Apiary Knits

Celtic Traveller Throw

Named for my daughter, Anna, who is the world traveller in our Irish family, Celtic Traveller features an attractive pairing of two popular cable stitch patterns nestled closely together in a half-drop style. The proximity of the patterns to one another create a composition of work that looks both intricate and visually appealing.

Level of Difficulty:

INTERMEDIATE

Knitted Measurements:

Finished, blocked Small/Baby throw measures approx 29” (73.5 cm) wide by 44” (112 cm) long. Medium throw measures approx 35.5” (90 cm) wide by 57” (145 cm) long. Large throw measures approx 41.5” (105.5 cm) wide by 70” (178 cm) long. **Large throw is pictured.**

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Yarn Requirements:

Allow approx 976 yds (893 m) - Small, 1,553 yds (1,420 m) - Medium, and 2,261 yds (2,067 m) - Large in aran weight yarn.

Sample (Large) knit using (15) 3.5 oz/100 gr (137 yds/125 m) skeins of Knit Picks Wool of the Andes Superwash Bulky (100% Superwash wool) in Dove Heather.

Suggested Needle Sizes:

US 9 (5.5 mm) 32” (80 cm) circular needles
Or any size needed to obtain correct gauge.

Other Materials Needed:

Tapestry/blunt yarn needle
T-pins

Gauge:

16 sts/20 rows to 4” x 4” (10 cm x 10 cm) in stockinette stitch, blocked (widthwise only). One full center panel repeat (32 sts) measures 6.25” x 13.25” (16 cm x 34 cm).

Stitch Glossary/Abbreviations:

K	Knit
P	Purl
PFB	Purl into the front and back of stitch.
SL1PW	Slip one stitch purl-wise.
SL1KW	Slip one stitch knit-wise.
SSK	Slip one stitch knit-wise, slip the next stitch purl-wise, knit these two stitches together through the back loop.
SSP	Slip two stitches, one at a time, from left needle to right needle knit-wise. Slip these stitches back to the left needle purlwise. Purl these two stitches together through their back loops.
ST(S)	Stitch, stitches
TBL	Through the back loop
WYIB	With yarn in back of work
WYIF	With yarn in front of work
2/1 LPC	Slip next two stitches onto cable needle and hold at front of work, purl next stitch from left needle, then knit stitches from cable needle.
2/2 LC	Slip next two stitches onto cable needle and hold at front of work, knit two stitches from left needle, then knit stitches from cable needle.
2/2 LPC	Slip next two stitches onto cable needle and hold at front of work, purl two stitches from left needle, then knit stitches from cable needle.
2/1 RPC	Slip next stitch onto cable needle and hold at back of work, knit next two stitches from left needle, then purl stitch from cable needle.
2/2 RC	Slip next two stitches onto cable needle and hold at back of work, knit next two stitches from left needle, then knit stitches from cable needle.
2/2 RPC	Slip next two stitches onto cable needle and hold at back of work, knit next two stitches from left needle, then purl stitches from cable needle.

Charted Pattern Instructions:

Complete, charted pattern instructions can be found on pages 5, 6, and 7. To begin, using cable cast-on or your preferred cast on method, cast on 128 (156, 184) sts.

PLEASE NOTE:
The Pattern Row Repeat spans all charts. **One complete row repeat is done by working Rows 15-86.** Work this complete row sequence for Small (3 times), Medium (4 times), and Large (5 times).

Charts are worked beginning with the Right Border, followed by Center Panel 1, then the Left Border through Row 49. Once you have completed row 49, work the Right Border, Center Panel 2, then the Left Border working through Row 86. Finally, return to Row 15 and repeat this sequence a total of Small (2 times), Medium (3 times) and Large (4 times).

On your final row sequence, do NOT work Rows 85-86.

Proceed to Row 229 (301, 373).

Bind off with an even tension (matching that of the seed stitch border); not too loose and not too tight.

Proceed to Finishing/Blocking instructions on page 4.

Written Pattern Instructions:

Using cable cast-on or your preferred cast on method, cast on 128 (156, 184) sts.

Row 1 (RS): Sl1pw tbl wyif, *p1, k1, repeat from * to last st, sl1kw wyib.
Row 2 (WS): *P1, k1, repeat from * to end of row.
Row 3: Repeat Row 1.
Rows 4-13: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 a total of 5 times.
Row 14: (P1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3, p4, k2, p2, (pfb, p1) 2 times, [pfb, p1, pfb, p3, k6, p4, k6, p2, (pfb, p1) 2 times] 3 (4, 5) times, pfb, p1, pfb, p3, k2, p4, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times. 144 (176, 208) sts
Row 15: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p2, 2/2 LC, k4, [k4, 2/2 RC, p6, k4, p6, 2/2 LC, k4] 3 (4, 5) times, k4, 2/2 RC, p2, k4, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 16: (P1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3, p4, k2, p8, [p8, k6, p4, k6, p8] 3 (4, 5) times, p8, k2, p4, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times.
Row 17: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p2, k2, 2/2 LC, k2, [k2, 2/2 RC, k2, p6, 2/2 RC, p6, k2, 2/2 LC, k2] 3 (4, 5) times, k2, 2/2 RC, k2, p2, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 18: Repeat row 16.
Row 19: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p2, k4, 2/2 LC, [2/2 RC, (k4, p6) 2 times, k4, 2/2 LC] 3 (4, 5) times, 2/2 RC, (k4, p2) 2 times, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 20: Repeat row 16.
Row 21: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p2, 2/2 LC, k4, [k4, (2/2 RC, p6) 2 times, 2/2 LC, k4] 3 (4, 5) times, k4, (2/2 RC, p2) 2 times, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 22: Repeat row 16.
Row 23: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p2, k2, 2/2 LC, k2, [k2, 2/2 RC, k2, p6, k4, p6, k2, 2/2 LC, k2] 3 (4, 5) times, k2, 2/2 RC, k2, p2, k4, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 24: Repeat row 16.
Row 25: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p2, k4, 2/2 LC, [2/2 RC, k4, p6, 2/2 RC, p6, k4, 2/2 LC] 3 (4, 5) times, 2/2 RC, k4, p2, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 26: Repeat row 16.
Row 27: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p2, 2/2 LPC, k4, [k4, 2/2 RPC, p4, 2/2 RPC, 2/2 LPC, p4, 2/2 LPC, k4] 3 (4, 5) times, k4, 2/2 RPC, p2, k4, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 28: (P1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3, p4, k4, p6, [p6, k6, p2, k4, p2, k6, p6] 3 (4, 5) times, p6, k4, p4, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times.
Row 29: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p4, 2/2 LPC, k2, [k2, 2/2 RPC, p4, 2/2 RC, p4, 2/2 LC, p4, 2/2 LPC, k2] 3 (4, 5) times, k2, 2/2 RPC, p4, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 30: (P1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3, p4, k6, p4, [p4, k6, p4, k4, p4, k6, p4] 3 (4, 5) times, p4, k6, p4, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times.
Row 31: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p6, 2/2 LPC, [2/2 RPC, p4, (2/2 RPC, 2/2 LPC) 2 times, p4, 2/2 LPC] 3 (4, 5) times, 2/2 RPC, p6, k4, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.

Row 32: (P1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3, p4, k8, p2, [p2, k6, p2, k4, p4, k4, p2, k6, p2] 3 (4, 5) times, p2, k8, p4, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times.
Row 33: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p8, [2/2 RC, p6, k2, p4, 2/2 RC, p4, k2, p6] 3 (4, 5) times, 2/2 RC, p8, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 34: (P1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3, p4, k8, p2, [p2, k6, p2, k4, p4, k4, p2, k6, p2] 3 (4, 5) times, p2, k8, p4, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times.
Row 35: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p8, k2, [k2, p6, (2/2 LPC, 2/2 RPC) 2 times, p6, k2] 3 (4, 5) times, k2, p8, k4, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 36: (P1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3, p4, k8, p2, [p2, k8, p4, k4, p4, k8, p2] 3 (4, 5) times, p2, k8, p4, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times.
Row 37: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p8, [2/2RC, p8, 2/2 LC, p4, 2/2 LC, p8] 3 (4, 5) times, 2/2 RC, p8, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 38: Repeat row 36.
Row 39: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p8, k2, [k2, p6, (2/2 RPC, 2/2 LPC) 2 times, p6, k2] 3 (4, 5) times, k2, p8, k4, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 40: (P1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3, p4, k8, p2, [p2, k6, p2, k4, p4, k4, p2, k6, p2] 3 (4, 5) times, p2, k8, p4, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times.
Row 41: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p8, [(2/2 RC, p4) 3 times, 2/2 LC, p4] 3 (4, 5) times, 2/2 RC, p8, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 42: (P1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3, p4, k8, p2, [p2, (k4, p4) 3 times, k4, p2] 3 (4, 5) times, p2, k8, p4, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times.
Row 43: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p8, k2, [k2, p3, 2/1 RPC, (2/2 LPC, 2/2 RPC) 2 times, 2/1 LPC, p3, k2] 3 (4, 5) times, k2, p8, k4, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 44: (P1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3, p4, k8, p2, [(p2, k3) 2 times, p4, k4, p4, (k3, p2) 2 times] 3 (4, 5) times, p2, k8, p4, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times.
Row 45: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p8, [2/2 RC, p2, 2/1 RPC, p3, 2/2 LC, p4, 2/2 LC, p3, 2/1 LPC, p2] 3 (4, 5) times, 2/2 RC, p8, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 46: (P1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3, p4, k8, p2, [p2, k2, p2, (k4, p4) 2 times, k4, p2, k2, p2] 3 (4, 5) times, p2, k8, p4, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times.
Row 47: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p8, k2, [(k2, p2) 2 times, (2/2 RPC, 2/2 LPC) 2 times, (p2, k2) 2 times] 3 (4, 5) times, k2, p8, k4, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 48: (P1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3, p4, k8, p2, [(p2, k2) 2 times, p2, k4, p4, k4, (p2, k2) 2 times, p2] 3 (4, 5) times, p2, k8, p4, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times.
Row 49: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p8, [2/2 RC, (p2, k2) 2 times, p4, 2/2 RC, p4, (k2, p2) 2 times] 3 (4, 5) times, 2/2 RC, p8, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.

Row 50: Repeat row 48.
Row 51: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p8, k2, [(k2, p2) 2 times, (2/2 LPC, 2/2 RPC) 2 times, (p2, k2) 2 times] 3 (4, 5) times, k2, p8, k4, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 52: Repeat row 46.
Row 53: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p8, [2/2 RC, p2, 2/1 LPC, p3, 2/2 LC, p4, 2/2 LC, p3, 2/1 RPC, p2] 3 (4, 5) times, 2/2 RC, p8, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 54: Repeat row 44.
Row 55: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p8, k2, [k2, p3, 2/1 LPC, (2/2 RPC, 2/2 LPC) 2 times, 2/1 RPC, p3, k2] 3 (4, 5) times, k2, p8, k4, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 56: Repeat row 42.
Row 57: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p8, [2/2 RC, p4, 2/2 LPC, p4, 2/2 RC, p4, 2/2 RPC, p4] 3 (4, 5) times, 2/2 RC, p8, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 58: Repeat row 40.
Row 59: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p8, k2, [k2, p6, (2/2 LPC, 2/2 RPC) 2 times, p6, k2] 3 (4, 5) times, k2, p8, k4, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 60: Repeat row 36.
Row 61: Repeat row 37.
Row 62: Repeat row 36.
Row 63: Repeat row 39.
Row 64: Repeat row 40.
Row 65: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p8, [2/2 RC, p6, k2, p4, 2/2 RC, p4, k2, p6] 3 (4, 5) times, 2/2 RC, p8, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib
Row 66: Repeat row 40.

Row 67: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p6, 2/2 RC, [2/2 LC, p4, (2/2 LPC, 2/2 RPC) 2 times, p4, 2/2 RC] 3 (4, 5) times, 2/2 LC, p6, k4, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 68: (P1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3, p4, k6, p4, [p4, k6, p4, k4, p4, k6, p4] 3 (4, 5) times, p4, k6, p4, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times.
Row 69: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p4, 2/2 RC, k2, [k2, 2/2 LC, p4, 2/2 LPC, p4, 2/2 RPC, p4, 2/2 RC, k2] 3 (4, 5) times, k2, 2/2 LC, p4, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 70: (P1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3, p4, k4, p6, [p6, k6, p2, k4, p2, k6, p6] 3 (4, 5) times, p6, k4, p4, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times.
Row 71: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p2, 2/2 RC, k4, [k4, 2/2 LC, p4, 2/2 LPC, 2/2 RPC, p4, 2/2 RC, k4] 3 (4, 5) times, k4, 2/2 LC, p2, k4, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 72: (P1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3, p4, k2, p8, [p8, k6, p4, k6, p8] 3 (4, 5) times, p8, k2, p4, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times.
Row 73: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p2, k4, 2/2 RC, [2/2 LC, k4, p6, 2/2 RC, p6, k4, 2/2 RC] 3 (4, 5) times, 2/2 LC, k4, p2, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 74: Repeat row 72.
Row 75: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p2, k2, 2/2 RC, k2, [k2, 2/2 LC, k2, p6, k4, p6, k2, 2/2 RC, k2] 3 (4, 5) times, k2, 2/2 LC, k2, p2, k4, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 76: Repeat row 72.
Row 77: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p2, 2/2 RC, k4, [k4, 2/2 LC, (p6, 2/2 RC) 2 times, k4] 3 (4, 5) times, k4, 2/2 LC, p2, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 78: Repeat row 72.
Row 79: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p2, k4, 2/2 RC, [2/2 LC, (k4, p6) 2 times, k4, 2/2 RC] 3 (4, 5) times, 2/2 LC, (k4, p2) 2 times, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 80: Repeat row 72.
Row 81: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p2, k2, 2/2 RC, k2, [k2, 2/2 LC, k2, p6, 2/2 RC, p6, k2, 2/2 RC, k2] 3 (4, 5) times, k2, 2/2 LC, k2, p2, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 82: Repeat row 72.
Row 83: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, k4, p2, 2/2 RC, k4, [k4, 2/2 LC, p6, k4, p6, 2/2 RC, k4] 3 (4, 5) times, k4, 2/2 LC, p2, k4, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 84: Repeat row 72.
Row 85: Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 3 times, p3, 2/2 RC, p2, k8, [k8, p6, 2/2 RC, p6, k8] 3 (4, 5) times, k8, p2, 2/2 RC, p2, (k1, p1) 3 times, k1, sl1kw wyib.
Row 86: Repeat row 72.
Rows 87-228 (300, 372): Repeat rows 15-86 2 (3, 4) more times for sizes Small (Medium, Large). **On your final repeat, do NOT work Rows 85-86.**
Row 229 (301, 373): Sl1pw tbl wyif, (p1, k1) 8 times, (p1, ssk) 2 times, p1, [(k1, ssp) 2 times, (k1, p1) 10 times, (ssk, p1) 2 times] 3 (4, 5) times, (k1, ssp) 2 times, (k1, p1) 8 times, k1, sl1kw wyib. 128 (156, 184) sts
Row 230 (302, 374): *P1, k1, repeat from * to end of row.
Row 231 (303, 375): Sl1pw tbl wyif, *p1, k1, repeat from* to last st, sl1kw wyib.
Rows 232 (304, 376) - 241 (313, 250): Repeat Rows 230 (302, 374) and 231 (303, 375) a total of 5 times.

Bind off with an even tension (matching that of the seed stitch border); not too loose and not too tight.

Finishing/Blocking:

Using a tapestry needle, weave in all remaining loose ends, trimming off excess yarn.

For best appearance, the throw should be gently blocked. However, if your throw is made from wool yarn, be especially careful not to use hot water, agitate, or wring out the throw as this may cause felting.

To block: Soak throw in lukewarm water. Gently squeeze out water, wrapping throw in dry towels to remove remaining excess moisture. Lay throw flat on a pin-able surface smoothing/stretching throw into shape, using T-pins to hold in place as needed. Allow to fully dry before removing pins.

Pattern Tips and Suggestions:

Avoid highly variegated and/or excessively fuzzy yarn as it will obscure the cable pattern stitch.

Pattern size is adjustable by simply working more/fewer Pattern Panel Repeats and/or Pattern Row Repeats. Keep in mind that altering the size, differing tensions and even fiber content will change the amount of yarn needed. Please purchase sufficient yarn for your project.

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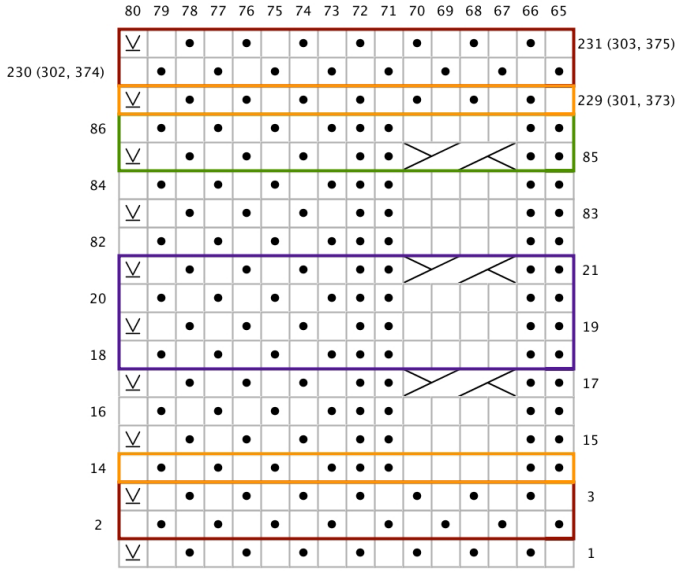
Left Border



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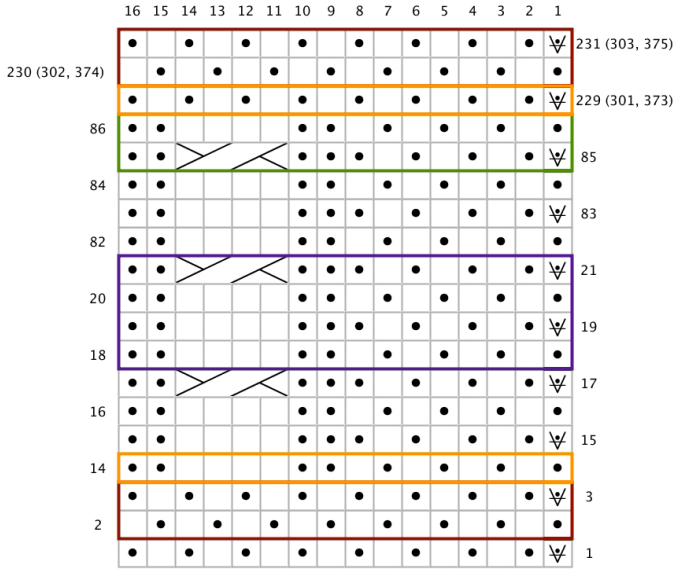

Key

- Sl1pw tbl wyif
- RS: knit
WS: purl
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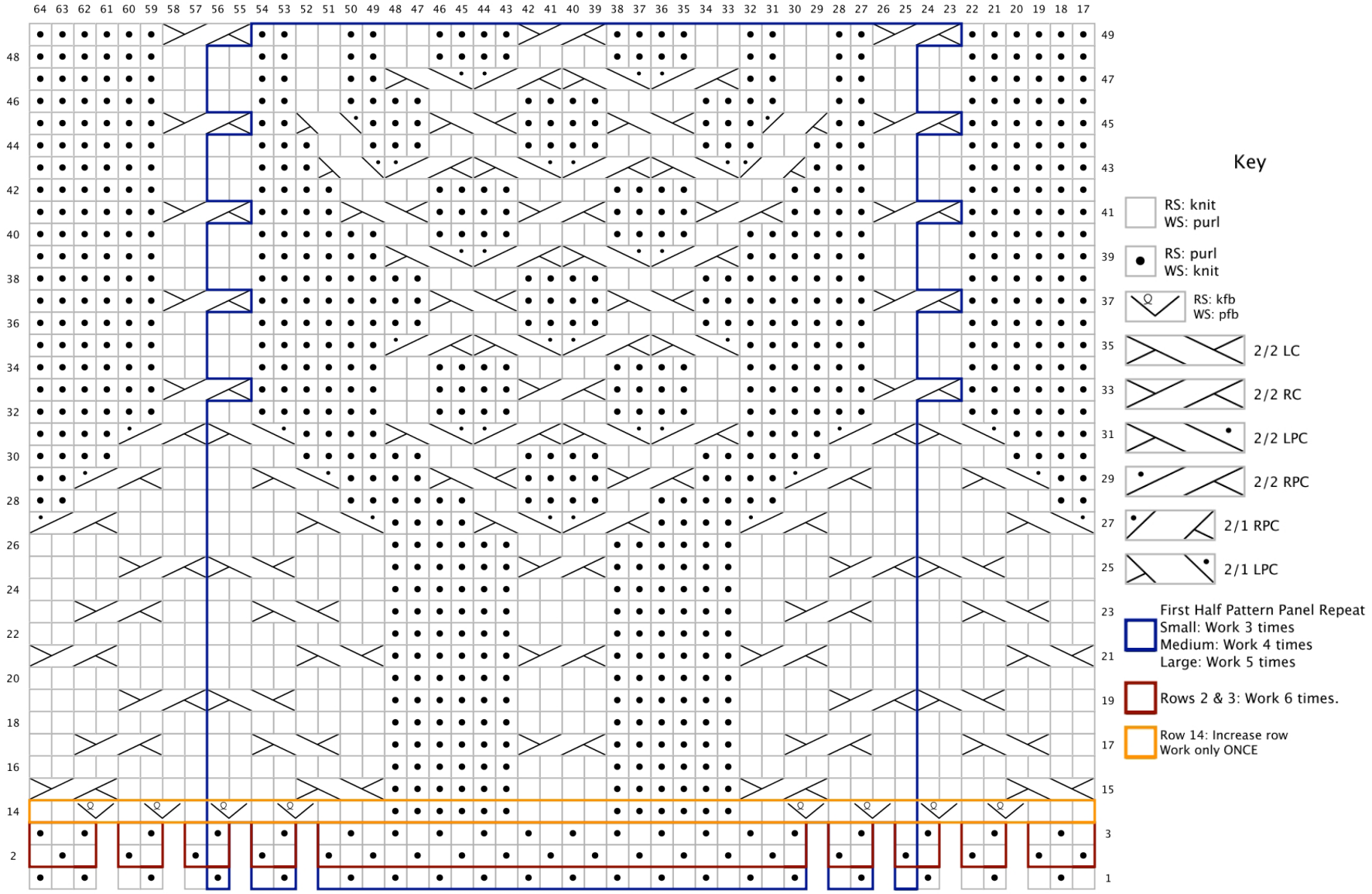
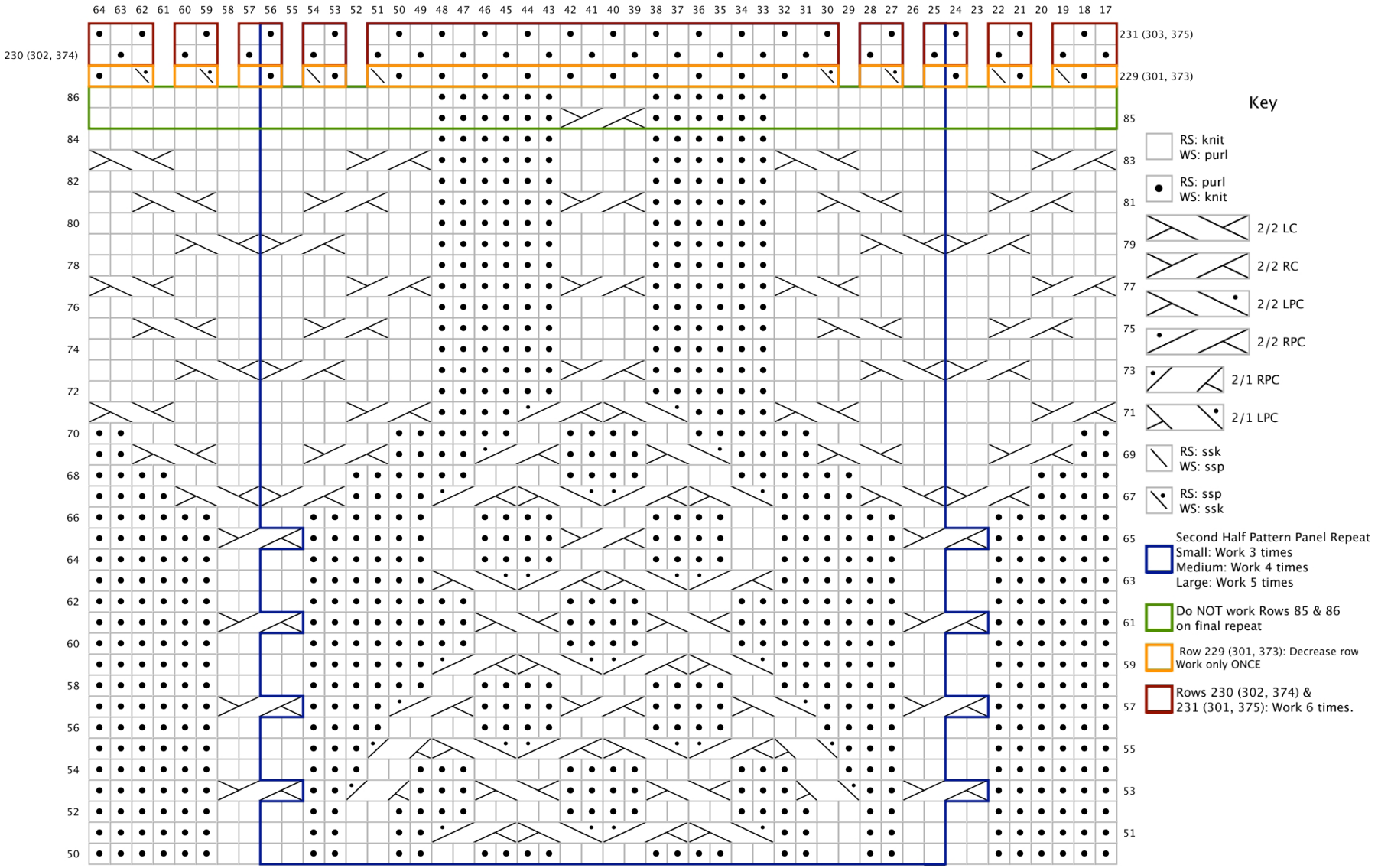
WS: knit
- sl1kw wyib
- 2/2 RC
- Rows 2 & 3: Work 6 times.
Rows 28 & 29: Work 6 times.
- Do NOT work Rows 25 & 26
on final Pattern Row Repeat
- Row 14: Increase row
Work only ONCE
Row 27: Decrease row
Work only ONCE
- Border Row Repeat
Small: Work 48 times
Med: Work 64 times
Large: Work 80 times

Center Panel 1



Center Panel 2