



STRAWBERRY THIEVES

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ABOUT THE WORK

The Strawberry Thieves socks are knitted in stranded knitting on five double-pointed needles from the cuff down. The pattern incorporates a reinforced Dutch heel and a round toe. There are only two colors per row, which makes these socks an easy knit. However, if you wish, you can work the strawberries in duplicate stitch at the end to add some extra color. Please note: There are separate charts for the right and the left sock. Also, there are separate charts for the sizes U.S. 6.5–8.5 / European 37–39 and U.S. 9–10 / European 40–42. Depending on the size, some rows at the beginning and at the end of the work may need to be skipped; those rows are marked on the charts. The width of the sock is the same in every size, but if necessary, you can always knit the leg with bigger needles than the foot to accommodate a wider leg.

SIZE

Approx. U.S. 6.5–10 / European 37–42

YARN

Lankava Mainio

100 g / 260 m, 75 % wool / 25 % polyamide

- **Color A** Pesto (660), approx. 65 g

Gjestal Maija

50 g / 130 m, 85 % wool / 15 % polyamide

- **Color B** Light Green (295), approx. 45 g

- **Color C** Pink (215), approx. 35 g

NEEDLES

Set of double-pointed needles, U.S. Sizes 2½ and 4 / 3 and 3.5 mm

GAUGE

28 sts and 30 rows of stranded knitting = 4 x 4 in / 10 x 10 cm. Adjust needle size to obtain correct gauge if necessary.

ABBREVIATIONS

st, sts = stitch, stitches

k = knit

p = purl

k2tog = Knit 2 stitches together.

p2tog = Purl 2 stitches together.

ssk = Slip 2 stitches knitwise one by one onto your right needle. Return the stitches onto your left needle and knit them together through the back loop.

slip 1 knitwise = Insert your right needle into the stitch as if to knit and slip it onto the right needle.

slip 1 purlwise = Insert your right needle into the stitch as if to purl and slip it onto the right needle.

no stitch = Ignore the square and keep on working in pattern.

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LEG

With Color C, cast on 60 sts. Divide the stitches onto smaller needles and join to work in the round. Work k2, p2 ribbing for 13 rows or until you are happy with the length of the ribbing. On the last ribbing row, make 1 st on each needle; you now have 64 sts.

Knit 1 row with Color C, then change to bigger needles and begin stranded knitting following Chart A. Divide the stitches on the needles as follows: 16/17/15/16. Knit the red strawberries with Color B for now; you can work them in duplicate stitch after the sock is finished, if you wish.

After completing Chart A, it's time to work the heel with Color A. Don't cut the yarn of Color B but leave it here.

HEEL FLAP

The heel is worked back and forth with the 31 sts you have on Ndl 3 and Ndl 4. Turn work and begin heel on the wrong side. Note: The first and the last 2 stitches are knitted on every row. This way there is a neat garter column at the edge of the heel flap, which makes it easy to pick up stitches.

Row 1 (WS): K2, p27, k2. Turn work.

Row 2 (RS): K2, *slip 1 knitwise, k1*. Repeat * to * until 3 sts remain, slip 1 knitwise, k2. Turn work.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until the heel flap measures 28 rows and you have just completed a right side row. Turn work and turn heel.

HEEL TURN

Row 1 (WS): K2, purl until 11 sts remain, p2tog. Turn work.

Row 2 (RS): *Slip 1 knitwise, k1*. Repeat * to * until 11 sts remain, ssk. Turn work.

Row 3: Slip 1 purlwise, purl until the first st before the gap, p2tog (1 st on both sides of the gap). Turn work.

Row 4: *Slip 1 knitwise, k1*. Repeat * to * until the first st before the gap, ssk (1 st on both sides of the gap). Turn work.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until all the side stitches have been decreased. You now have 11 sts on the needle and you have just finished a right side row. The heel turn is complete.

GUSSET DECREASES

Cut the yarn of Color A and continue knitting from the left side of the heel, where you left the yarn of Color B earlier. The beginning of the row is here.

Knit the first row of Chart B in stranded knitting as follows. Knit across Ndl 1 and Ndl 2. With a new needle, knit 15 sts along the right side of the heel. Onto the same needle, knit additional 5

heel flap sts. Knit the remaining 6 heel flap sts onto a new needle. Onto the same needle, knit 15 sts along the left side of the heel.

The first row of Chart B is now finished and you have 74 sts (16/17/20/21). Begin gusset decreases following the second row of Chart B.

At the top of Chart B and the gusset decreases, you have 64 sts (16/17/15/16).

FOOT

Continue stranded knitting following Chart C. At the top of Chart C, change to smaller needles. The rest of the sock is worked with Color C. Knit one round, and decrease 1 st by knitting together the last 2 sts of Ndl 4. You now have 63 sts. Knit 2 rounds, and then move on to Toe Decreases.

TOE DECREASES

1st decrease row: *K5, k2tog*. Repeat * to * until the end of the row. K 5 rows.

2nd decrease row: *K4, k2tog*. Repeat * to * until the end of the row. K 4 rows.

3rd decrease row: *K3, k2tog*. Repeat * to * until the end of the row. K 3 rows.

4th decrease row: *K2, k2tog*. Repeat * to * until the end of the row. K 2 rows.

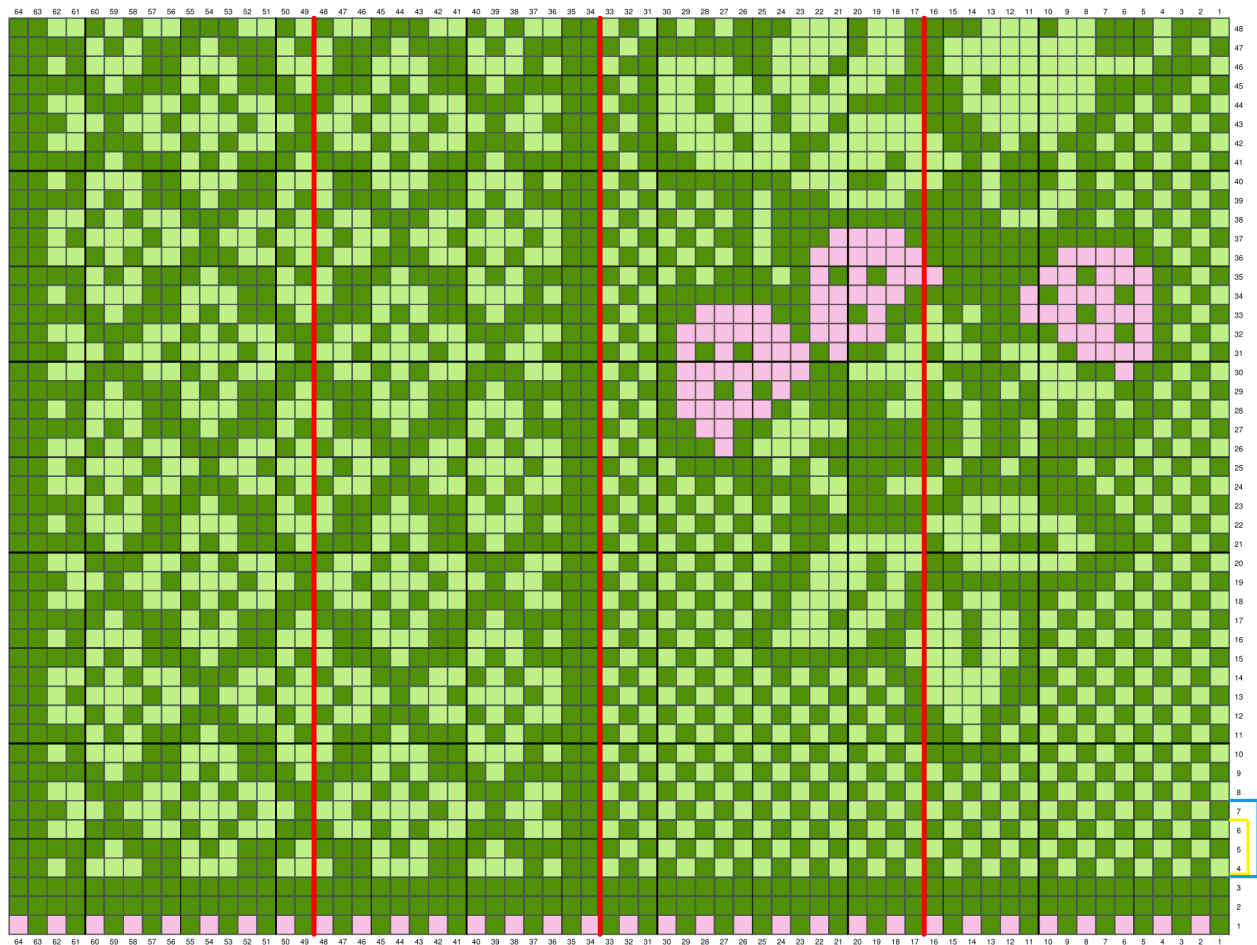
5th decrease row: *K1, k2tog*. Repeat * to * until the end of the row. K 1 row.

6th decrease row: *K2tog*. Repeat * to * until the end of the row.

You now have 9 sts remaining. Cut the yarn, pull through the stitches, and pull tight. Weave in ends and steam press the socks lightly.

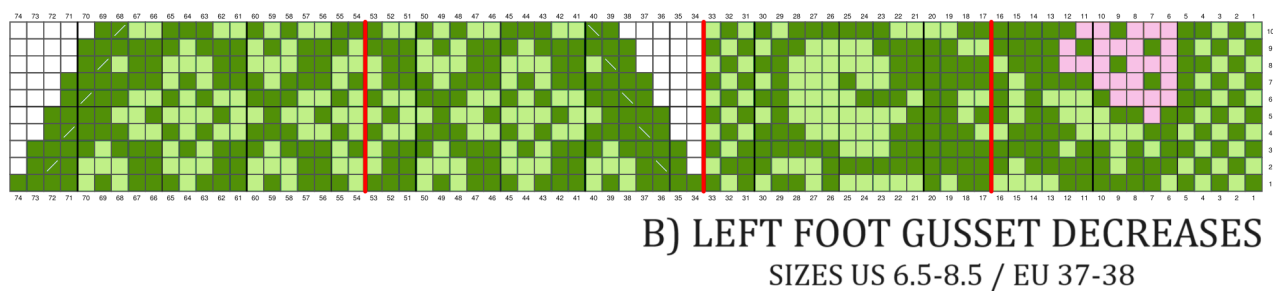
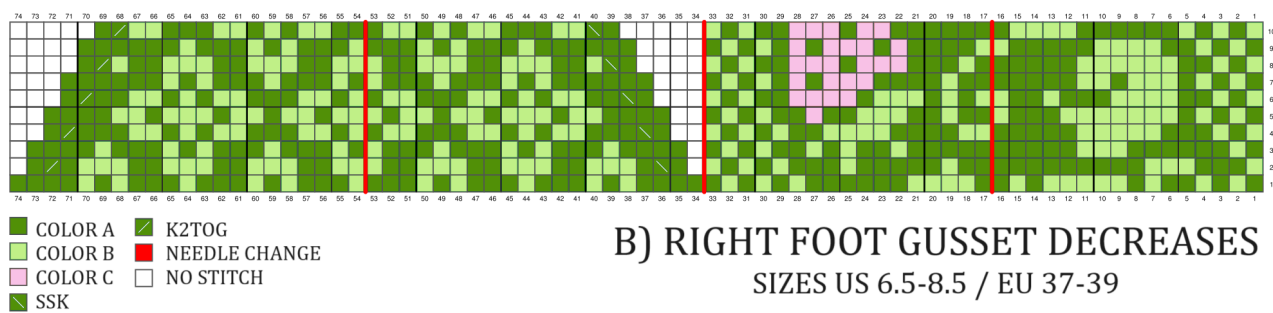
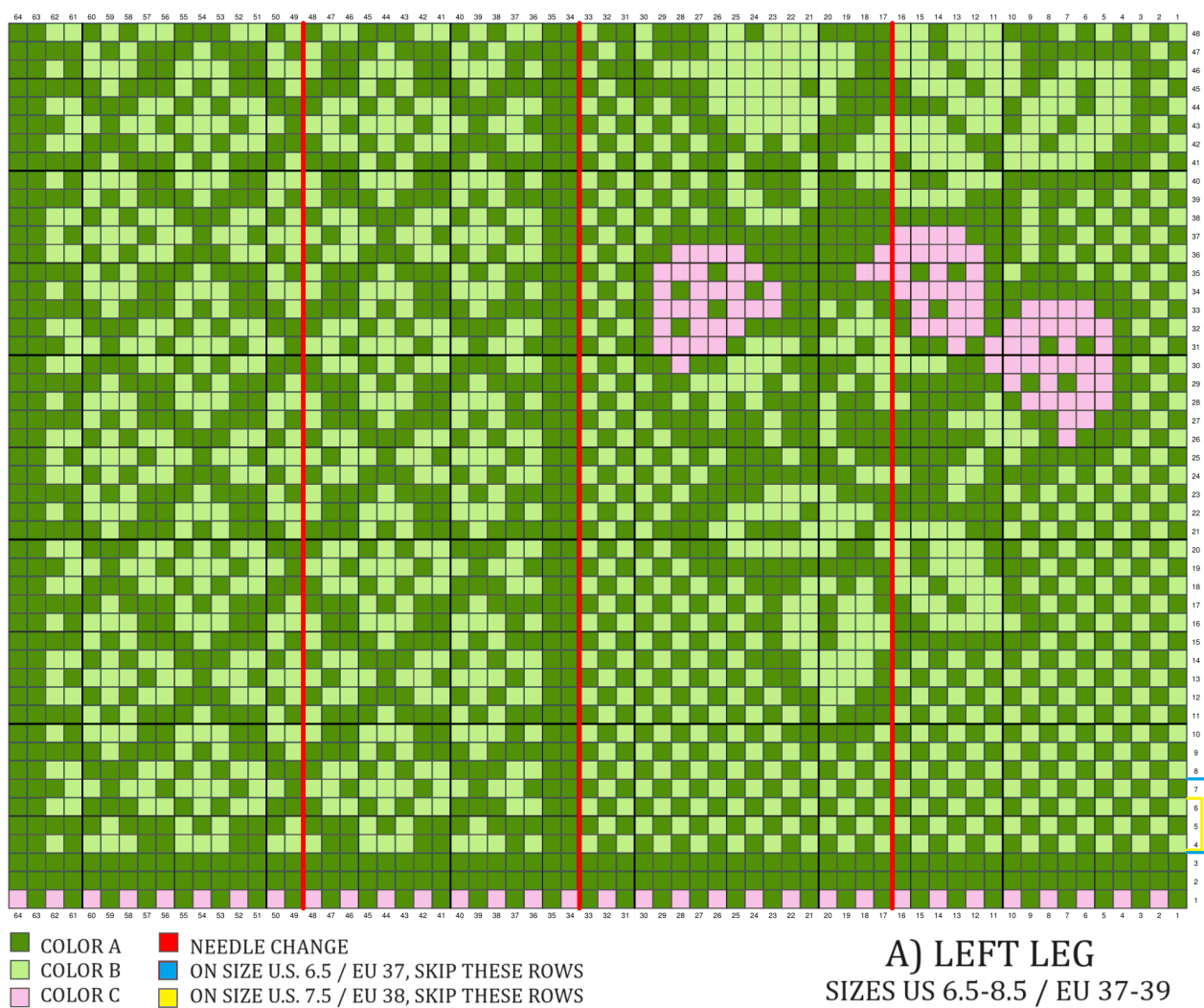


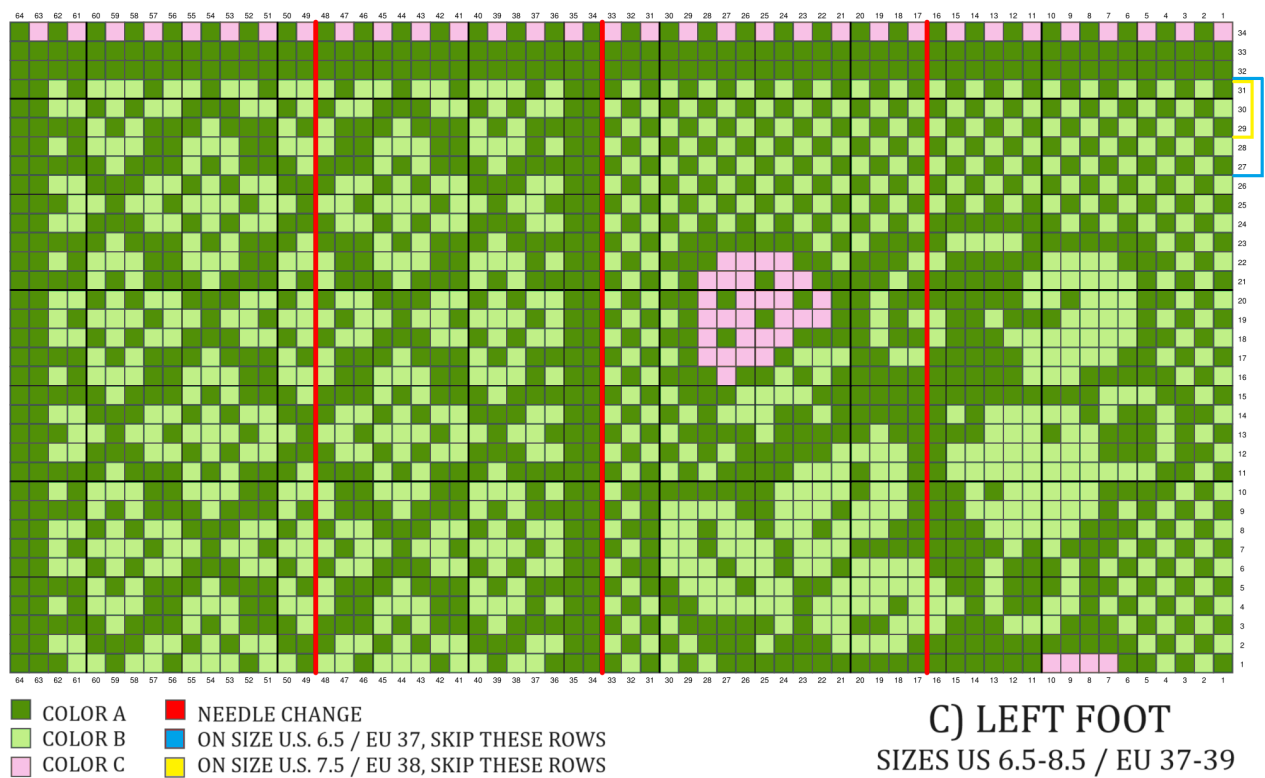
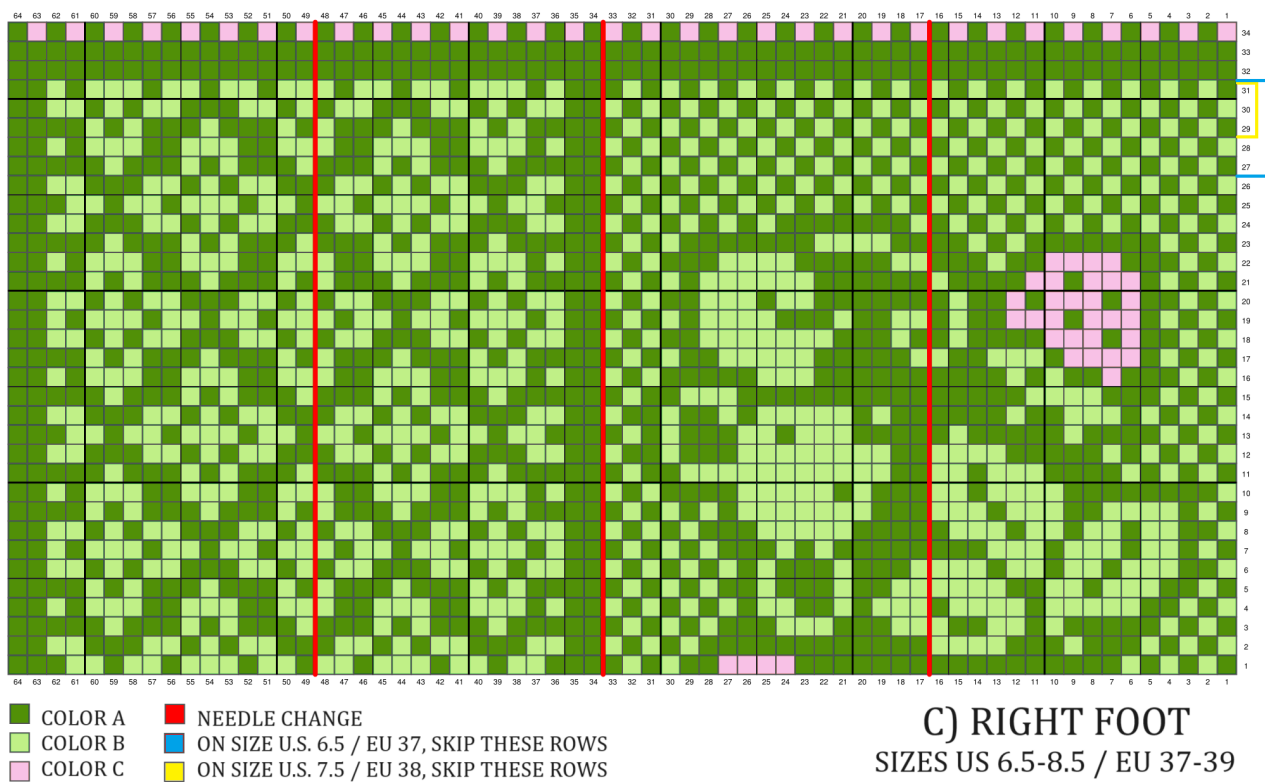
CHARTS IN UPRIGHT POSITION:



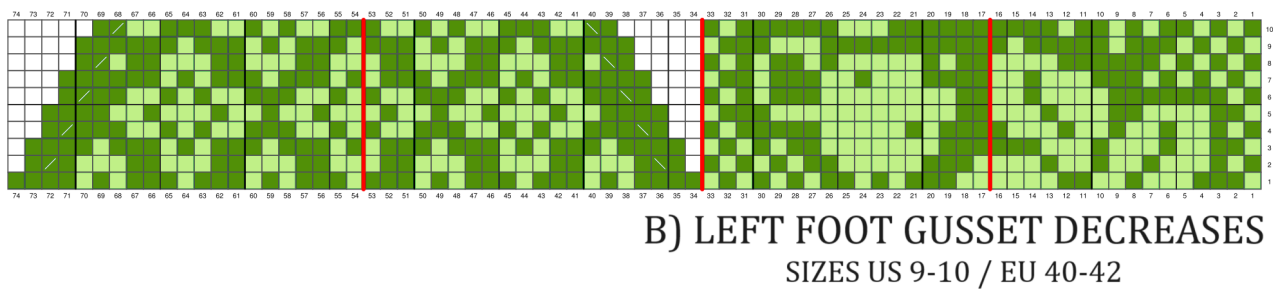
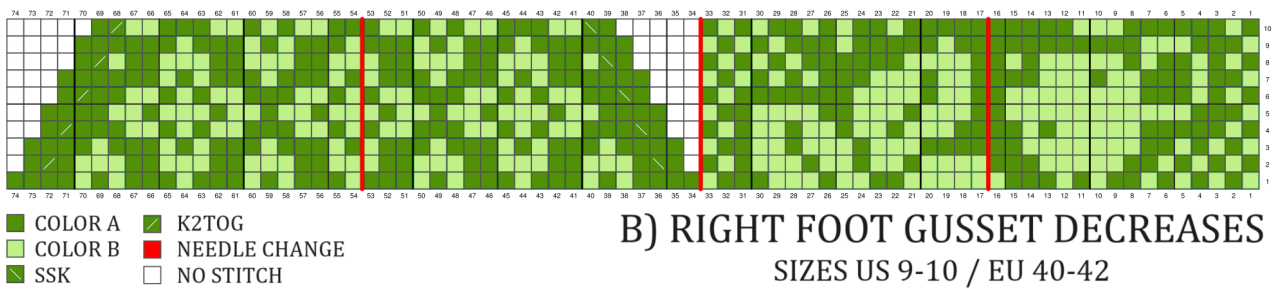
COLOR A
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 NEEDLE CHANGE
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 ON SIZE U.S. 7.5 / EU 38, SKIP THESE ROWS

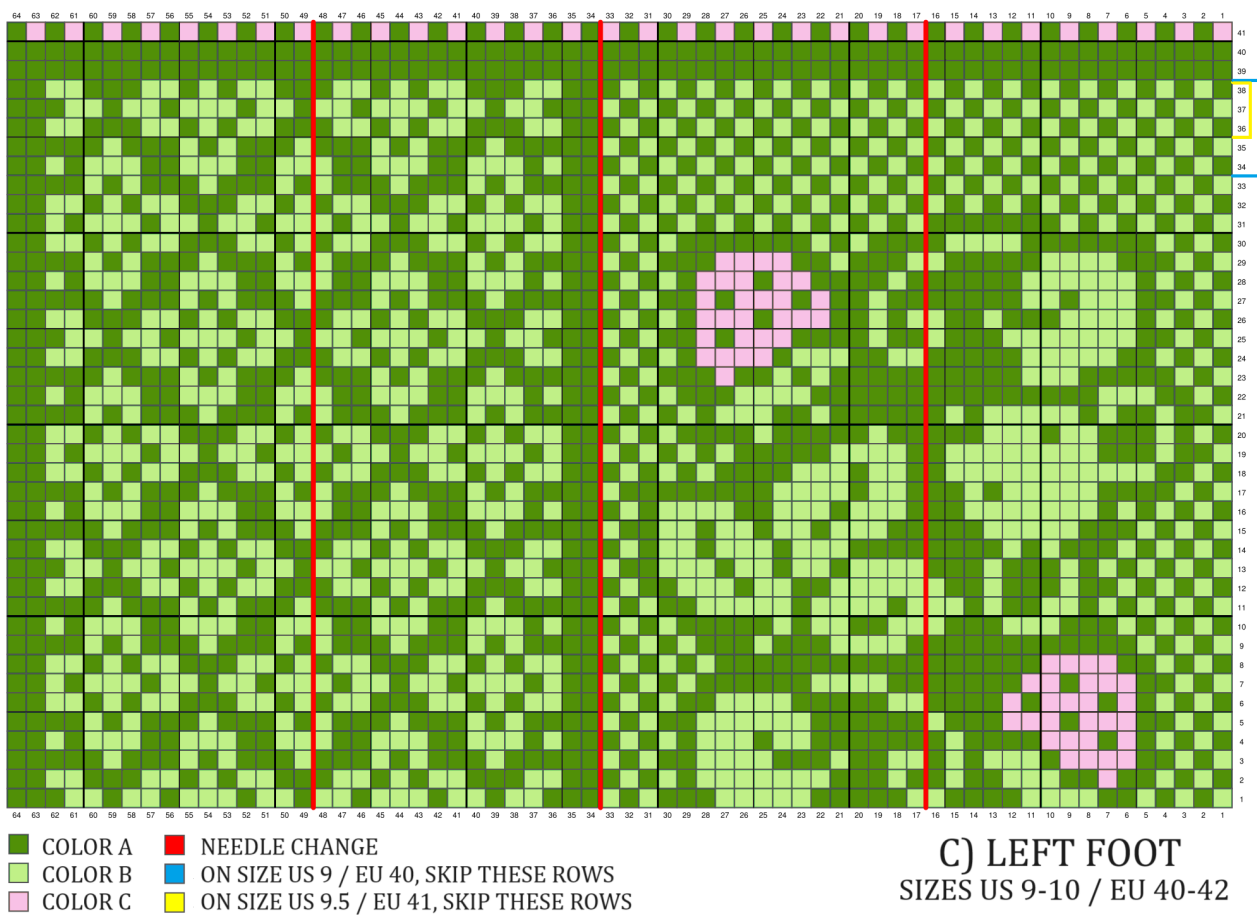
A) RIGHT LEG
 SIZES US 6.5-8.5 / EU 37-39



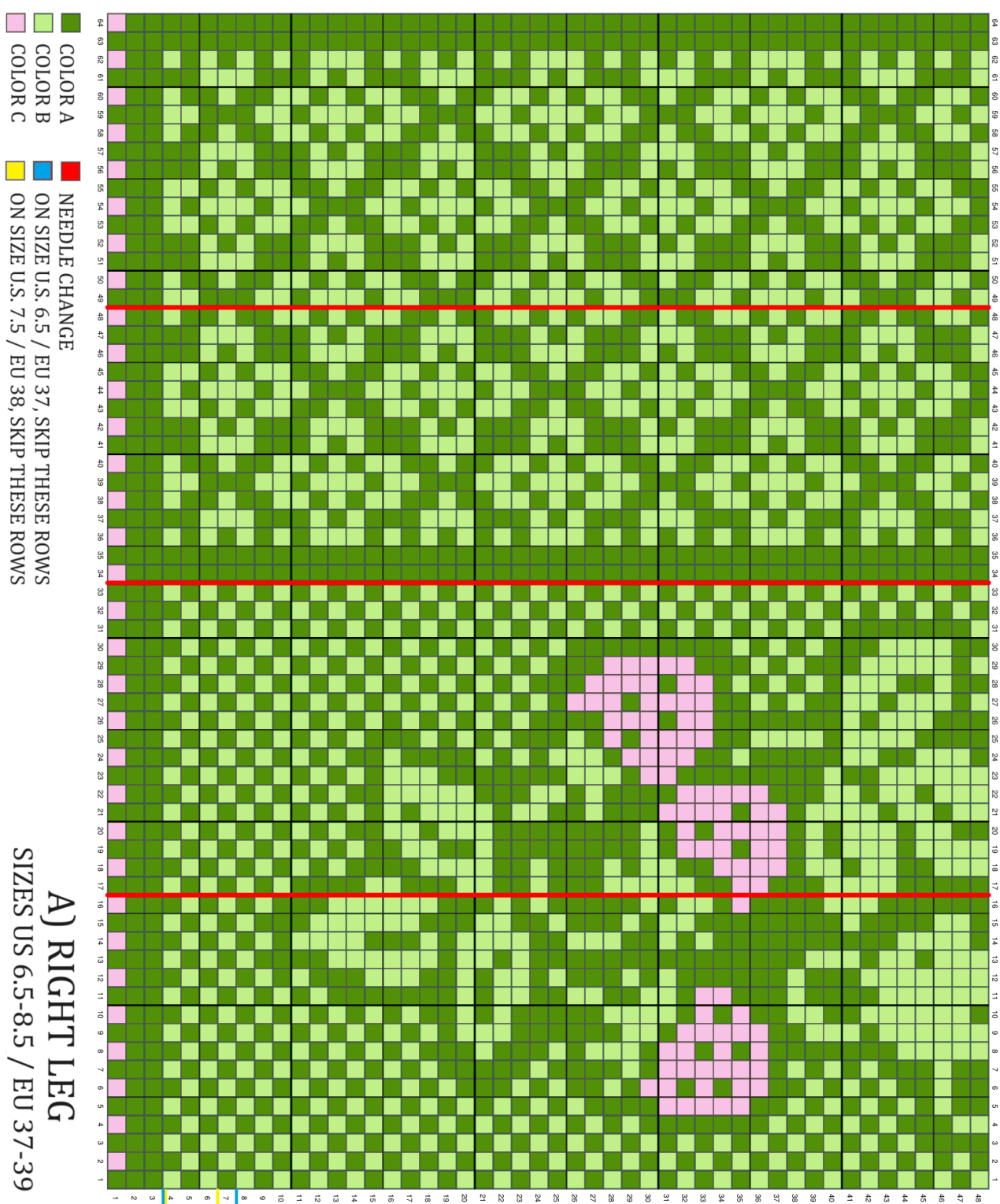


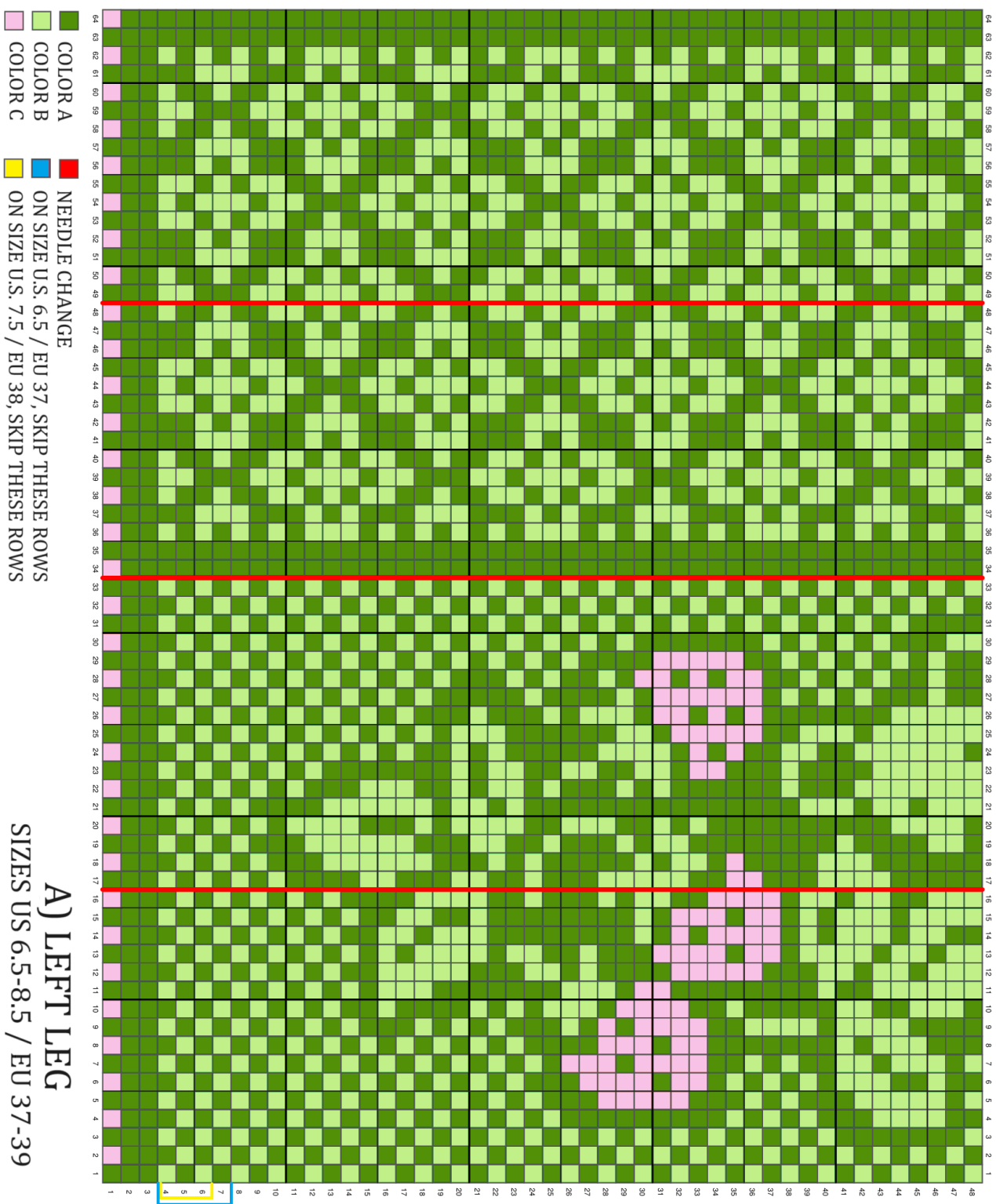


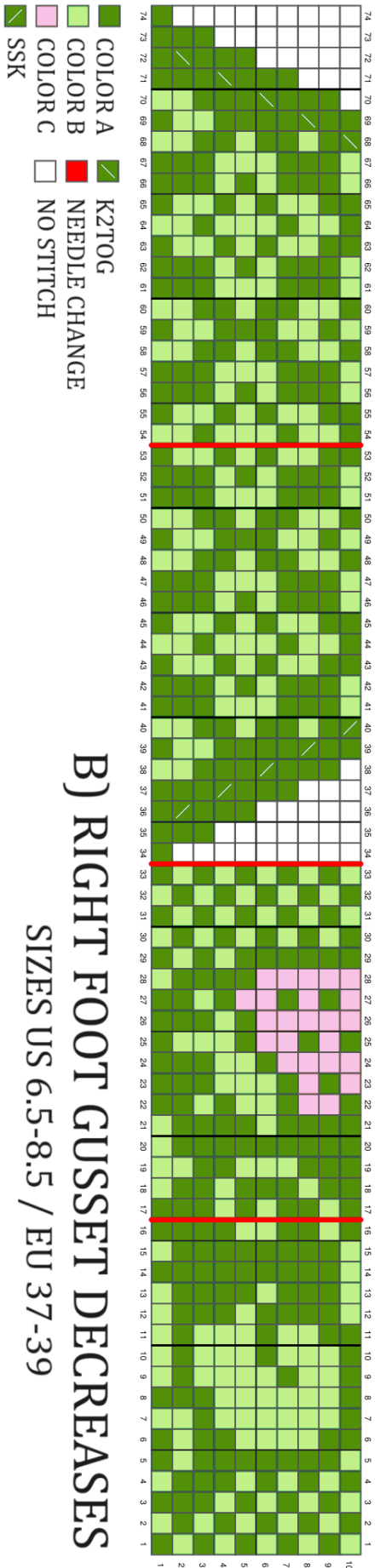




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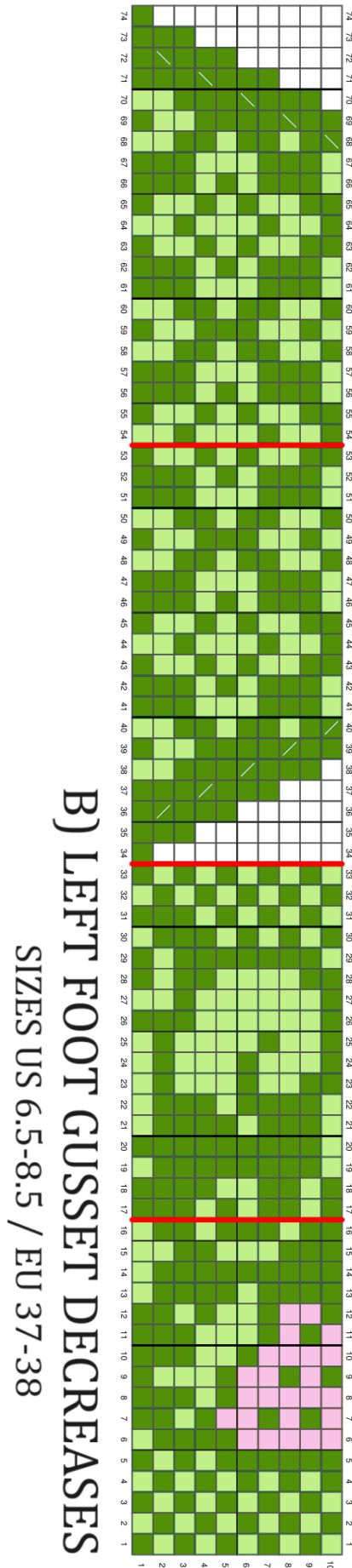






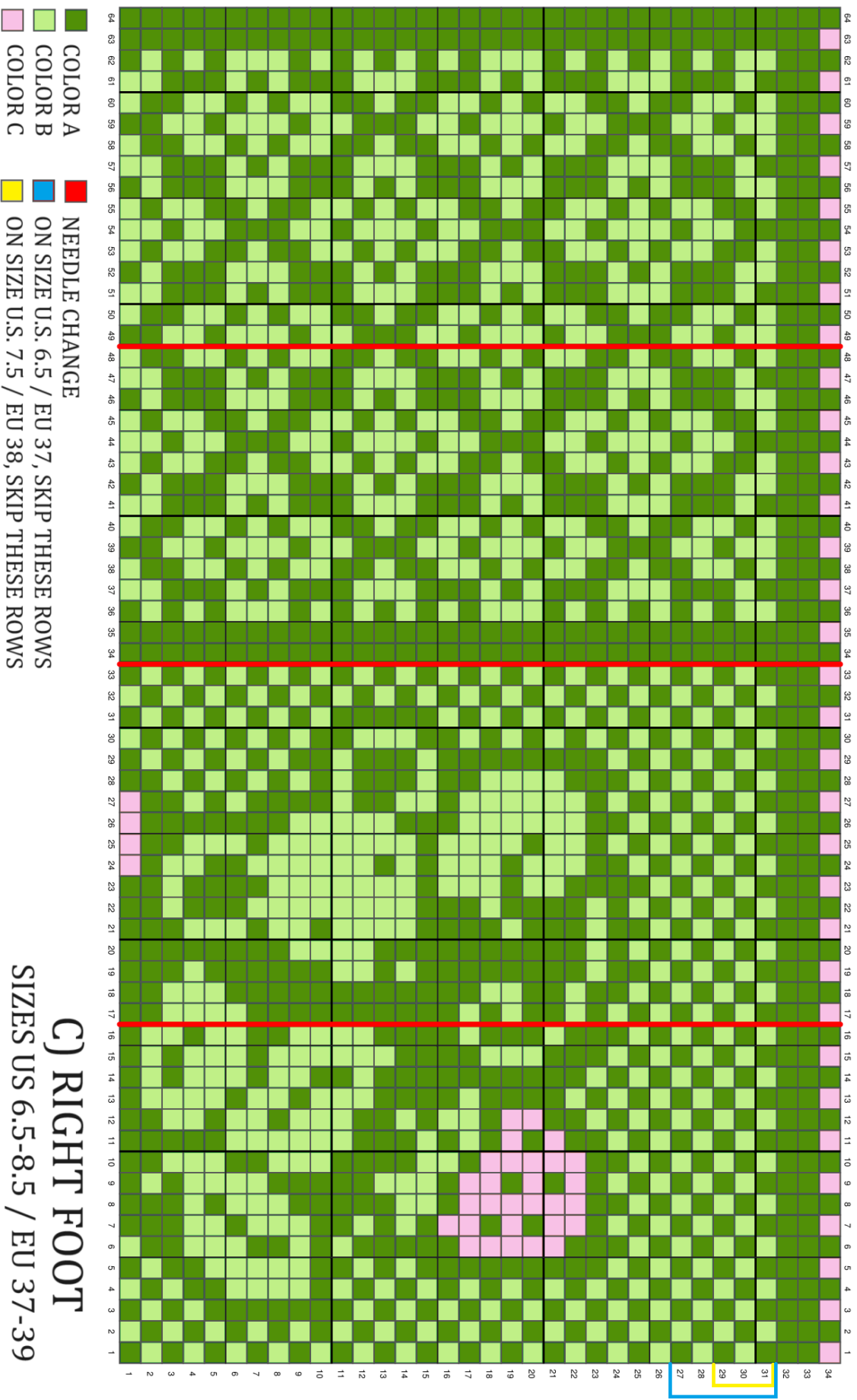
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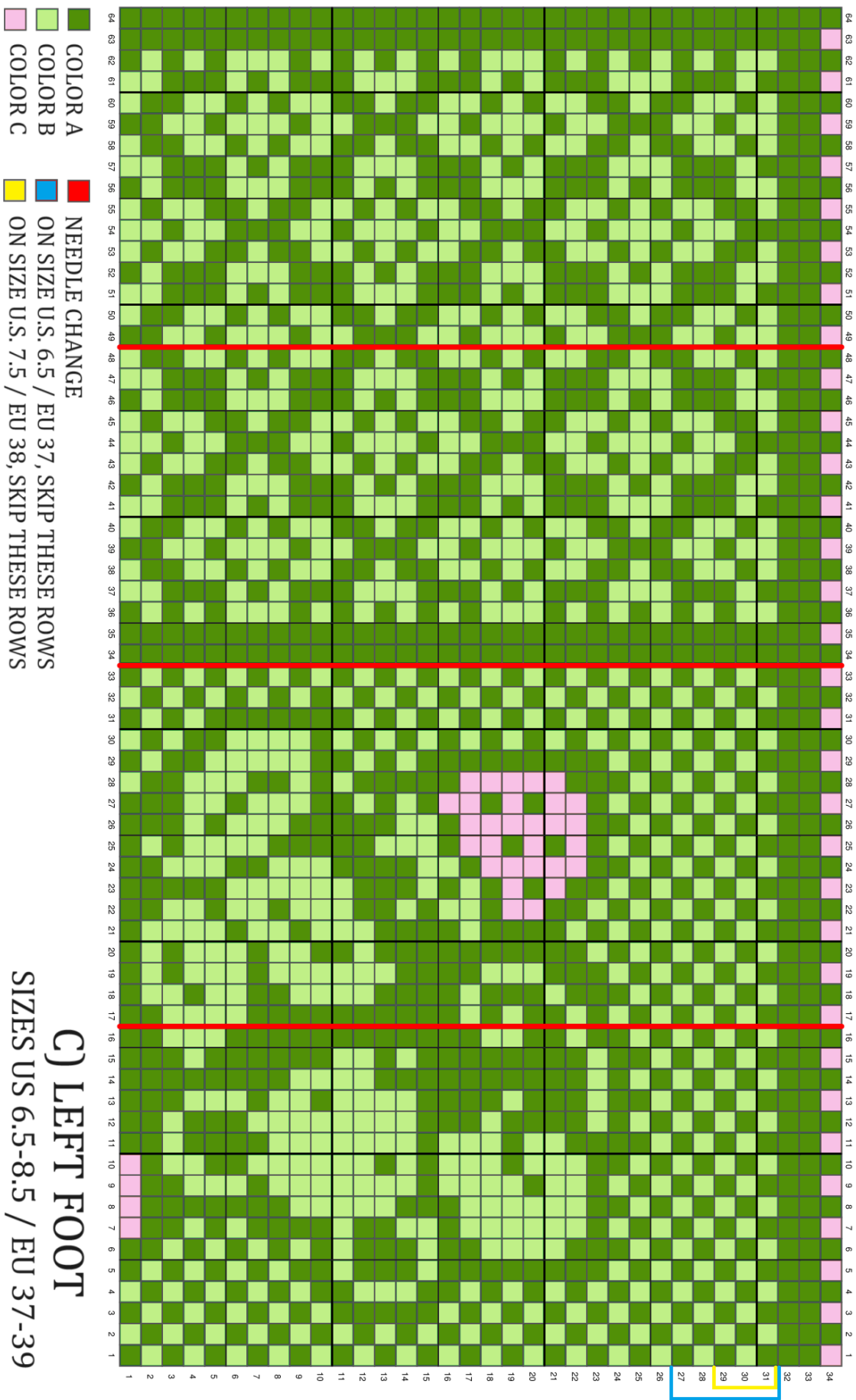
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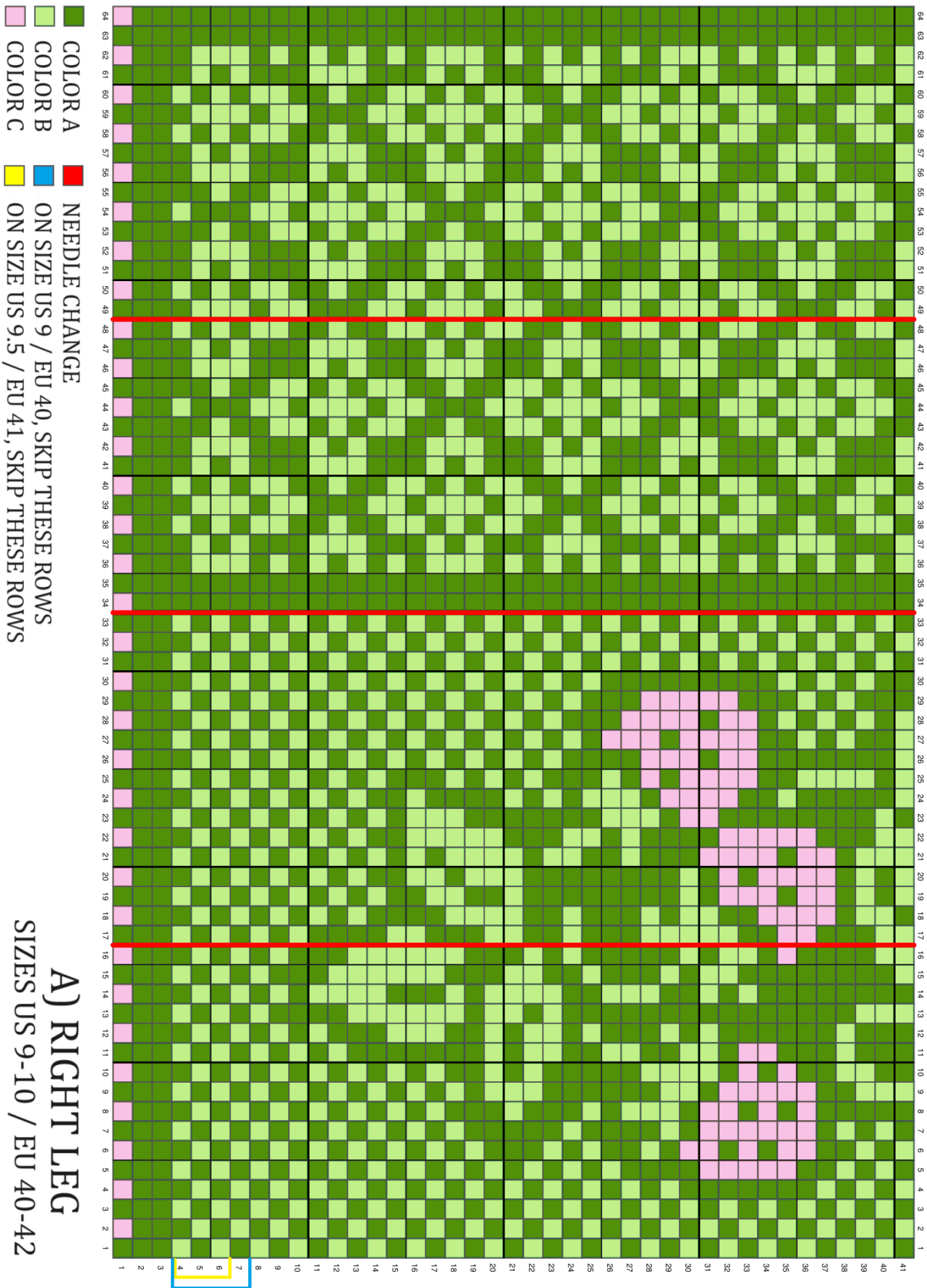


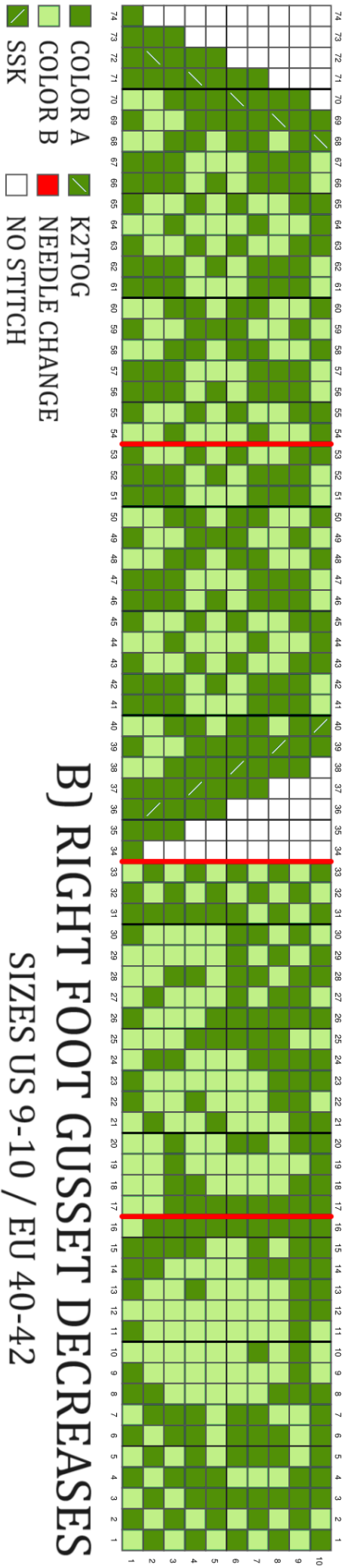
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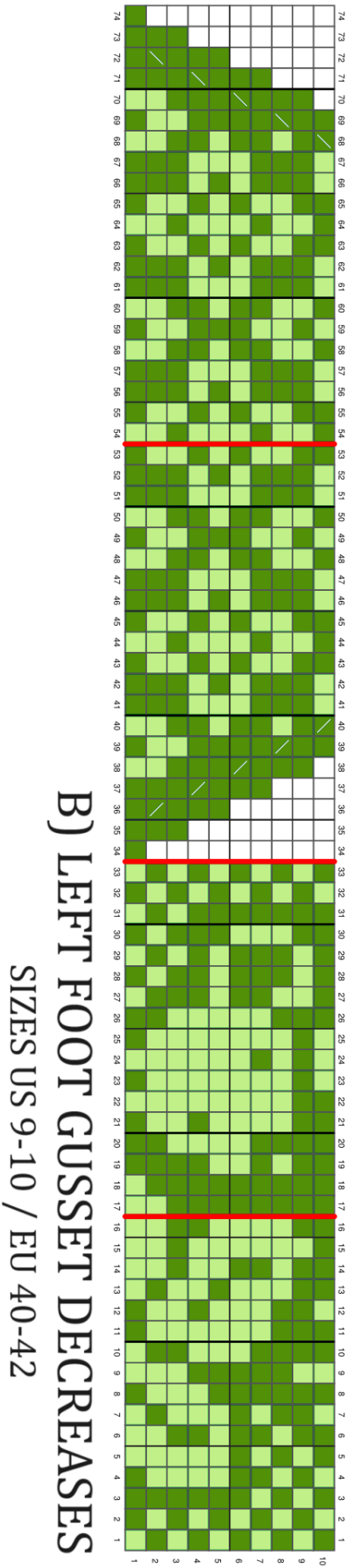






B) RIGHT FOOT GUSSET DECREASES

SIZES US 9-10 / EU 40-42



B) LEFT FOOT GUSSET DECREASES

SIZES US 9-10 / EU 40-42

