



## #socks\_neko by @floralwool

Cozy socks with cats, knitted from cuff to toe.

### **Yarn**

- sock wool, 4 ply, fingering weight, 400-420m in 100gr (437-459 yards in 100gr) of 2 solid contrasting colours. Depending on the size you knit, you will need 25-45gr of CC and 40-70gr of MC.

### **Needles and accessories**

- one set of double pointed needles 2.5-2.75mm (depending on your gauge and preferences)

- a tapestry needle to graft the toe (or you can use any other preferred method to finish the toe)
- scissors
- stitch markers

## Gauge

1 repeat of the pattern panel 31st. Approx. 11cm

## Sizes

62 stitches – socks for a teenager or a slim built adult, depending on your gauge and yarn, sizes EU35-37 (8.5-9.1 inches)

66 stitches – socks for an adult, depending on your yarn and gauge sizes EU 38-39 (9.2-10 inches)

70 stitches - socks for an adult, depending on your yarn and gauge sizes EU 40-42 (10.1- 10.7 inches)

74 stitches - socks for an adult, depending on your yarn and gauge sizes EU 42-45 (10.58+ inches)

## Abbreviations

CC – contrast colour

C – colour

CO – cast on

DPN – double pointed needles

k – knit

k2tog – knit 2 stitches together (1stitch decreased)

MC – main colour

p – purl

PM – place a stitch marker

p2tog – purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)

RS – right side

sl – slip stitch

sm – slip the marker

slwyb – slip the stitch with yarn in back

slwyf – slip the stitch with yarn in front

ssk – slip, slip, knit the 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)

st(s) – stitch(es)

WS – wrong side

yo – yarn over

*All charts are at the end of the file, so you can print only the chart for your size.*

## Pattern Structure:

1. The front and back sections of the leg feature the Cats Main Chart.
2. After completing the heel, work the gusset according to the Sole decreases chart, while continuing the Cats (main chart) on the upper part of the sock.
3. Once all additional stitches have been decreased and the stitch count returns to the initial number, continue the Cats (main chart) on the upper section. On the sole, work one full repeat of the Fishbone chart.

4. After completing the Fishbone chart, proceed with the Cats (main chart) for the upper section and the Sole chart for the sole. Continue in this manner until the sock reaches the desired length.

#### *Pattern Notes:*

*The main pattern repeat consists of 25 lines.*

*For a visually balanced leg section, it is recommended to knit at least 1.5 repeats (lines 1-14) though 2 full repeats provide the best result and create a slightly longer leg than usual.*

*If you find that the top part feels too tight or narrow, use the Cats Front and Cats Back charts at the beginning of the first repeat. These charts include additional stitches to increase the upper width. Once the extra stitches are decreased, continue knitting from the round where you left off according to the Cats chart.*

## **Cuff and leg**

*If you knit 1.5 repeats or the top part won't be too tight or narrow:*

With MC cast on 62 (66) 70 (74) sts, join to work in the round. Place a marker to mark the beginning of the round. Knit the rib \*k1, p1\* 10-14 rounds (you can knit the rib as many rounds as you like). Knit 1 round with MC.

Continue knitting lines 1-25 of the Cats (main chart). Repeat the chart twice (back and front of the sock have the same pattern) Make 1.5 (0.5 repeat= lines 1-14 of the chart Cats) or 2 full repeats of the chart Cats.

*If you knit 2 full repeats and you want to make the top part slightly wider:*

With MC cast on 66 (70) 74 (78) sts, join to work in the round. Place a marker to mark the beginning of the round. Knit the rib \*k1, p1\* 10-14 rounds (you can knit the rib as many rounds as you like). Knit 1 round with MC.

Continue knitting lines 1-10 of charts Cats Front (for the front part of your sock) and Cats Back (for the back part of your sock). You will have 62 (66) 70 (74) sts left.



Move to the chart Cats, knit lines 11-25 once, then knit pattern repeat lines 1-25 once again.

Move to the heel flap and heel turn. Don't cut CC here.

## Heel flap

Continue with MC. Heel flap is worked flat across the second half of your stitches (back side of your sock, only needles 3 and 4)

Heel flap has lines of slipped k sts, their purpose is to make the flap more textured.

So, turn your work as you are going to knit WS of your sock slip the first stitch with the yarn in the back of your work and p all other sts on your needles 3 and 4 (second repeat of the chart).

This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> row.

Continue knitting 28 (30) 32 (32) rows MORE according to the chart for your size ( RS rows are k with slipped sts and WS rows - p all sts, slipped sts also purl). The last row will be WS.

*Note! You can make a heel of your choice (for example short row heel) the type of the heel doesn't affect the pattern. If you are going to make a heel without gusset and extra picked sts, skip the part Gusset decreases and just knit the sole according to the chart Fishbone and Stars for your size.*

V – swyb

- knit

• - purl

62sts

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
2	V	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1
	•	V		V		V		V		V		V		V		V		V		V		V		V		V		V		1

66sts

33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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70sts

35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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74sts

37	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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## **Heel turn**

Start working on the right side.

Row1: slwyb, knit17 (18) 20 (21), ssk, k1, turn to the wrong side

Row2: slwyf, p 6 (6) 8 (8), p2tog, p1, turn to the right side

Row 3: slwyb, k 7 (7) 9 (9), ssk, k1, turn to the wrong side

Row 4: slwyf, p 8 (8) 10 (10), p2tog, p1, turn to the right side,

Continue this way (increasing the central part +1 stitch in every row and decreasing sts on sides), till you have worked all stitches. You may have not enough sts to knit or purl 1 after decrease in the end, but it's ok, it should be like this.

Knit 1 row on the stitches that are left. You will have an odd number of sts 19 (19) 21 (23)sts

Your heel is finished!

## **Gusset**

Pick up and knit with MC as many stitches as you need along the side of the heel flap. You will need to pick 16-19sts, just make sure that you have enough sts to close the gap. These stitches will be located on the needle 4.

Knit across the sts that were left for the upper part, needles 1 and 2. Cut and secure CC here. Continue with MC. Pick up and knit along the side of the heel flap as many sts as you picked up along the other side. Knit 10 (10) 11 (12) of the sts that are left from the heel turn. These sts will be located on the needle 3.

The other half of the sts left from the heel turn 9 (9) 10 (11)sts will be on the needles 4.

Knit the other half of the sts left from the heel turn and knit already lifted sts. Now your MC is in the beginning of the round.

Attach CC here.

We DON`T CHANGE the place of the beginning of the round, needle numbers are the same!

Now place M1 and M2 in the following way (see pics below)

## Needle 3

These sts  
will be  
decreased

M

Leave 14  
(15) 16 (17)  
sts here



## Needle 4

Leave 14  
(15) 16 (17)  
sts here

M

These sts  
will be  
decreased



## Gusset decreases

Note before you start (short outline):

The sequence of stripes may vary depending on the number of stitches picked up.

*Work gusset decreases (Sole decreases chart) until 3 stitches remain between the markers — this is essential for shaping.*

*Continue repeating the 5-line side pattern throughout the decreases.*

*When 3 stitches remain between the markers, complete the current 5-line pattern repeat, then proceed to the Fishbone section.*

**Set up round:**

- join your CC and knit according to the next line of the chart.

- Then knit till the marker on your needle 3 according to the chart Sole (decreases).
- Slip the marker, knit sts between red arrows starting with MC ( \*1 st with MC, 1 st with CC\*, the last one will be with MC because there is an odd number of sts).
- Slip the marker on the needle 4, continue knitting according to the Sole (decreases) chart.

You will have “stripes” in the center of your sole and pattern on the right and left sides. Eventually stripes will be decreased, only 3sts will be left between markers.

Decreases will be started at the next round.

Rnd 1:

needles 1 and 2: according to the chart  
Cats

needles 3 and 4: according to the chart  
Sole (decreases) till the marker, slip the marker, ssk with MC, continue knitting stripes sts with already set colors till 2 sts left before the next marker, k2tog with MC, slip the marker, knit the Sole (decreases) chart till the end.

So the stripes will be decreased with MC, regardless the color of the next st.



Round 2:

Knit without decreasing sts, Cats according to the chart, stripes – with the colours they are and Sole – according to the chart.

Repeat these 2 rnds until you have the initial number of sts left on your needles or basically you will have sts shown on your Sole chart. Complete the last pattern repeat.

## **Foot**

Once you decreased all extra sts, remove markers. Keep knitting the upper part of your sock (needles 1-2) – according to the chart Cats and needles 3-4 (sole) – continue with the chart Fishbone. Repeat lines 1-20 of the chart Fishbone once.

Continue knitting the upper part according to the chart Cats and sole part continue according to the chart Sole (without decreases), knit until the sock reaches the nail on your fifth (the smallest) toe.

For the size EU 39-40 (white-orange pair) I made after the heel 2 repeats of the chart Cats and 2 rounds with MC (52rounds).

For the size EU 37-38 (beige background, colourful cats, this pair has 1.5 pattern repeat before the heel) I knitted 11 rounds to complete the repeat started on the leg, 1 full repeat and 8 rounds of the next repeat, 1 round with MC (45 rounds).

But the best way will be of course to try and see how the sock fits and you might need a few rnds more.

Finish the foot by knitting the 6<sup>st</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> line of the Cats chart. Then cut and secure CC. Knit 1 round with MC.

If you need, you may k a few rounds with MC before start knitting the toe.

## **Toe**

K with MC:

First round (decrease sts)

- 1<sup>st</sup> needle: k1, ssk, k till the end
- 2<sup>nd</sup> needle: k till the last 3 sts, k2tog, k
- 3<sup>rd</sup> needle: k, ssk, k till the end
- 4<sup>th</sup> needle: k till the last 3 sts, k2tog, k.

Second round k, without decreasing sts.

Repeat these 2 rounds till you have half of your initial number of sts left. Then, decrease sts in every round till you have 14sts left.

Graft the last sts. Your sock is finished!

\*You can change the shape of your toe as you like.

Knit the second sock same way!

## Legend

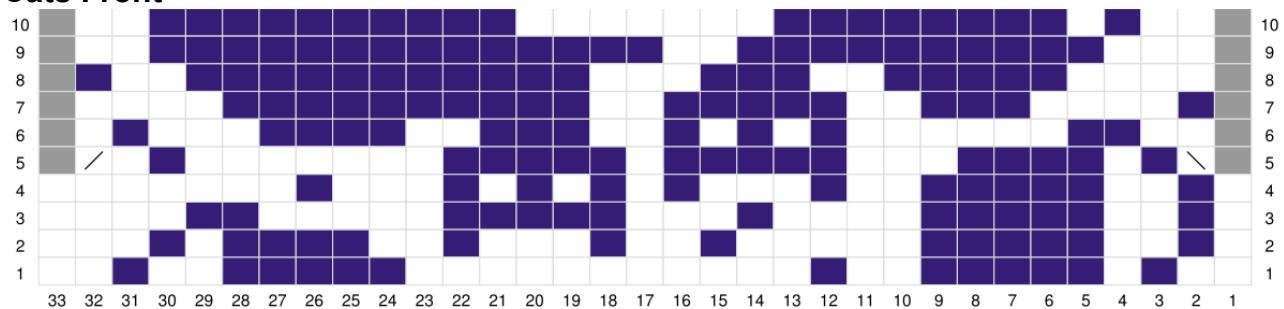
MC
CC
<b>ssk (slip, slip, knit) with CC</b>
<b>ssk with MC</b>
<b>k2tog (knit 2 together) with CC</b>
<b>k2tog with MC</b>
<b>no stitch</b>

Chart Sole (decreases) is a visual guide to show how gusset decreases are worked. It does not indicate the exact number of stitches or stripes, as these will vary depending on how many stitches you pick up along the sides of the heel flap.

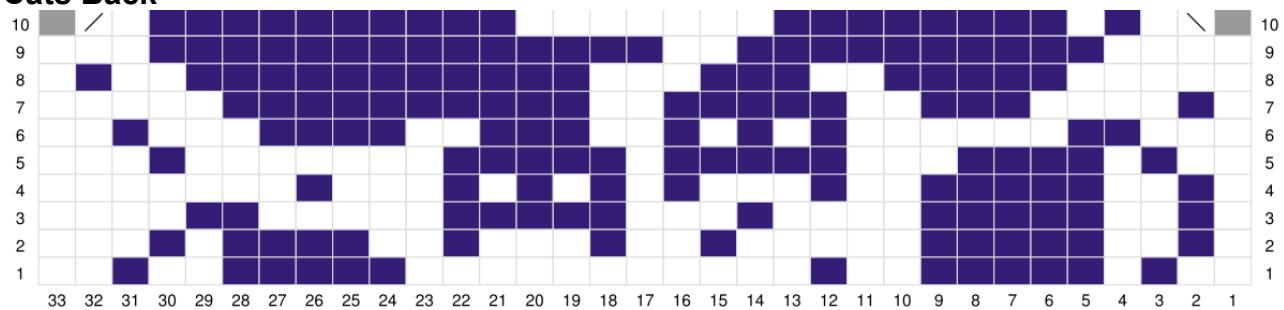
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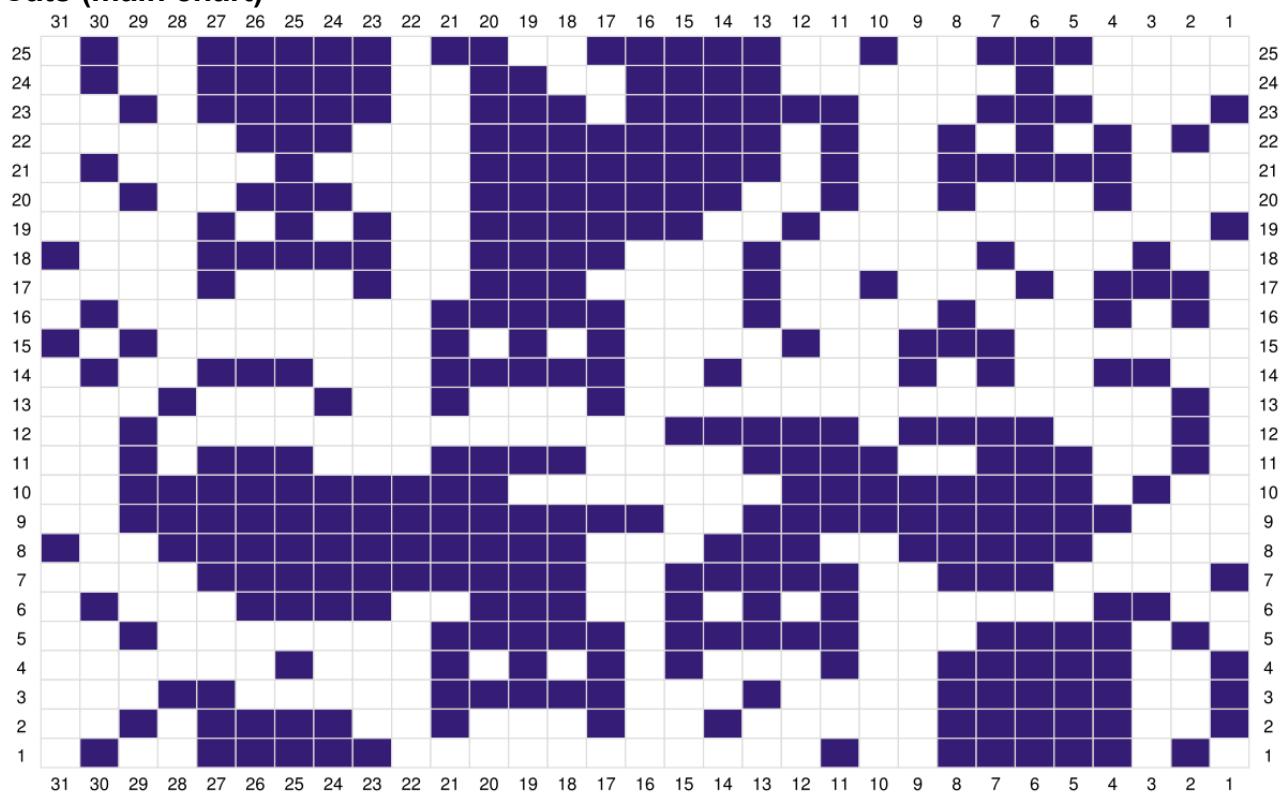
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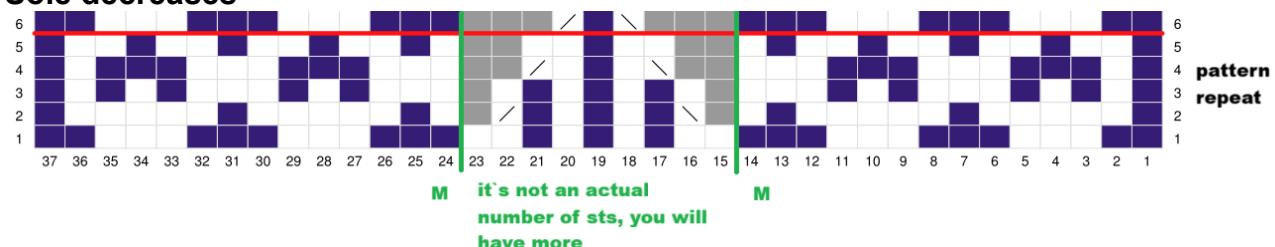
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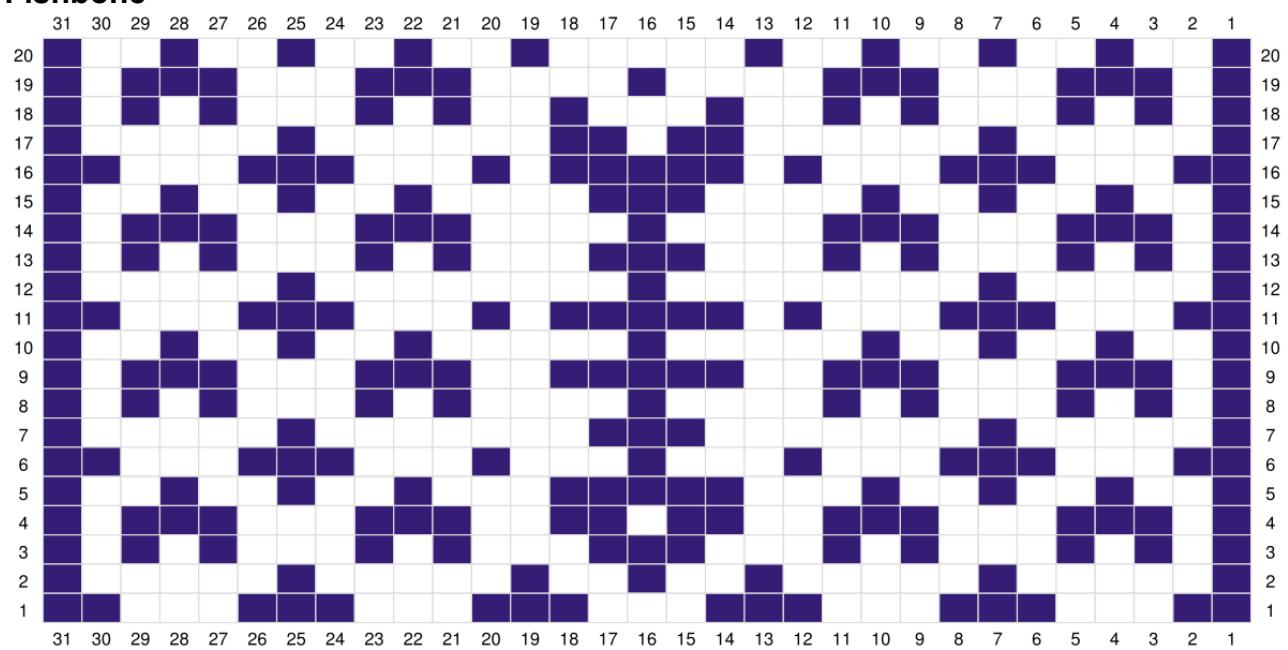
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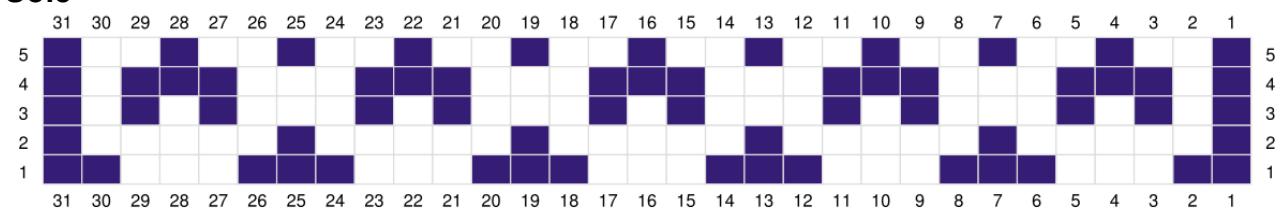
## Sole decreases



## Fishbone



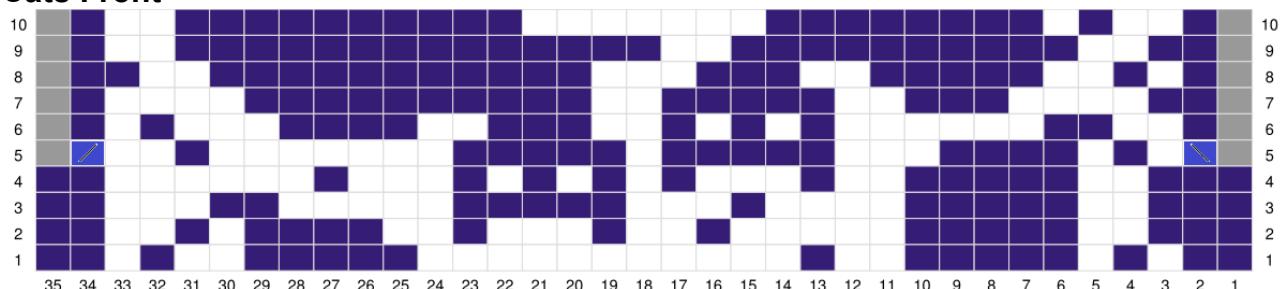
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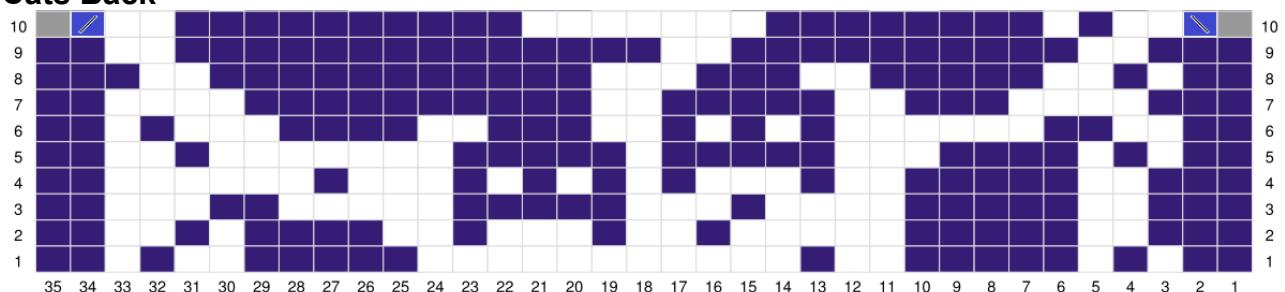
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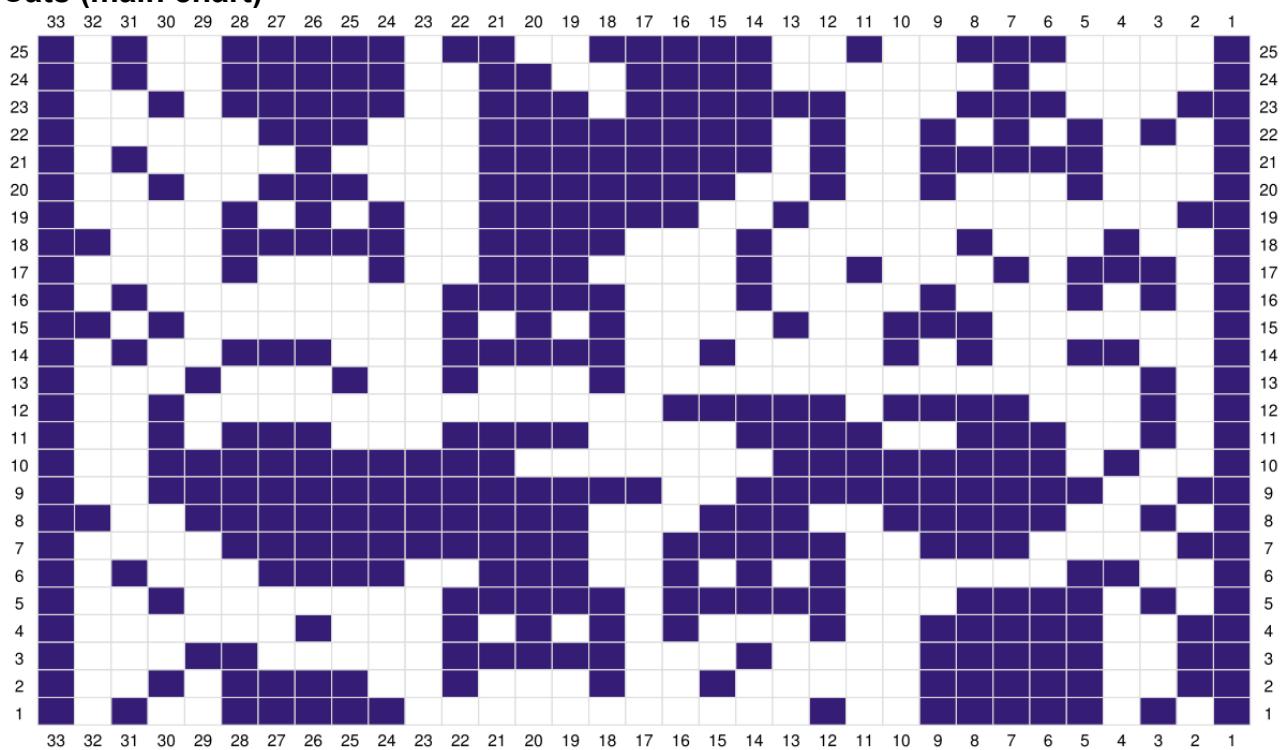
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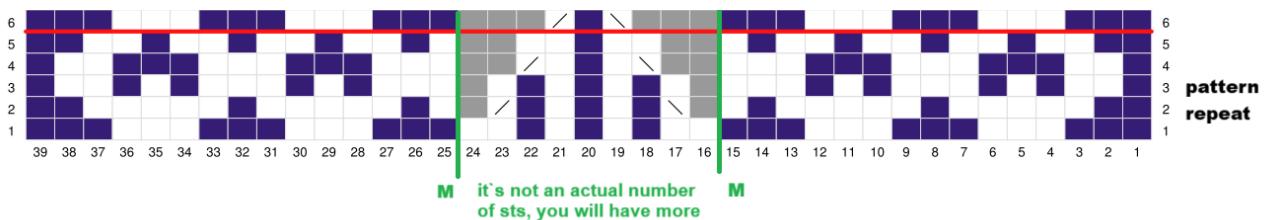
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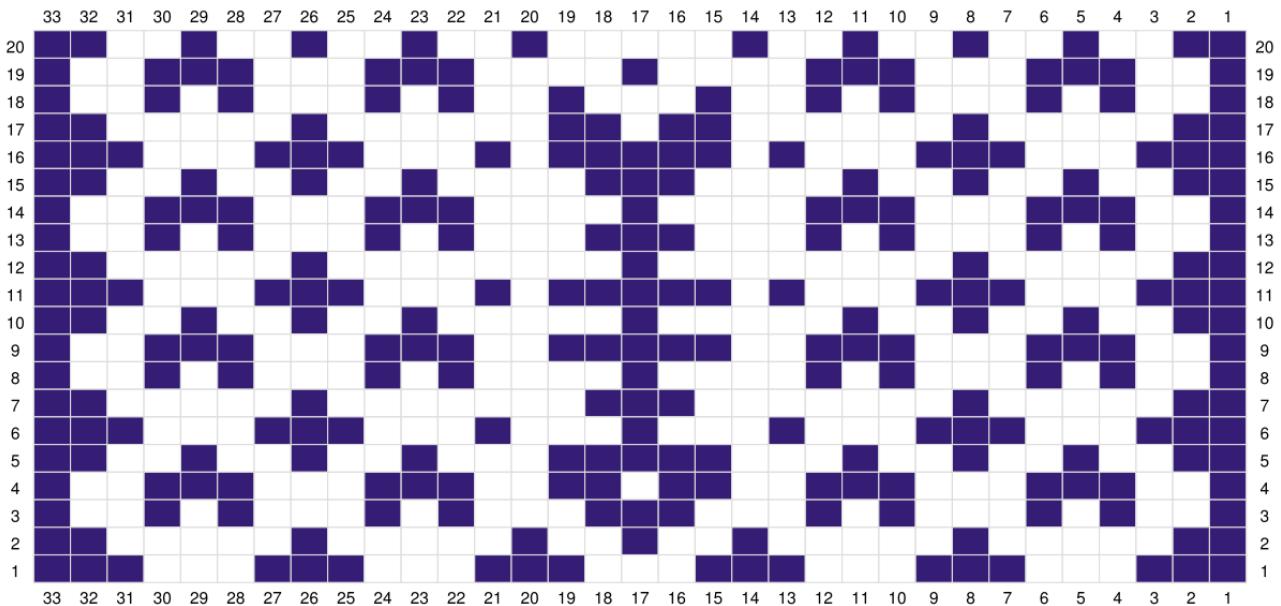
### Cats (main chart)



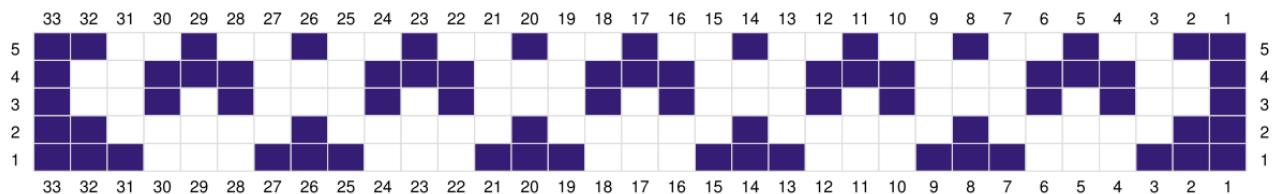
### Sole decreases



## Fishbone



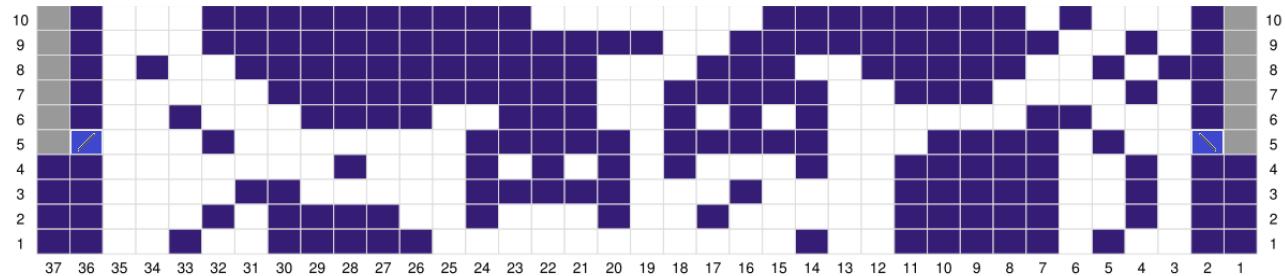
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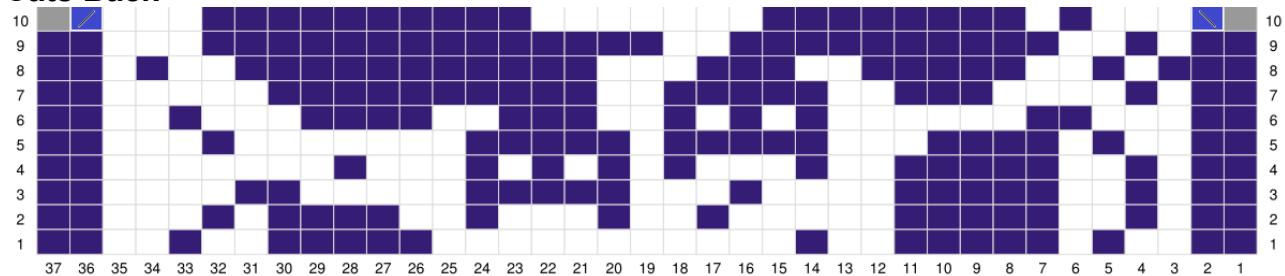
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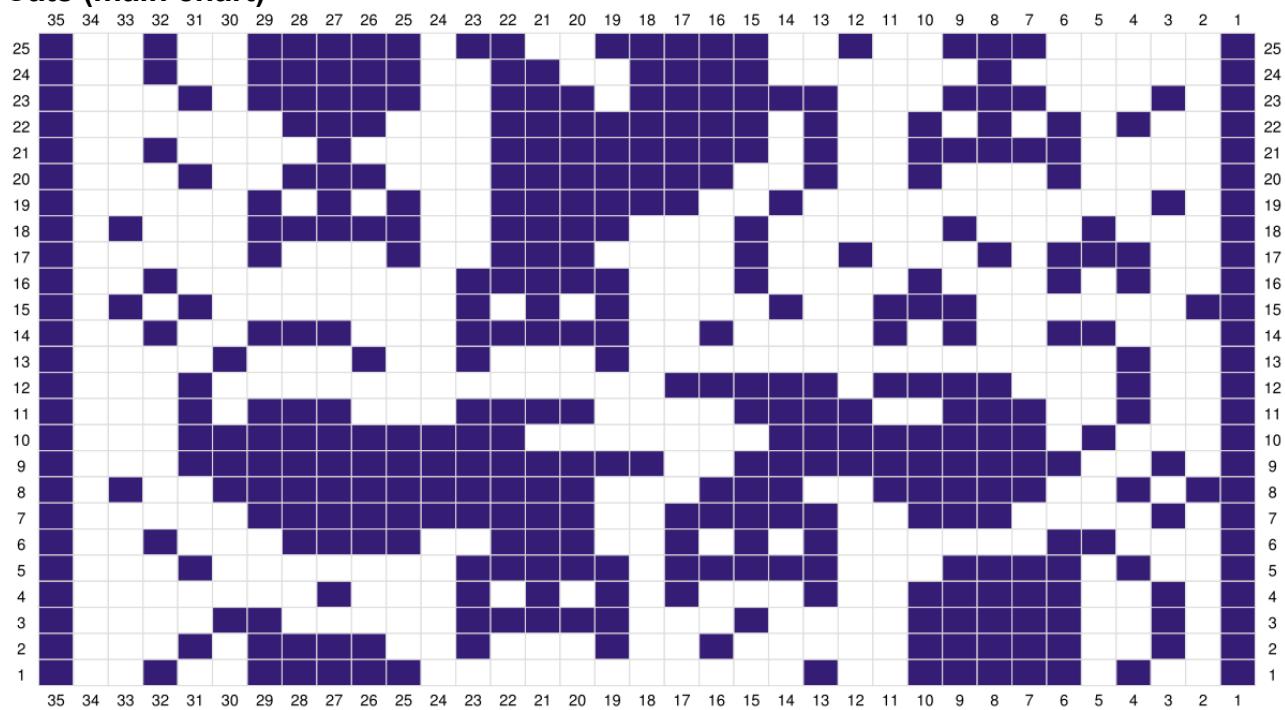
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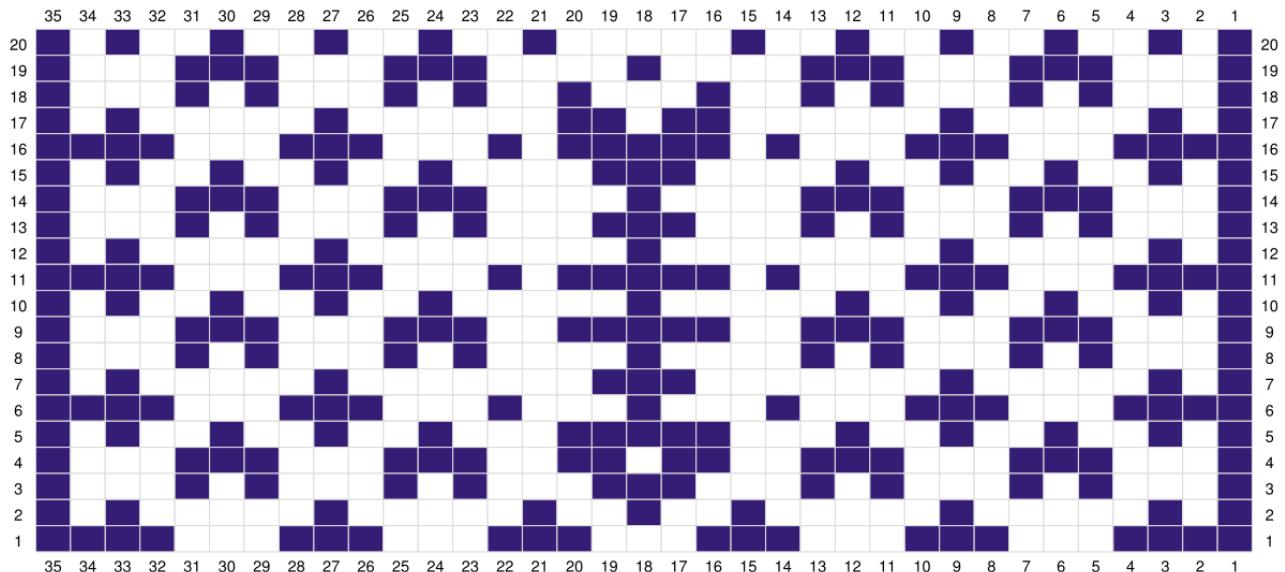
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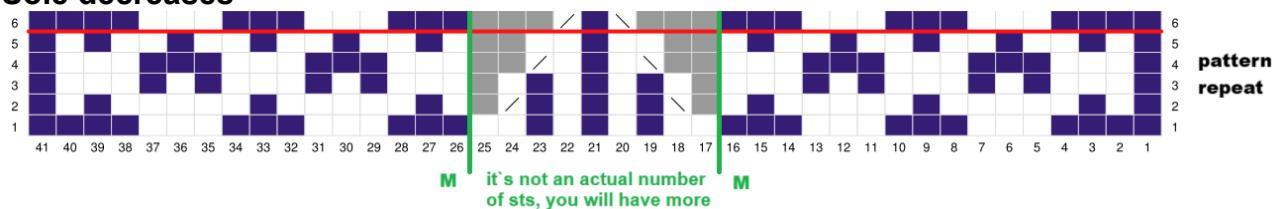
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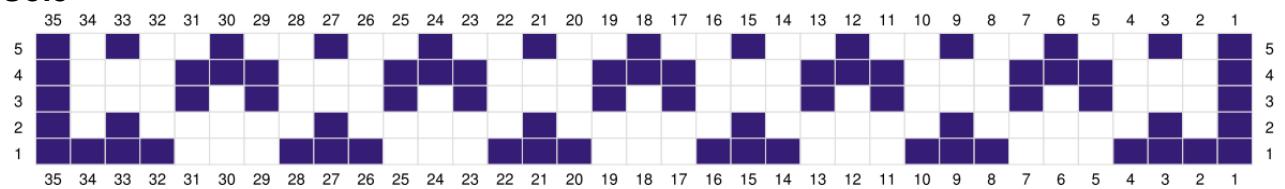
## Fishbone



## Sole decreases



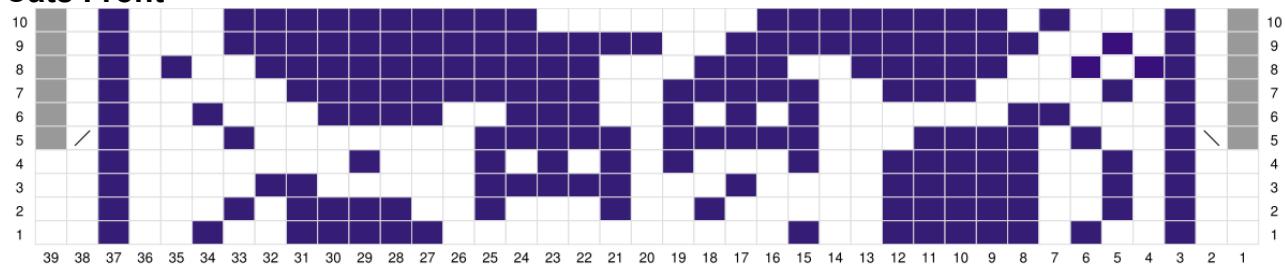
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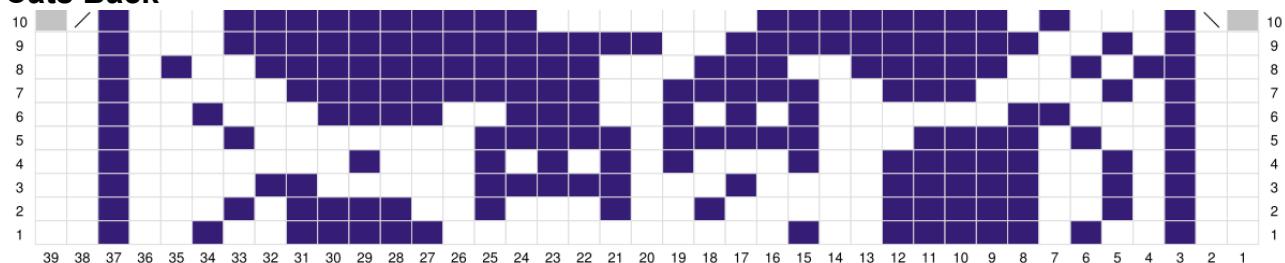
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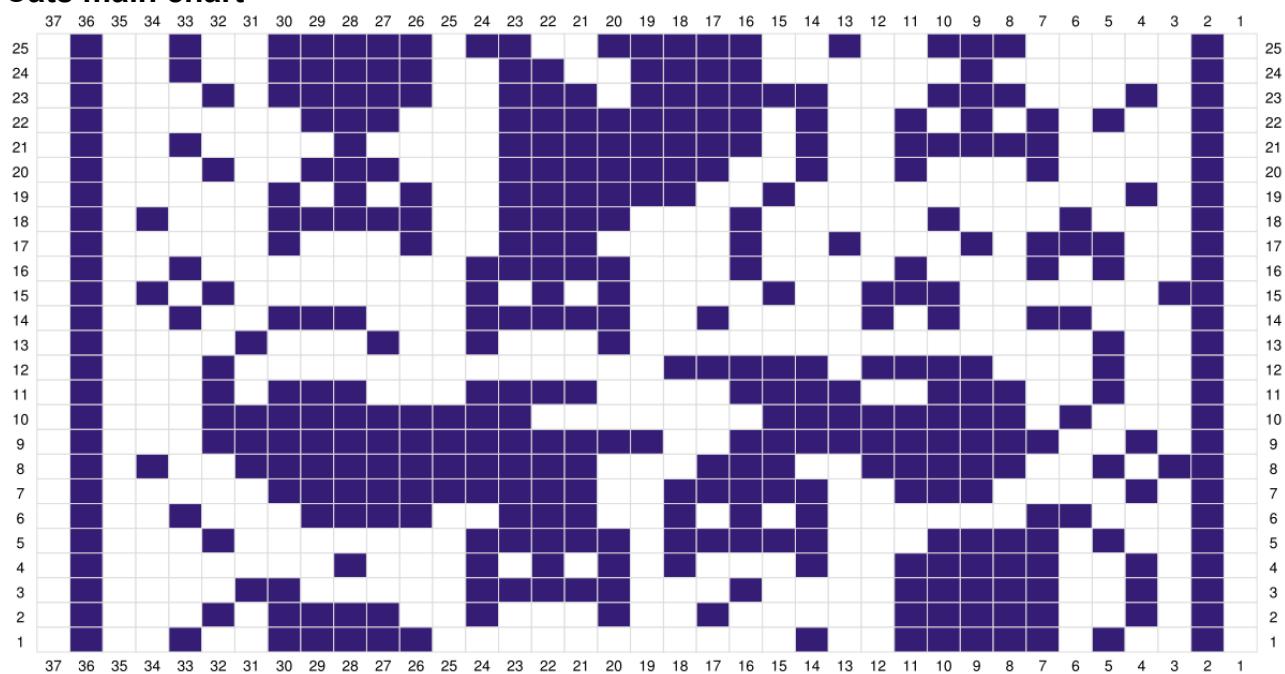
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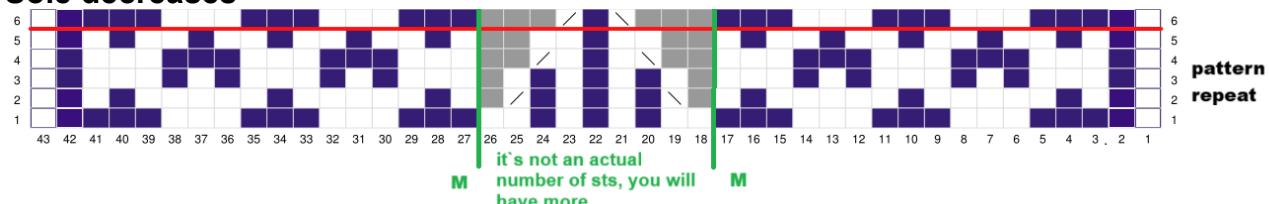
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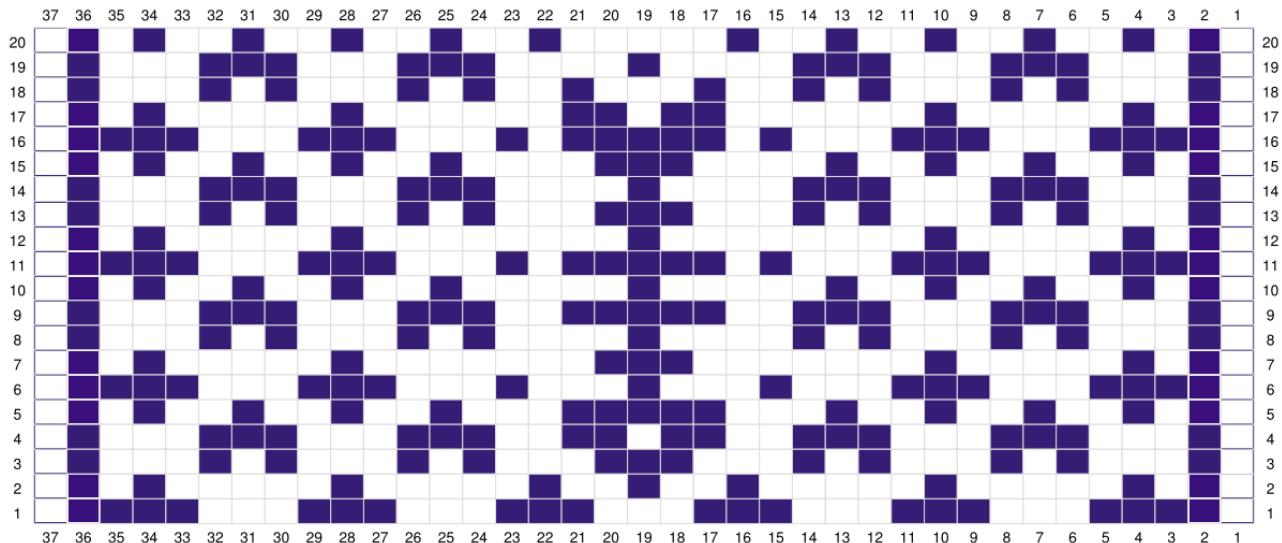
### Cats main chart



### Sole decreases



## Fishbone



## Sole

