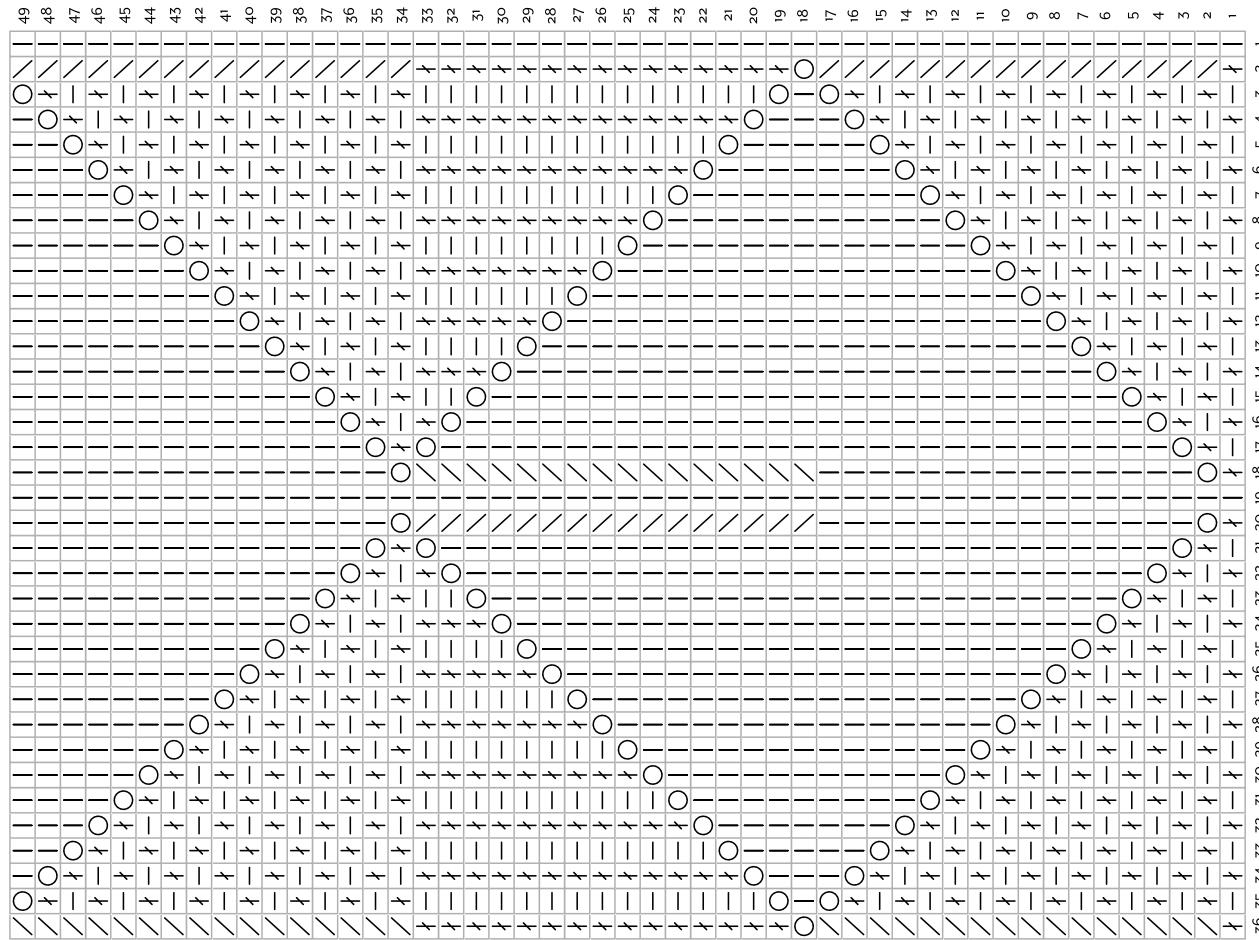
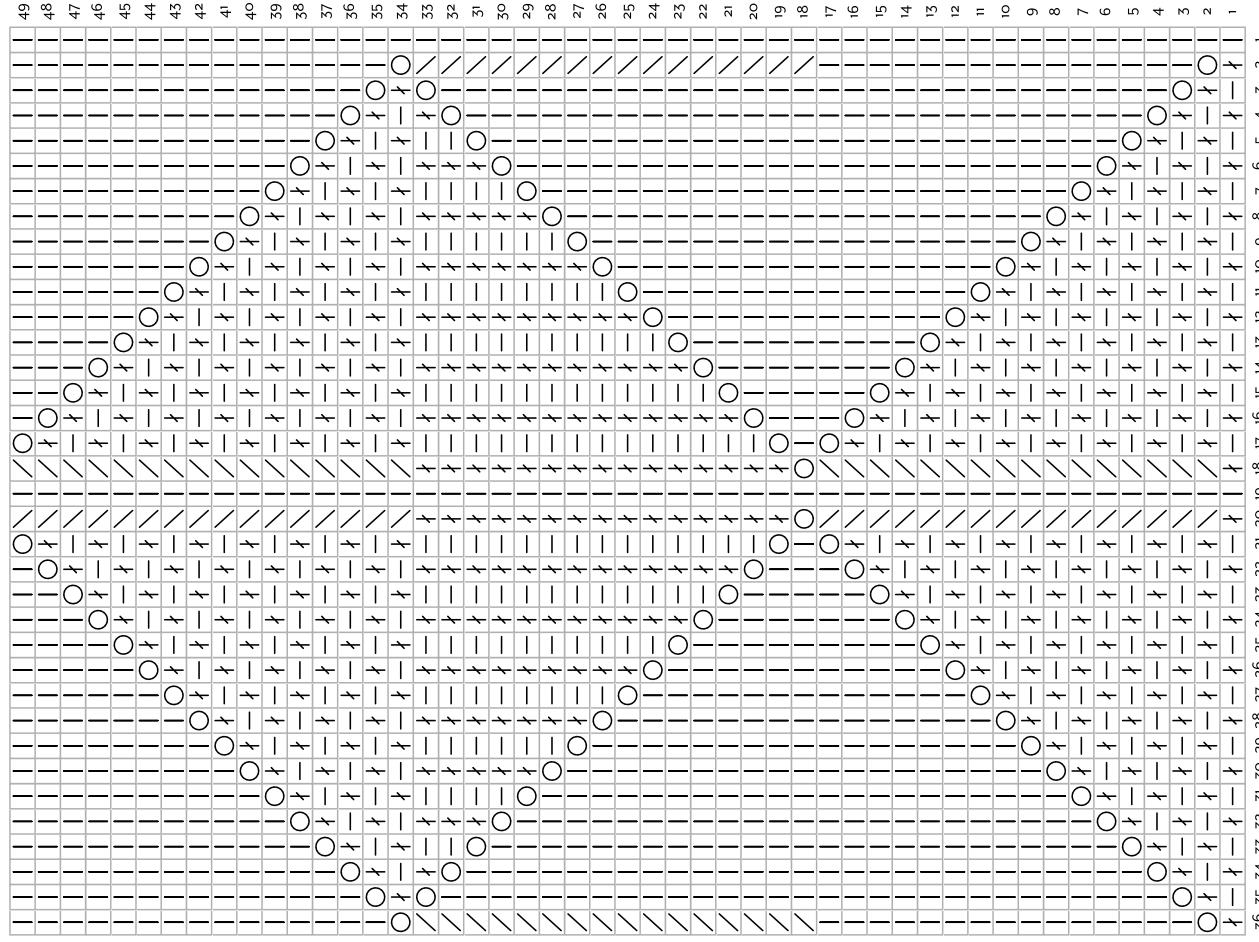
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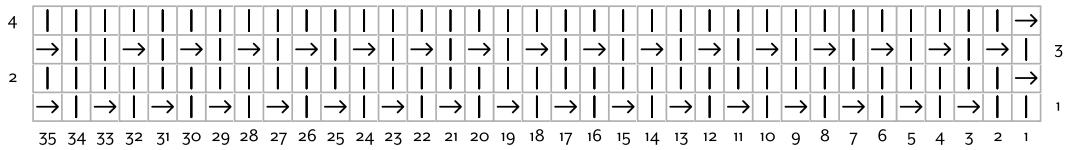


## CHART A 72-STITCH SIZE

## CHART B 72-STITCH SIZE

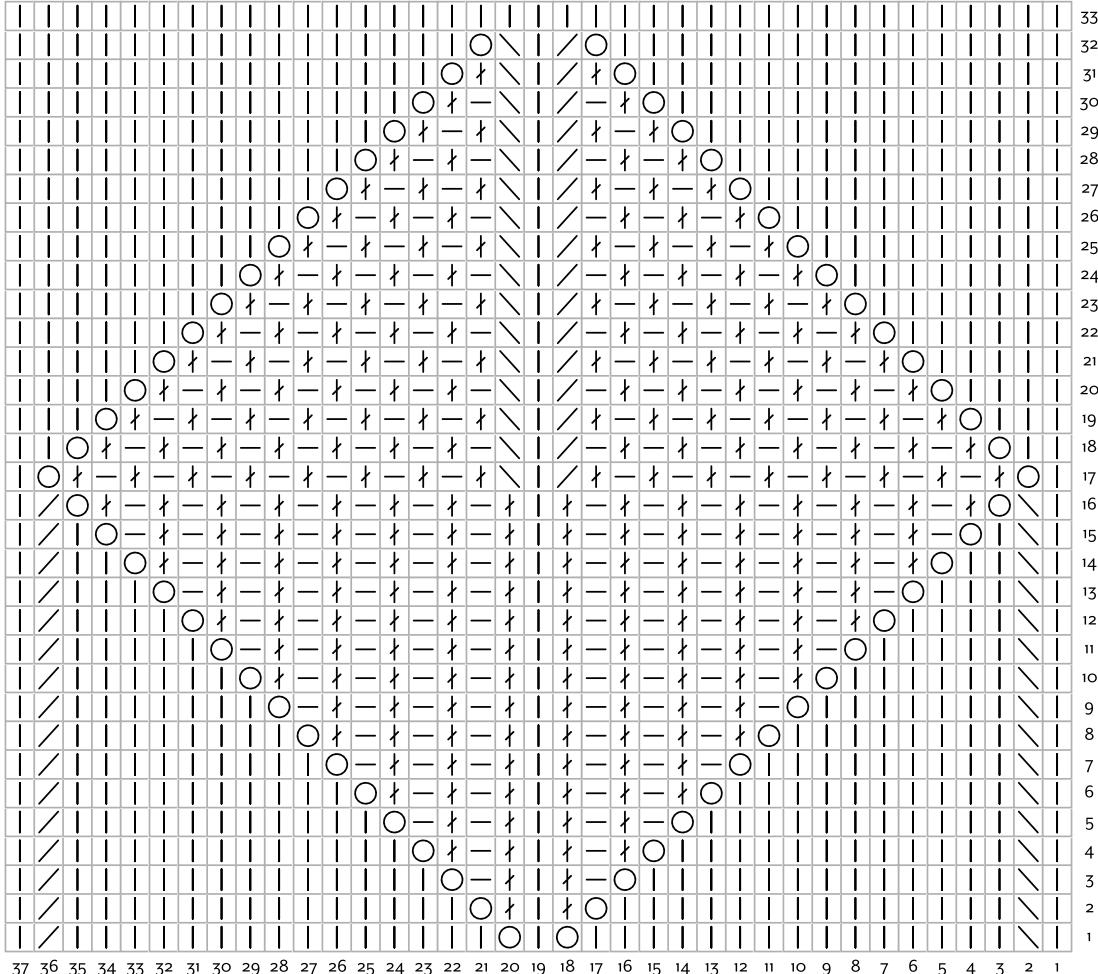


## HEEL CHART 72-STITCH SIZE



- RS: Knit  
WS: Purl
- Knit through the back loop
- Purl
- Slip as if to purl
- Yarn over
- Right-leaning knit decrease
- Left-leaning knit decrease

## FOOT CHART 72-STITCH SIZE











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