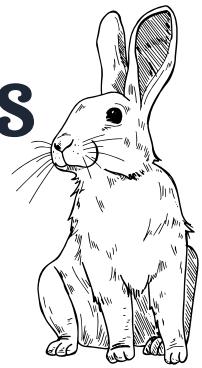


BUNNY WISHES MITTENS

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This design was originally part of a kit in collaboration with Crafty That Way in honour of the Year of the Rabbit. When Kim showed me her beautiful colours and told me the theme of her kit, I knew I wanted a forest rabbit nestled in the undergrowth. And how could I resist adding a whimsical element, the rabbit making dandelion wishes.

These mittens are knit with a ribbed cuff to fold into the mitten or to wear under the sleeve for extra warmth, Latvian braid cuff, and an afterthought thumb. This pattern includes directions and charts for 3 sizes [7, 8 (9) inches/17.5 (20, 22.5) cm circumference]. Fingering and US1 (2.25mm) needles are used but additional sizes can be achieved by using smaller or larger needles and lighter or heavier sock yarns.



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METHOD: Knitting

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

SKILLS USED: Knitting in the round, stranded knitting, Latvian Braid, afterthought thumb construction

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

Mitten Sizing Adult S (M, L):

Hand circumference: 7 (8, 9) inches/17.5 (20, 22.5) cm

Length, from end of the cuff and Latvian braid: 6 1/4 (7 3/4, 8 3/4) inches/15.5 (19.5, 22) cm

Total Length including Latvian Cuff: 8 1/2 (10, 11) inches/ 21 (25, 27.5) cm

YARN USED in photo:

MC: *Crafty That Way* Crafty Sock fingering yarn, 80% superwash merino wool/ 20% nylon, 420 yds/115g, Moonlit Sky

CC: *Crafty That Way* Crafty Sock fingering yarn, 80% superwash merino wool/ 20% nylon, 420 yds/115g, Woodland Friends

YARDAGE USED (Approx.):

MC: 145 (189, 230) yds/ 133 (172, 211) m

CC: 167 (220, 268) yds/ 153 (202, 245) m

TOOLS:

US1/2.25mm dpns or circular needles for preferred method of knitting, **or size needed to obtain gauge**

Stitch/Place Markers

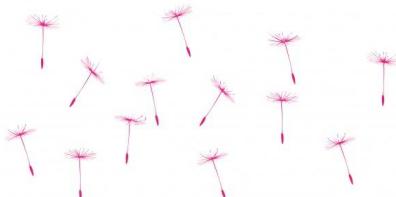
Waste yarn for afterthought thumb

Tapestry Needle

GAUGE: after blocking, over pattern, knit in the round: 40 st x 46 rounds = 4" (10cm)

To help check gauge knitting in the round check out this tutorial by [Purl Soho](#).

Check gauge using stranded pattern for accuracy, wash and block without stretching.





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GLOSSARY:

BOR = beginning of round

CC = contrast colour

dplns = double pointed needles

K = knit

K2tog = knit 2 together (decrease)

MC = main colour

M1 = insert the LH needle from front to back, under the strand between the stitches near the tips of the needles, knit this strand through the back loop (increase)

P = Purl

Ssk = slip 2 sts individually knitwise, knit slipped stitches together through back of loop (decrease)

Tbl = through back of loop

Left Mitten

Using CC, cast on 70 (80, 90) sts. Join in the round placing marker at the BOR. Be careful not to twist stitches around the needle.

Rounds 1-22: Work (k1, p1) rib.

Next Round: Purl.

Next Round: Join MC, knit 1 round in MC.

Set up round for Latvian Braid: *K1 MC, k1CC; repeat from * to end of round.

Braided Rounds:

Note: If you are unfamiliar with this technique this video might help; [tutorial](#) by Roxanne Richardson.

Round 1: Bring both colours forward, (p1 MC, p1 CC); repeat around, twisting the yarns clockwise (pick up next colour from under colour just used); the yarns may become twisted, but they will untwist in the next round.

Round 2: (P1 MC, p1 CC); repeat around twisting the yarns counterclockwise (pick up

next colour over colour just used); the yarns will untwist as you work the round. This results in the braided look.

Begin Using Cuff Chart

(Size Medium requires an increase on the first round and decrease on the last round)

Note 1:

Chart is worked from right to left, from bottom to top.

To avoid overly long floats, trap the strand whenever the float will be more than 5 sts long. Do not catch the float on the same stitch the following round.

Keep the floats loose to avoid puckering.

Note 2:

Colour Dominance:

When working with two colours, the way you hold the two strands will influence which yarn is featured more prominently, or which is more dominant. I usually carry the contrast yarn behind/underneath the main colour to make the motif stand out (dominant). For more help on colour dominance, check out this [tutorial](#) from Brooklyn Tweed.



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Round 1-22: Work Left Cuff Chart for size required.

Beginning with the set up round for Braided Rounds, work Round 2 and then Round 1 to have braids go in opposite directions.

Next Round: Using **MC**, knit.

Work Mitten Chart

Round 1-25 (29, 34): Work Mitten chart for size required, in first round place stitch markers after 32nd (37th, 42nd), 35th (40th, 45th) sts, and 67th (77th, 87th) to identify the bands on each side of the mitten.

Round 26 (30, 35) (thumb placement):

Knit 53 (61, 70) sts according to chart; using waste yarn, slip next 11 (13, 14) sts onto stitch holder or waste yarn for thumb. Using the Backwards Thumb method and alternating colours, cast on 11 (13, 14) sts; continue in chart pattern to end of round.

Rounds 27 (31, 36)-57 (63, 79):

Continue with Mitten chart for size required.

Decreases

Note:

If using circular needle, it may be necessary to change to dpns as the work narrows.

Next Round (decrease): *Ssk, k to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, k3; repeat from * to end of round. (4 sts decreased)

Continue decreasing every round while following chart until 10 (12, 12) sts remain.

Cut both strands and thread **CC** through stitches, pull up tightly and sew in ends.

Right Mitten

Work as given for left mitten above, using Right Cuff Chart and completing the braid. Work Right Mitten Chart for size required except in Round 1, place the markers for the side bands after 3rd (3rd, 3rd), 35th (40th, 45th) and 38th (43rd, 48th) sts.

Round 26 (30, 36) (thumb

placement): Knit 6 (6, 6) sts according to chart; using waste yarn, slip 11 (13, 14) sts onto stitch holder or waste yarn for thumb. Using the Backwards Thumb method and alternating colours, cast on 11 (13, 14) sts; continue in pattern from chart to end of round.

Rounds 27 (31, 36)-57 (63, 79):

Continue with Mitten chart for size required.

Decreases

Note:

If using circular needle, it may be necessary to change to dpns as the work narrows.

Next Round (decrease): *K3, Ssk, k to 2 sts before marker, k2tog; repeat from * to end of round. (4 sts decreased)

Continue decreasing every round while following chart until 10 (12, 10) sts remain.

Cut both strands and thread **CC** through stitches, pull up tightly and sew in ends.



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Thumbs

Dpns are used for thumbs. For both thumbs, using MC, begin as follows:

First Needle: Starting at the bottom right of the opening for thumb, pick up 1 loop from mitten then transfer 8 (9, 10) stitches from holder onto working needle. 9 (10, 11) sts

Second Needle: Transfer remaining 3 (4, 4) stitches from holder, pick up 2 loops from side of thumb opening, pick up 3 (4, 5) loops from sts of cast on edge along the top of opening for thumb. 8 (10, 11) sts

Third Needle: Pick up 8 (9, 9) loops from remaining sts of cast on edge along the top of opening for thumb, pick up 1 loop at the side of opening for thumb. 9 (10, 10) sts
Stitches should be distributed as follows:

First Needle: 9 (10, 11) sts

Second Needle: 8 (10, 11) sts

Third Needle: 9 (10, 10) sts

Total = 26 (30, 32) sts.

Work thumb according to Thumb Chart for size required, until round 18 (24, 24) is completed.

Thumb decreases

Round 19 (25, 25): (Follow chart for colours) *ko (1, 1), ssk, k9 (9, 10), k2tog, ko (1, 1); repeat from*once more.

Continue decreasing each round while following chart for colours until 6 (10, 8) sts remain.

Cut yarns, thread **CC** through stitches, pull up tightly and sew in ends.

Block mittens.



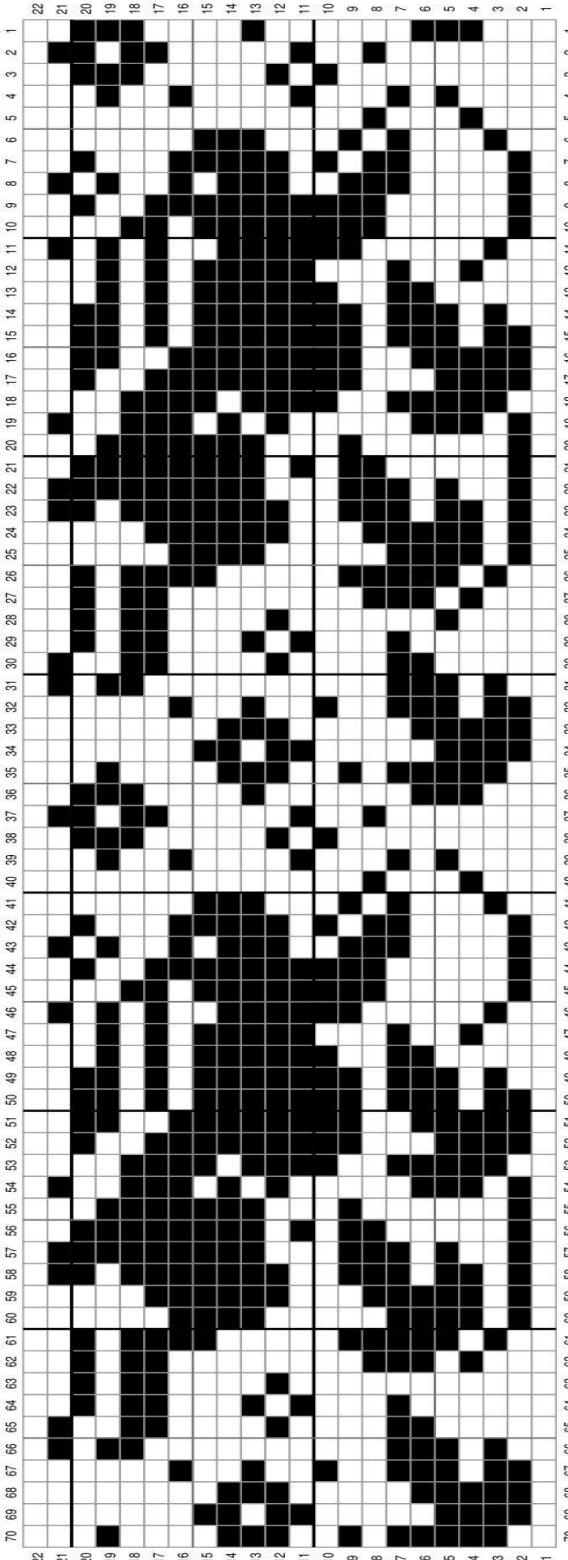


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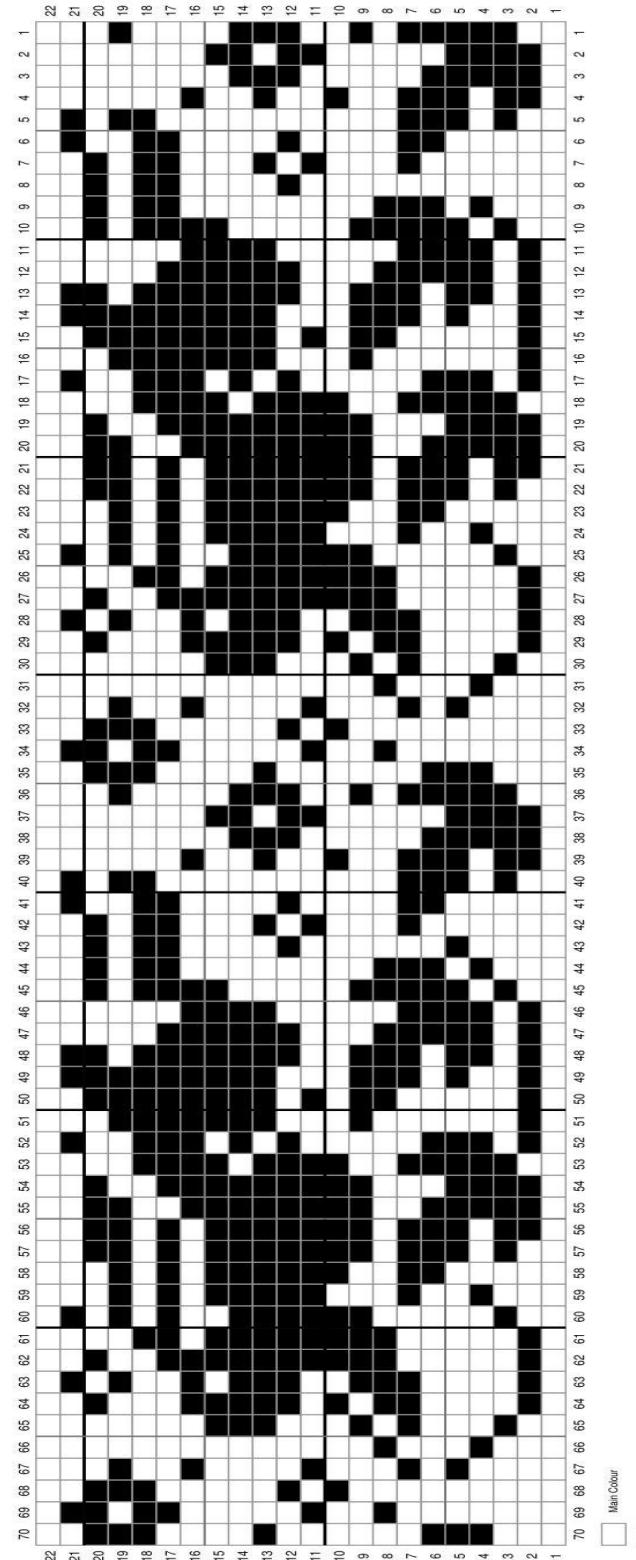
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Small Left Cuff



Small Right Cuff



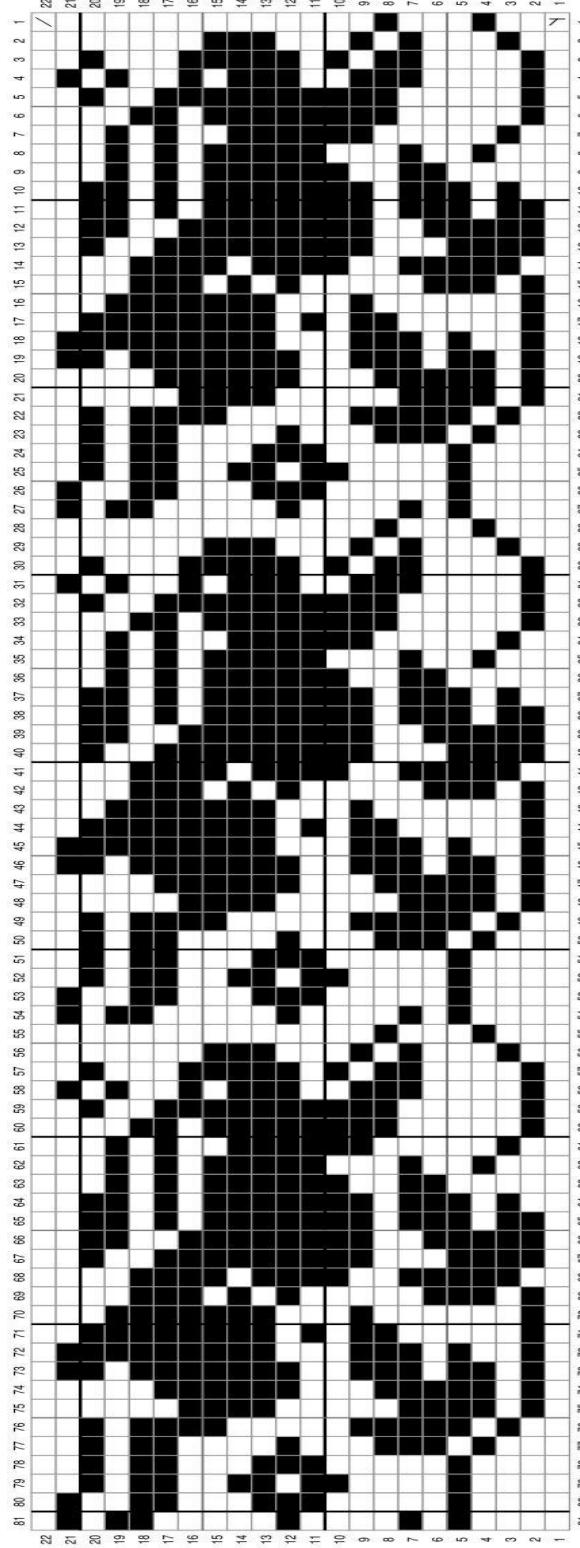


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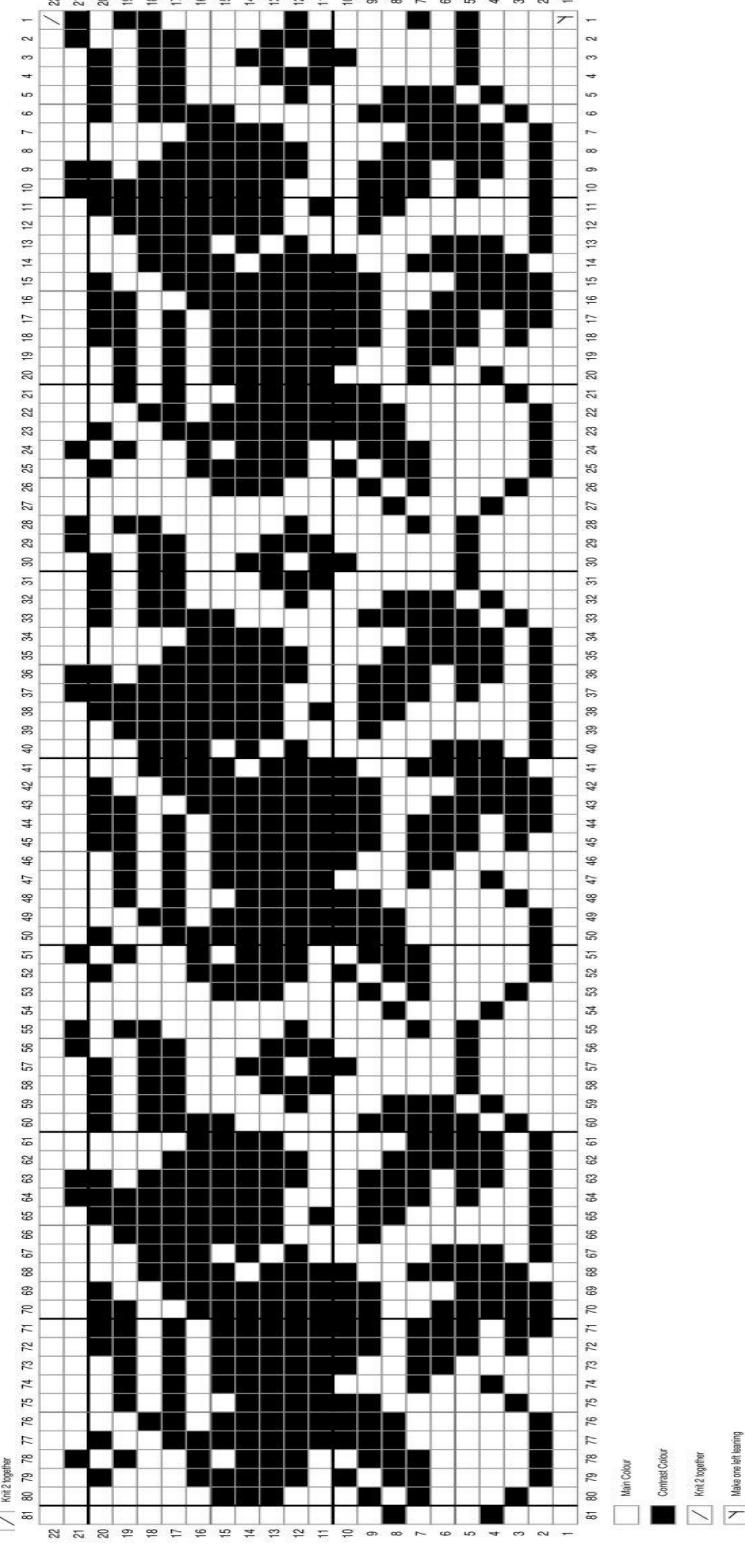
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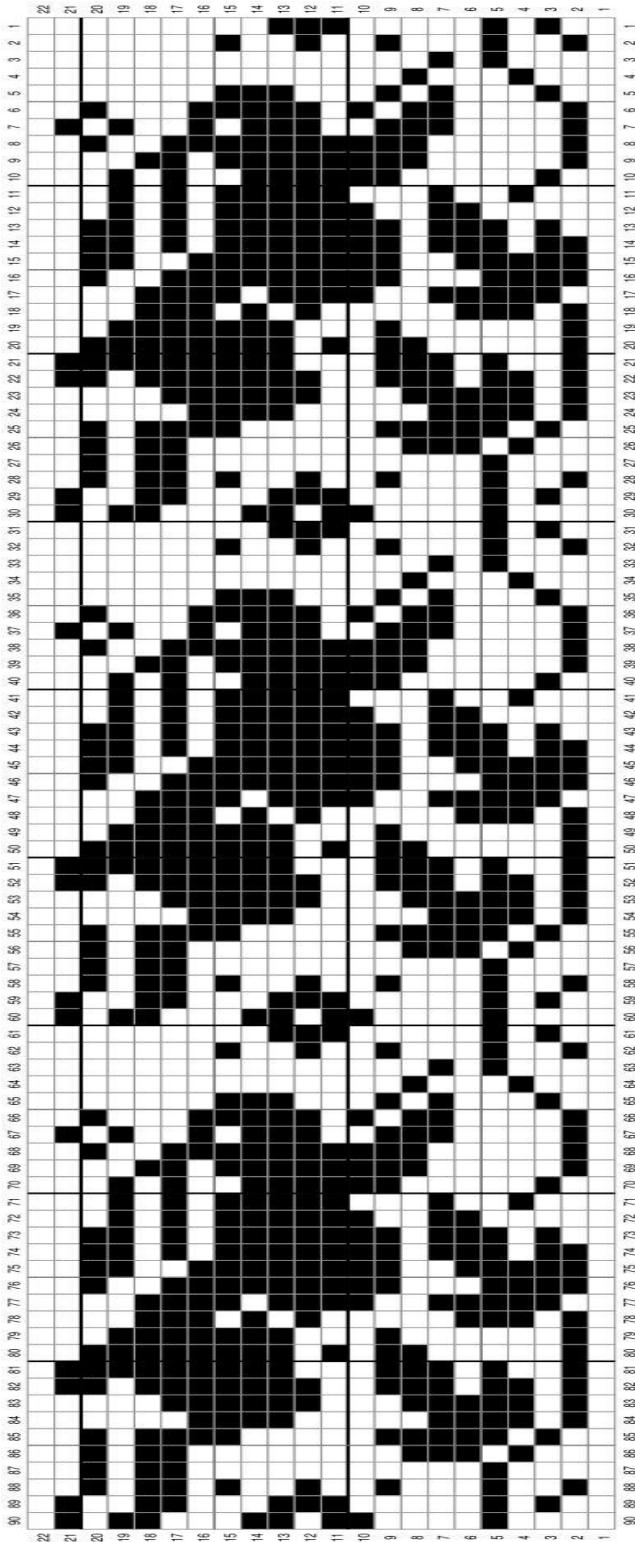


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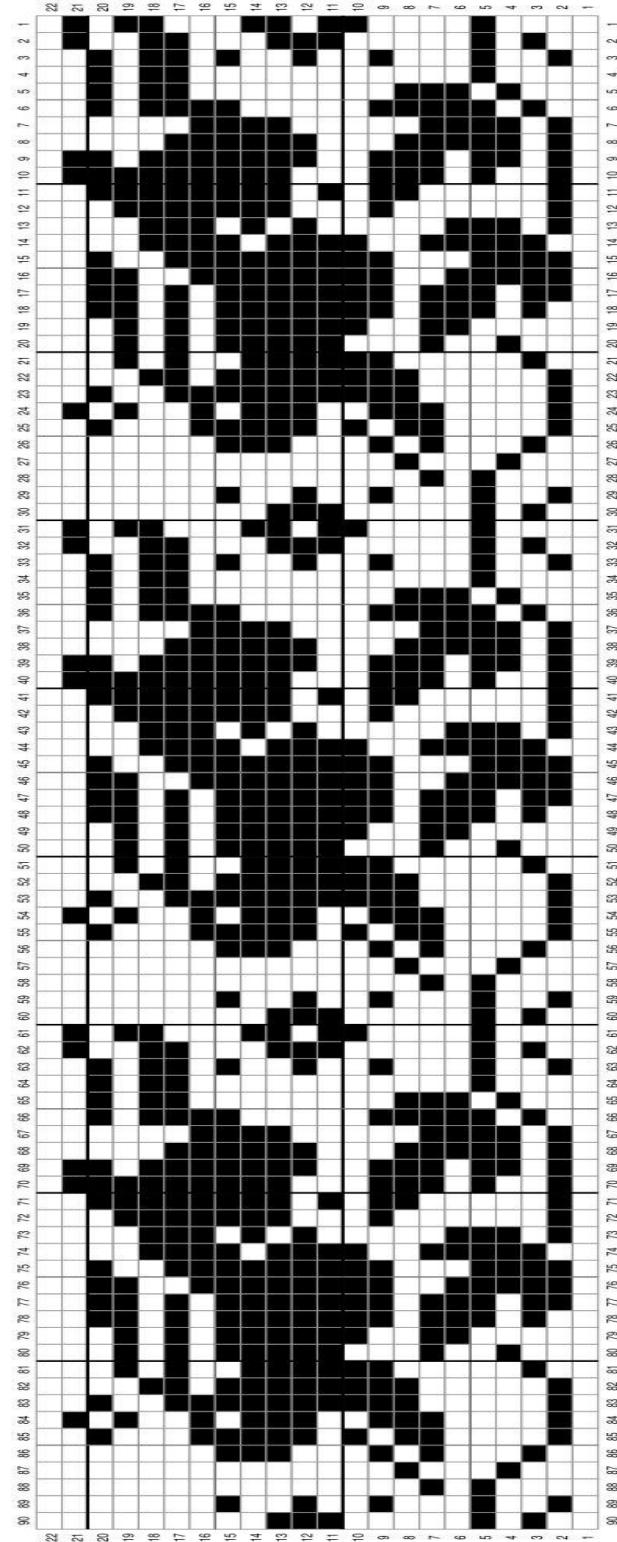
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Large Left Cuff



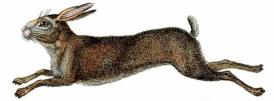
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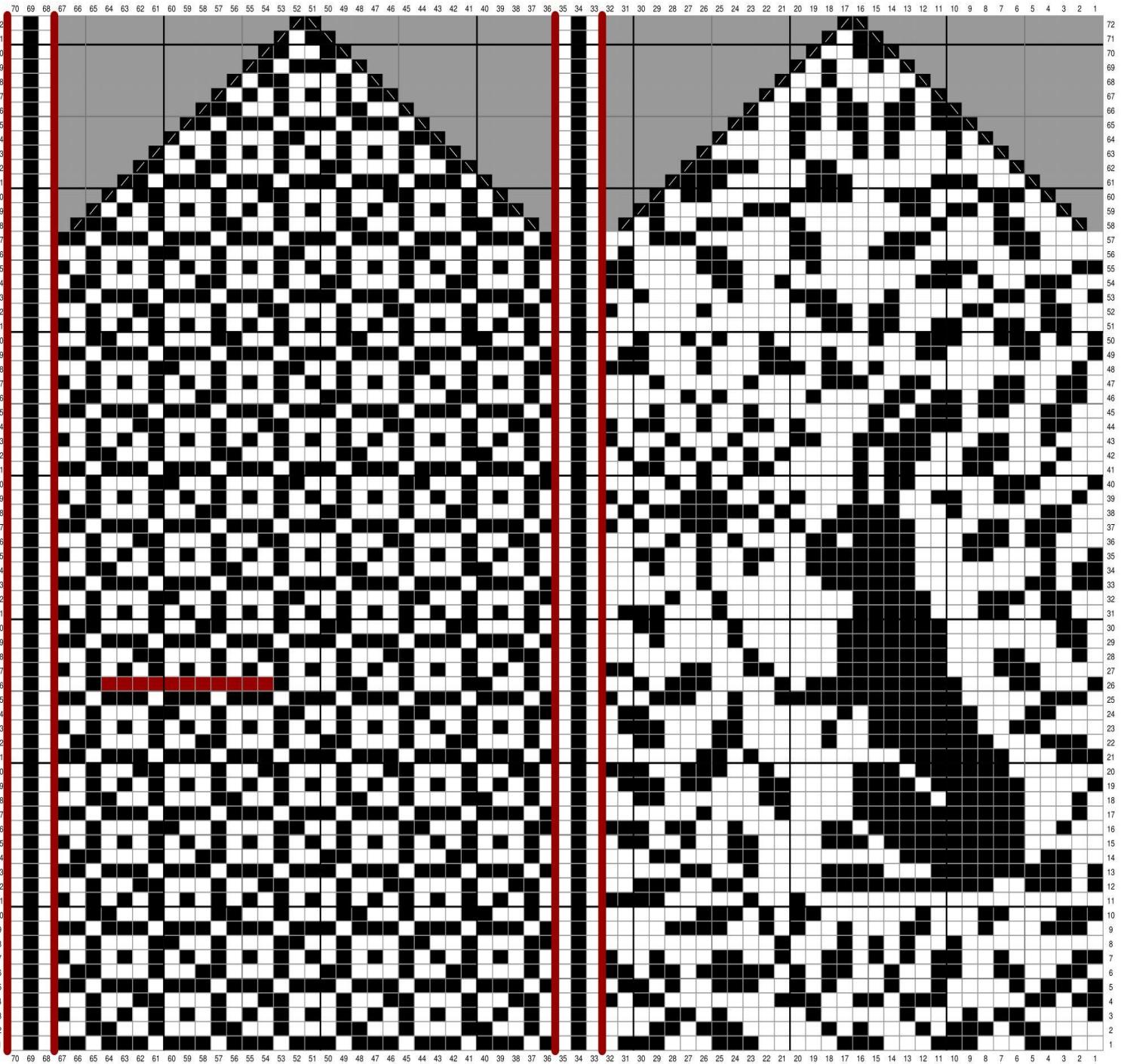


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Small Left Mitten



- Main Colour
- Contrast Colour
- No Stitch
- Knit 2 together
- Slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit slipped stitches together
- Thumb Placement

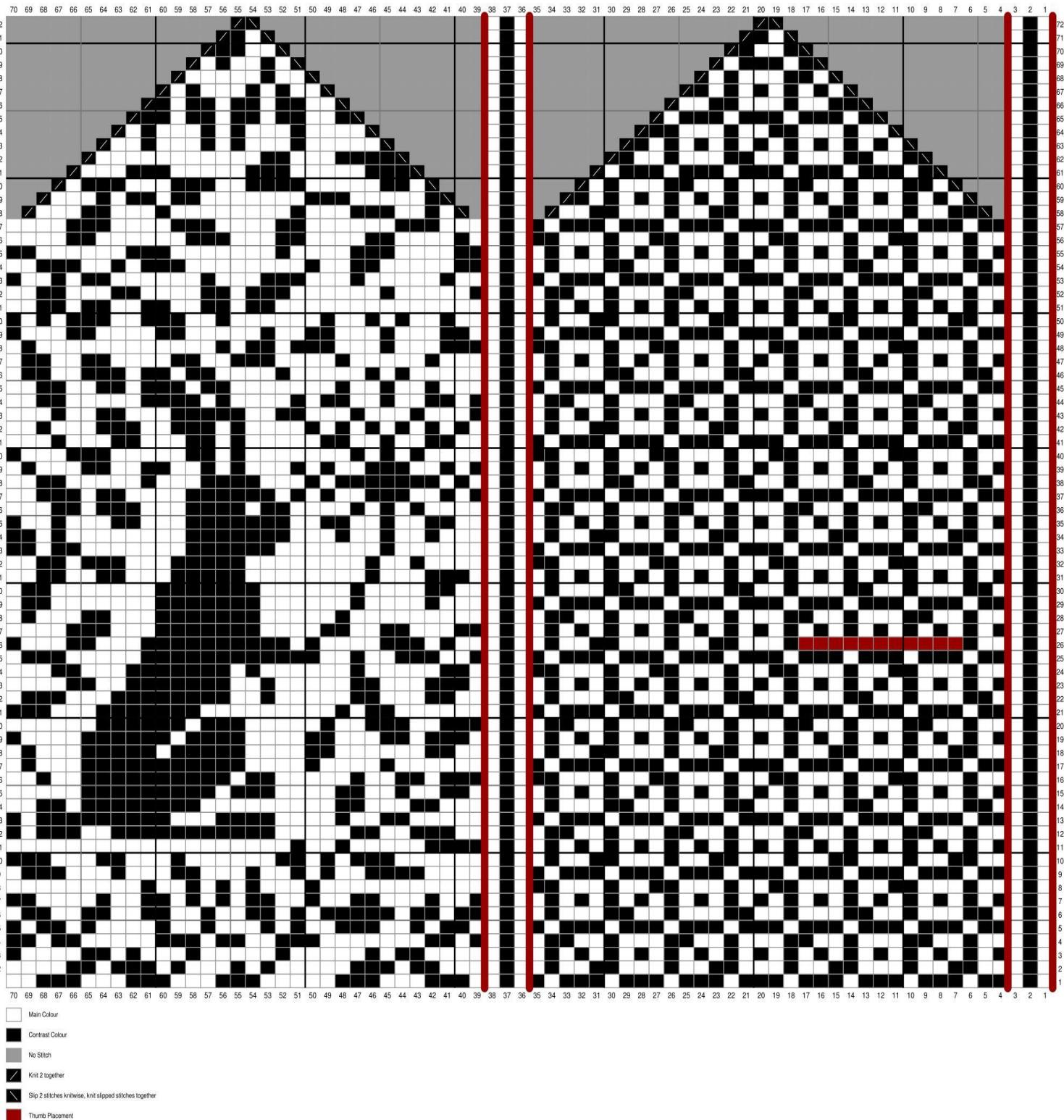


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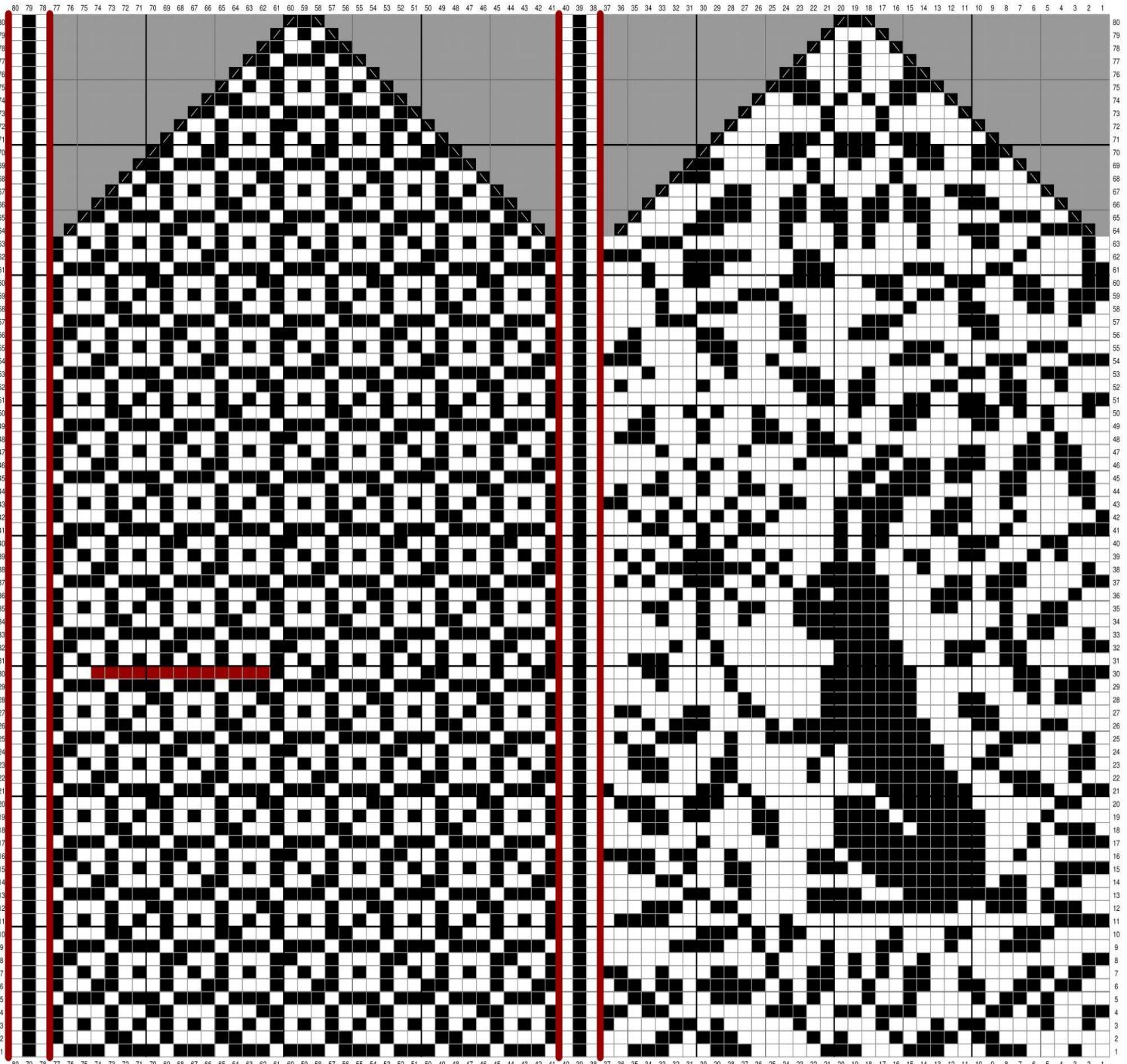




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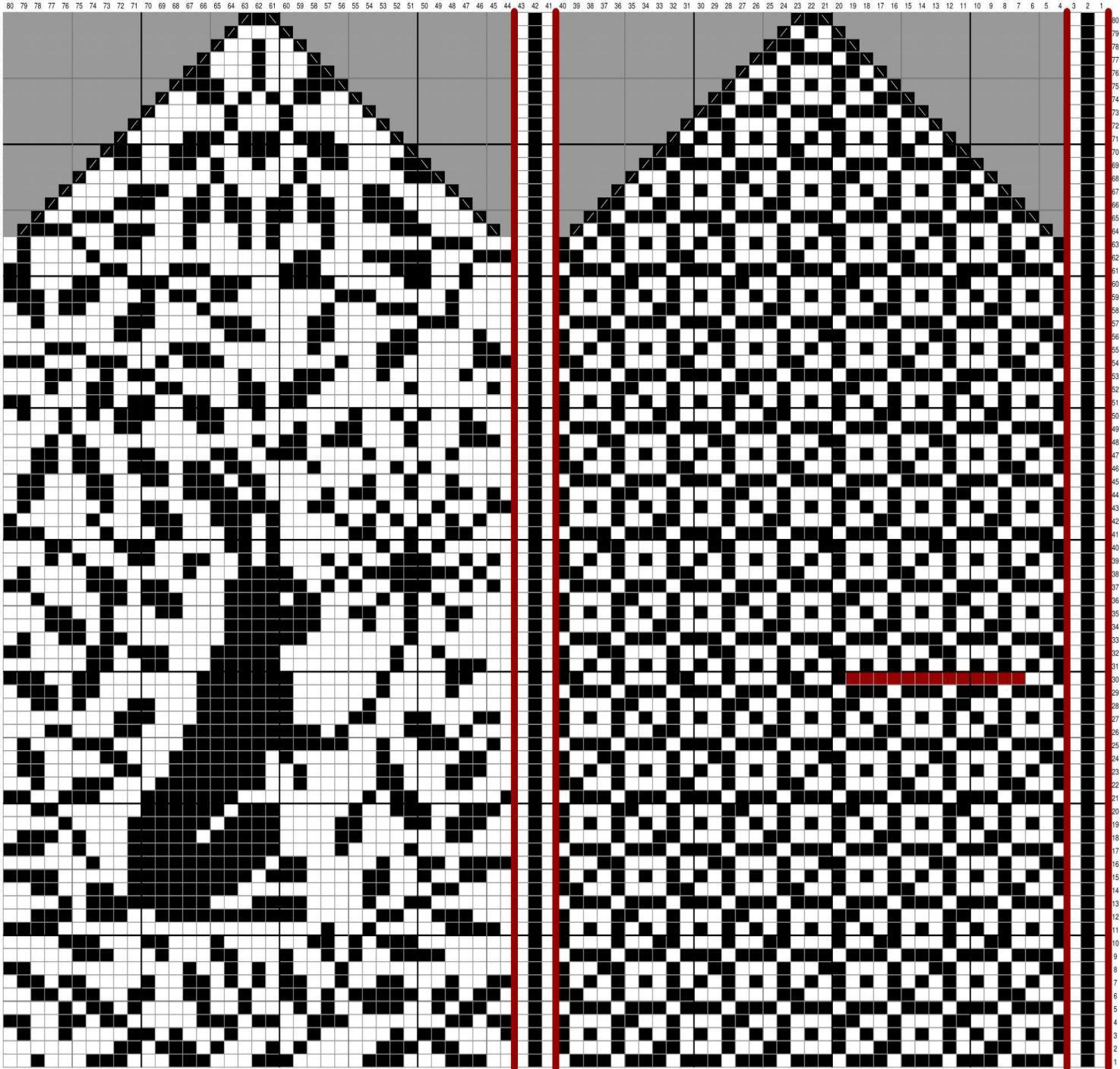


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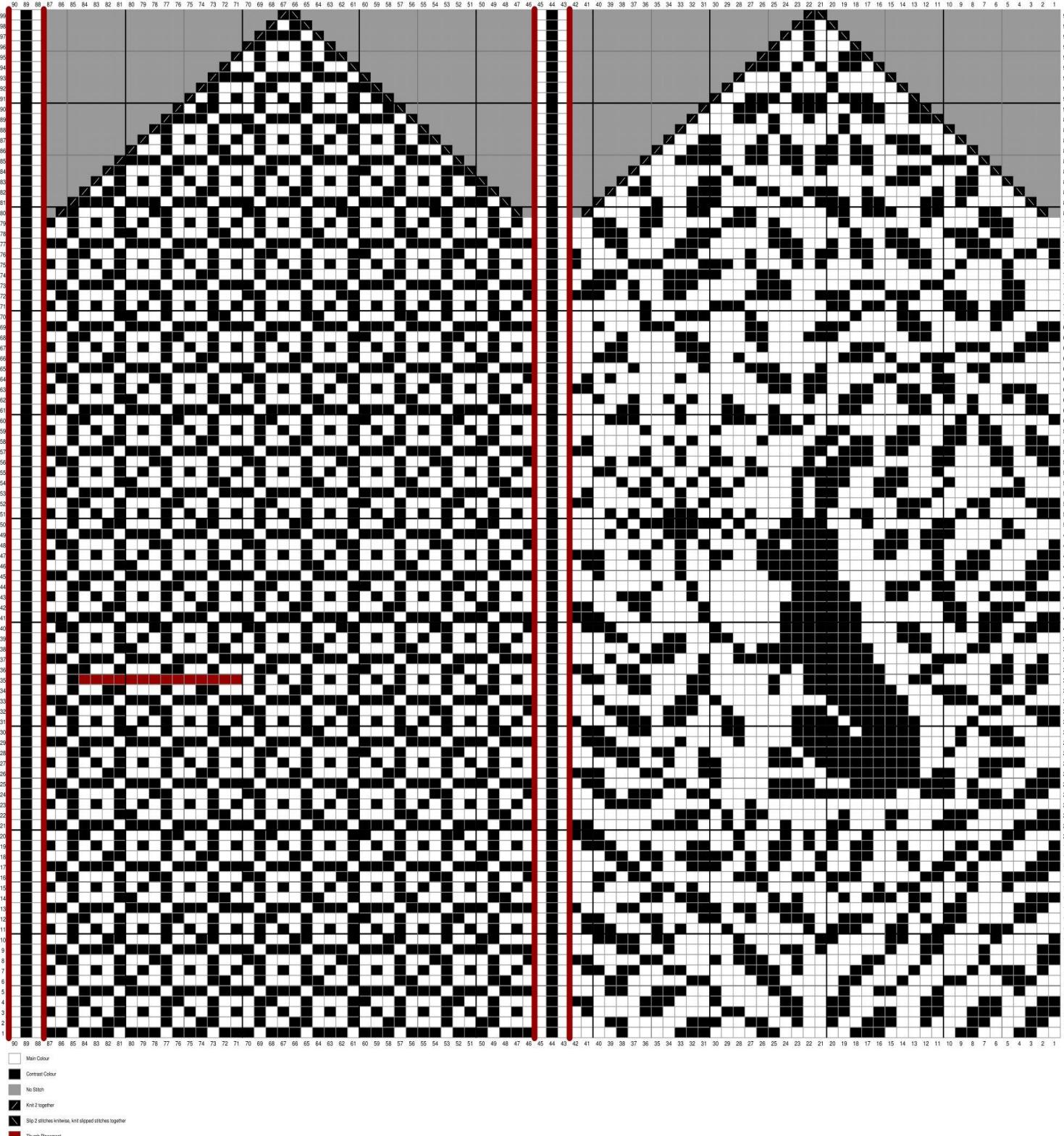


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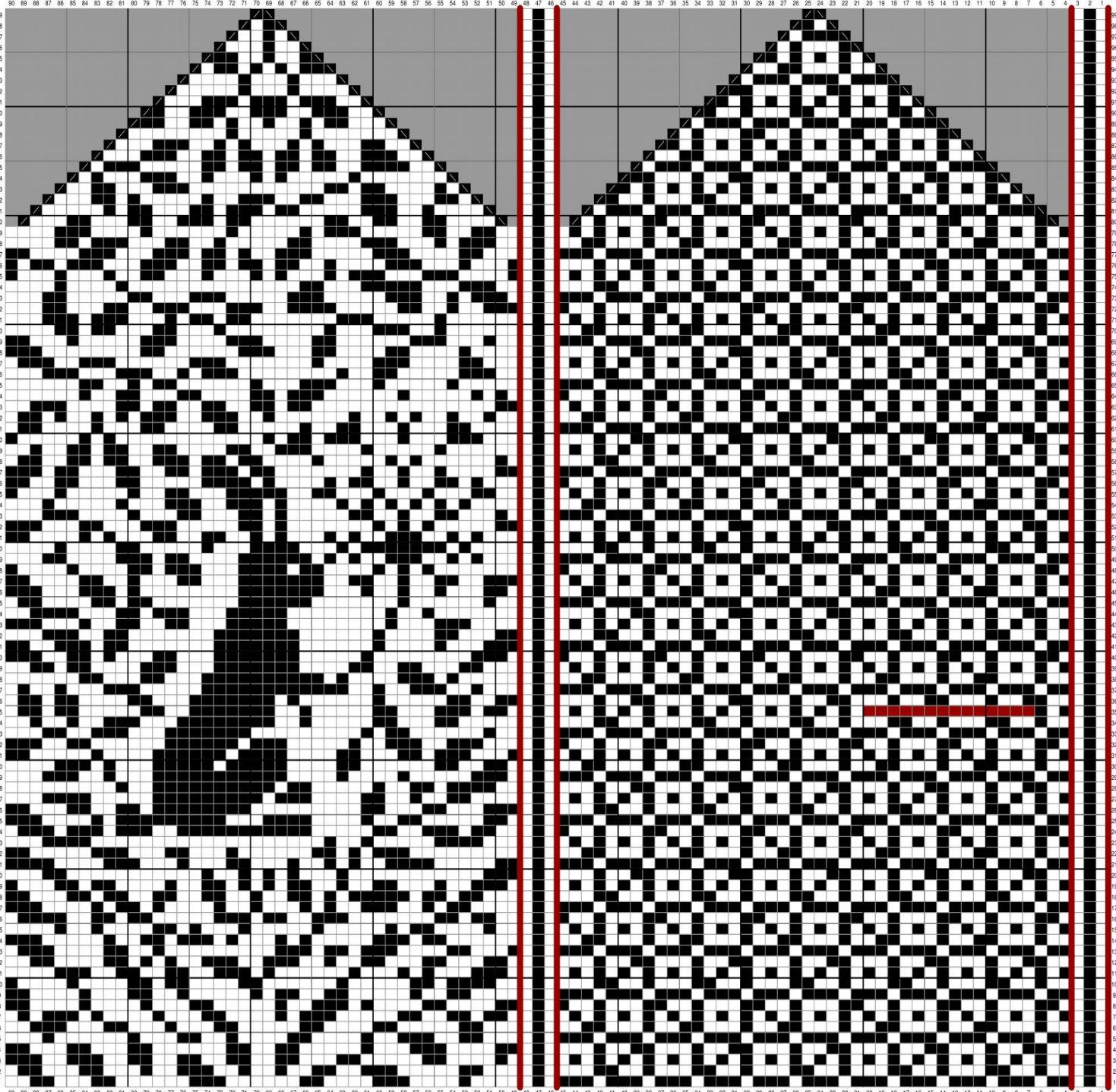


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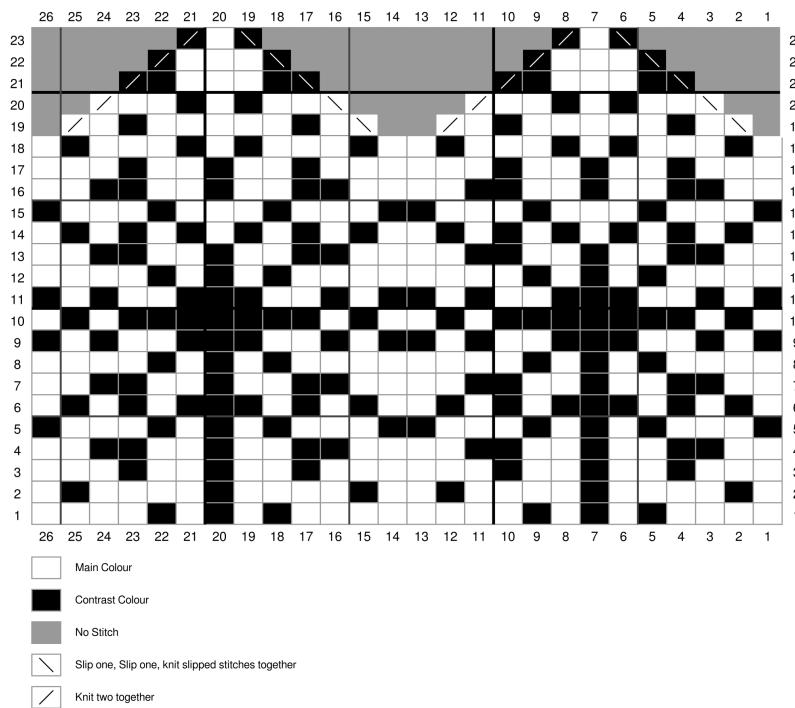
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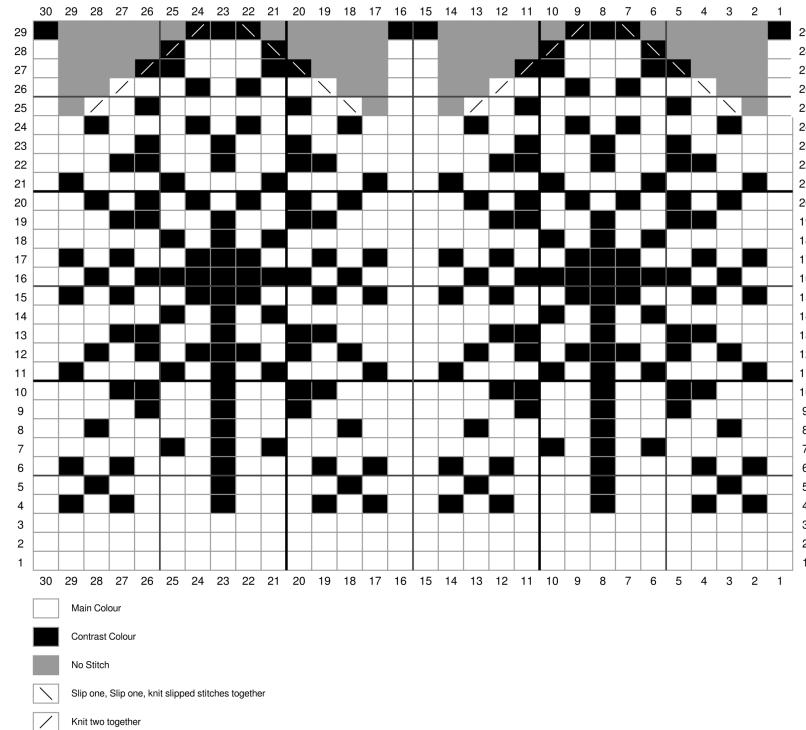
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Small Thumbs



Medium Thumbs



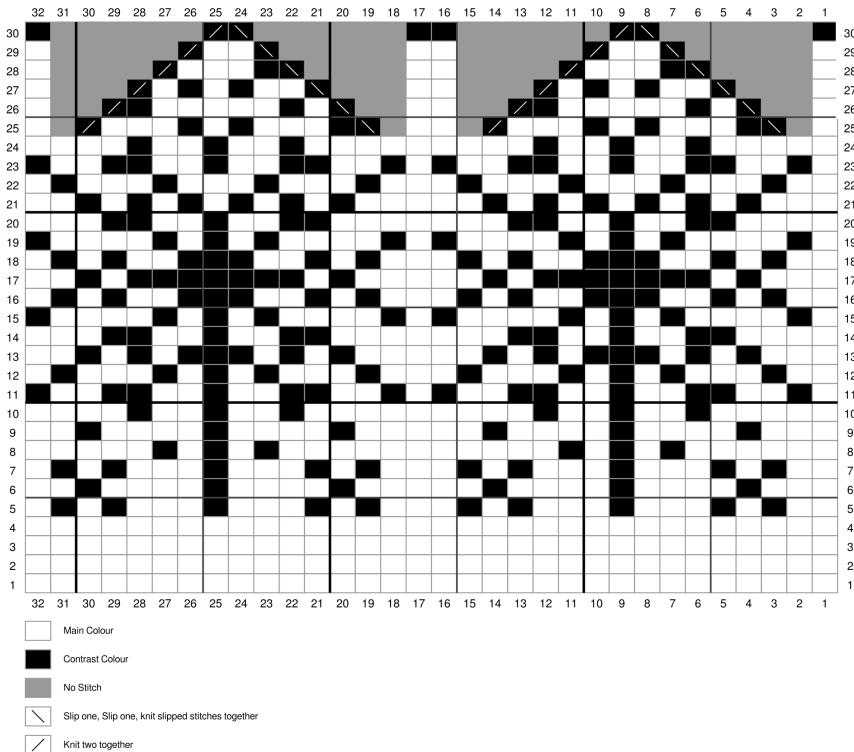


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Large Thumbs



Tutorial Links Listed in Pattern:

Swatching in the round <https://www.purlsoho.com/create/swatching-for-circular-gauge/>
Two-Colour Long- Tail Cast On <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eeqFDqJJvQ>
Latvian Braids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vk9t882obM>
Colour Dominance https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xy_NKDRSuwQ
AfterThought Thumb <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7EYk-vNJrc>

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