



Fell Shawls – Part 3: Saana

Introduction

Saana is the third shawl in the "Fell Shawls" series. The Saana fell is located near lake Kilpisjärvi in the municipality of Enontekiö. Most of the fell and its surrounding area are part of a protected area. It is one of the few areas in Finland where the Lapland rosebay grows.

In ancient Finnish tales there is a giant named Saana. According to the stories, when the cold North Wind grew strong Saana froze in place near Lake Kilpisjärvi, forming the well-known fell of the same name. The shawl's size, too, is quite gigantic...

This shawl is knit beginning from the neck. First, mountain avens are knit on a stockinette background; then follows a beautiful lace fell row; and finally a border of Lapland rosebay. For the flowers' lace patterns I sought inspiration from patterns in the "Kunststricken" magazine published in Germany in 1937, created by Herbert Niebling in the beginning of the 20th century.



Yarn

Rowan Kidsilk Haze; 70 % mohair, 30 % tussahsilkkiä; 225 yd (210 m) / 0.9 oz (25 g); white (color no. 634). Yardage 1840 yd (1680 m) / 7.1 oz (200 g).

Yarn can be replaced with any similar lace yarn. If using smaller needles and yarn with 900 – 1350 yd (800 – 1200 m) / 3.6 oz (100 g), less yarn will be required.

Gauge

14 sts and 30 rows = 4 in (10 cm) stockinette stitch (blocked). Correct gauge is important, as yardage will increase substantially when knitting more loosely. It is thus recommended to knit a sufficiently large sample, wash and block before beginning knitting of the shawl.

Needles

Min. 32 in (80 cm) long circular needles, size US 6 (4 mm). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Size

Depth at center 39½ in (100 cm), wingspan 82¼ in (210 cm).

Directions



Before you begin

Read the instructions, charts, key and abbreviations carefully before you start knitting.

In the charts, odd-numbered rows are always RS rows; even-numbered rows are always WS rows. RS rows are read from right to left, WS rows from left to right. WS rows are always knit as follows, unless specified otherwise in directions or charts: k2 (= edge stitches), p until there are 2 sts left and k those (= edge stitches).

Note that charts 3, 4, 7 and 8 show WS as well as RS rows. The other charts show only RS rows. In charts 1–6, part A (and E) always shows the edge sts, part C shows the middle st. In charts 7 and 8, parts A and D show the edge sts, and part C middle stitches, which are knit between the

repetitions of part B.

Due to the large size of the charts, long sequences of successive knit (RS) or purl (WS) sts are shown as follows: the number inside the box indicates the amount of sts to knit/purl before the st shown in the following box.

Shawl

CO 5. K 3 rows. Begin with chart 1, row 1. Knit the parts of chart 1 in the following order: A, B, C, B, A. Rows 9–26 are knit in the same way as rows 5–8.

After knitting row 48 (WS) of chart 1, cont with chart 2, row 49. Knit the parts of chart 2 in the following order: A, B, C, B, A.

After knitting row 68 (WS) of chart 2, cont with chart 3, row 69. On RS rows, knit the parts in the following order: A, B, C, D, E. Chart 3 also shows WS rows, where the order of knitting is reversed.

After knitting row 88 (WS) of chart 3, cont with chart 4, row 89. Knit the parts in the following order: A, B, C, B, A. Chart 4 also shows WS rows.



After knitting row 102 (WS) of chart 4, cont with chart 5, row 103. On RS rows, knit the parts in the following order: A, B, C, D, E. Always rep the pattern bordered by red lines 8 times.

After knitting row 128 (WS) of chart 5, cont with chart 6, row 129. On RS rows, knit the parts in the following order: A, B, C, D, E. Always rep the

pattern bordered by red lines 10 times.

After knitting row 178 (WS) of chart 6, cont with chart 7, row 179. On RS rows, knit the parts in the following order: A, (B, C) 27 times, B, D. (= 28 Lapland rosebay flowers)

After knitting row 202 (WS) of chart 7, cont with chart 8 and knit its parts in the same order as in chart 7.

Charts 7 and 8 also show WS rows, where the order of knitting is reversed.

After knitting row 238 (WS, knit all sts) of chart 8, start binding off: K2, (slip 2 sts back onto the left needle and k2tog tbl. K1) until the end of the row. Break yarn and pull through last st.

Finishing

Wet the shawl, dry with clean towel and block to measurements as shown in the image: the shawl is folded in the middle and blocked using old knitting needles, which are threaded through the yarnovers surrounding the center sts (right side of image) and those bordering the edge stitches (left side of image). A better result can be achieved by using blocking wires.



Because of the edging's width, and to achieve a rippling shape, a pillow can be used, which is placed with a corner pointing toward the shawl's center, as shown in the image. The lace is blocked on top of the pillow. Let the shawl dry. If needed, the fold in the region of the center sts can be steamed flat after blocking. Weave in ends.



Charts

Chart 1

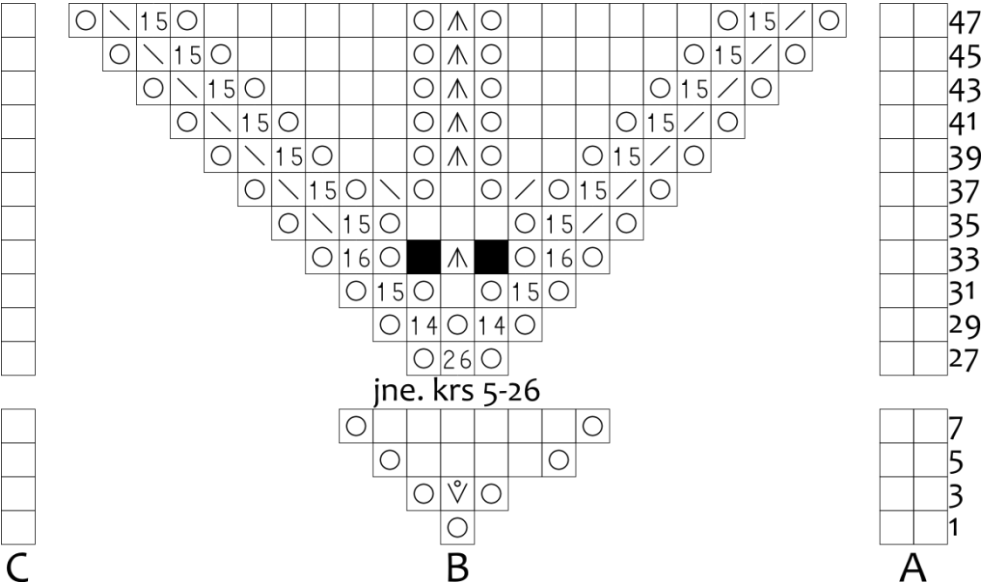


Chart 2

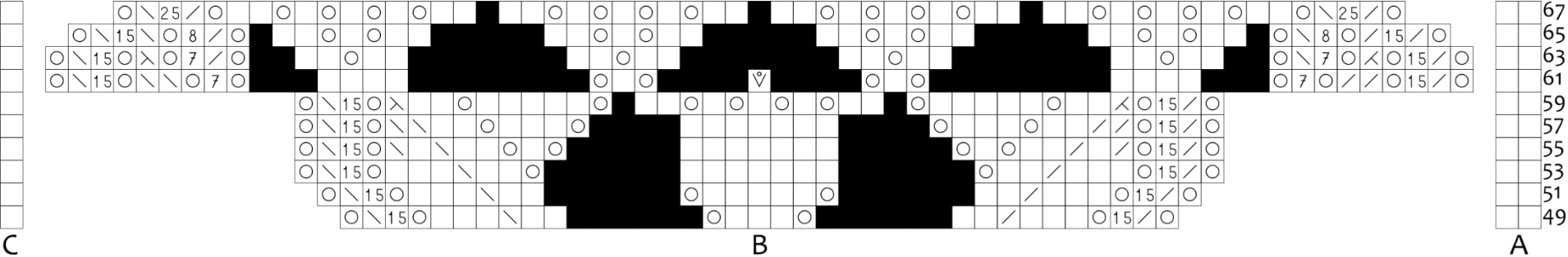
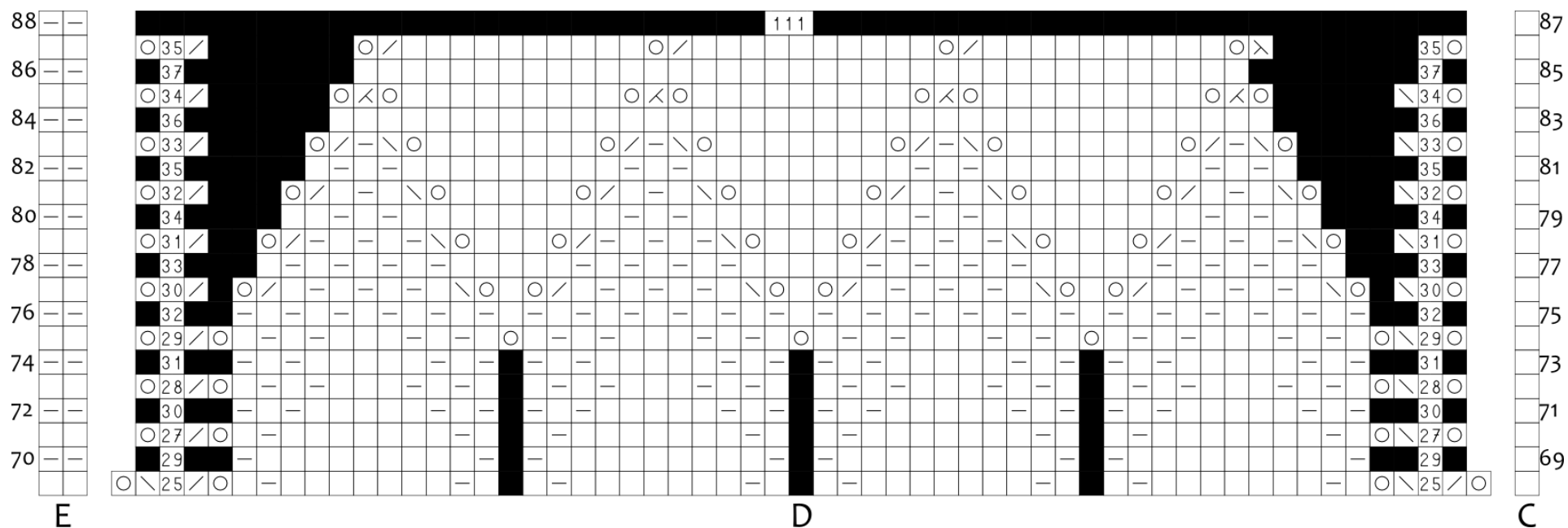


Chart 3



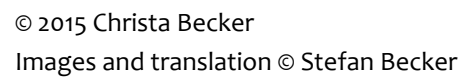


Chart 4

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98		■	121	■	—	—		
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92		■	115	■	—	—		
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	C		B			A		

Chart 5

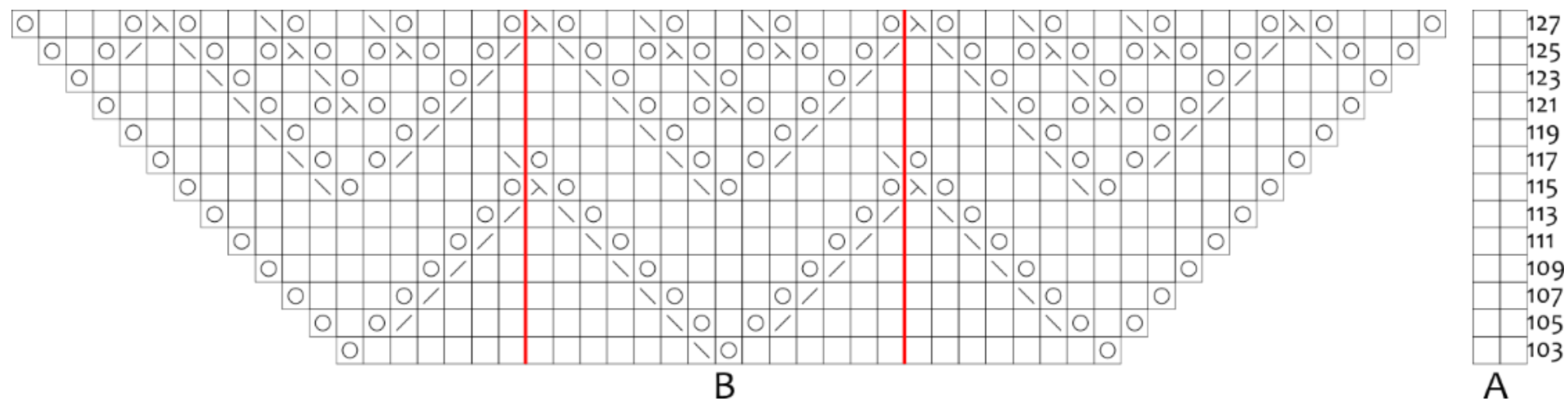
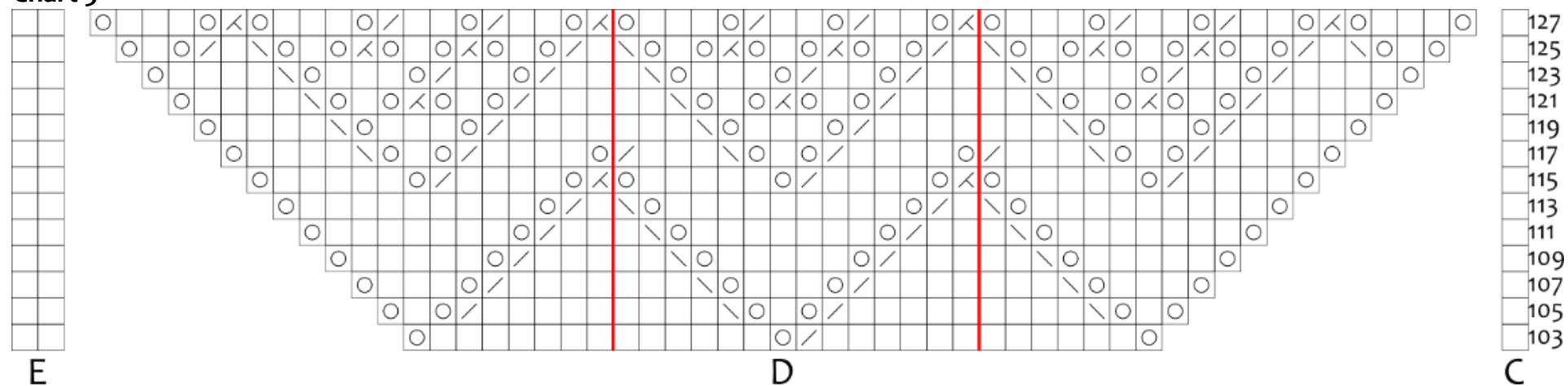


Figure 1 shows a large grid of symbols arranged in a semi-circular pattern. The grid is labeled with 'E' on the left, 'D' in the middle, and 'C' on the right. The grid is composed of 129 rows and 177 columns. The symbols are circles, triangles, and slashes. Two vertical red lines are drawn through the grid, one at column 100 and one at column 150. The grid is divided into three sections: E (left), D (middle), and C (right).

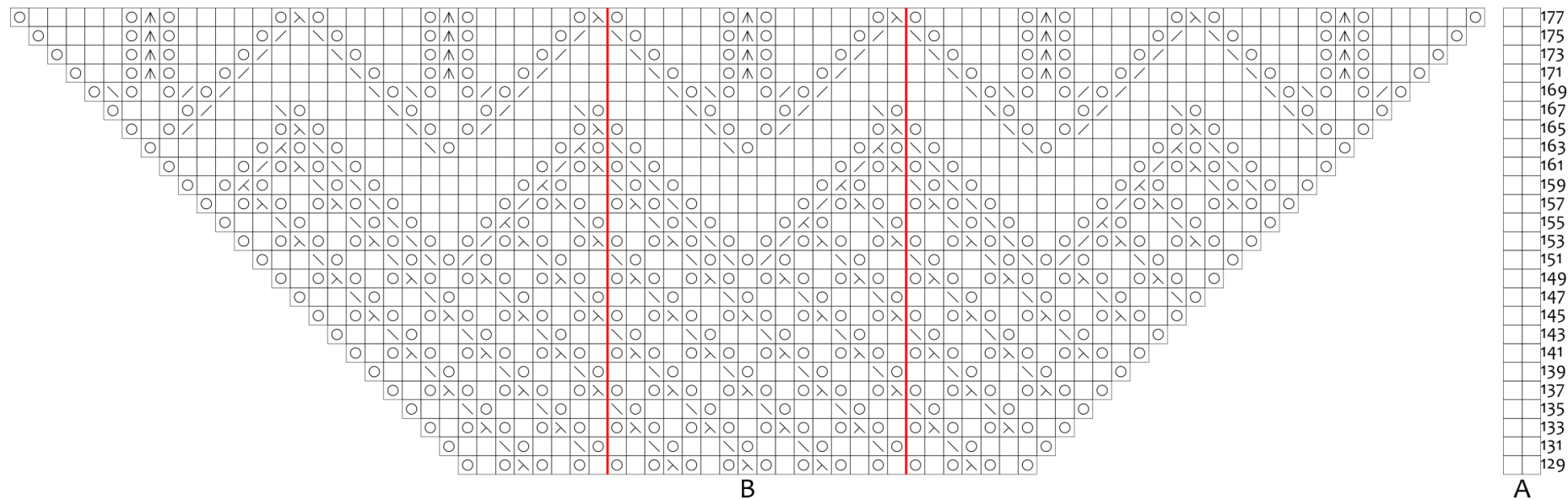


Chart 7

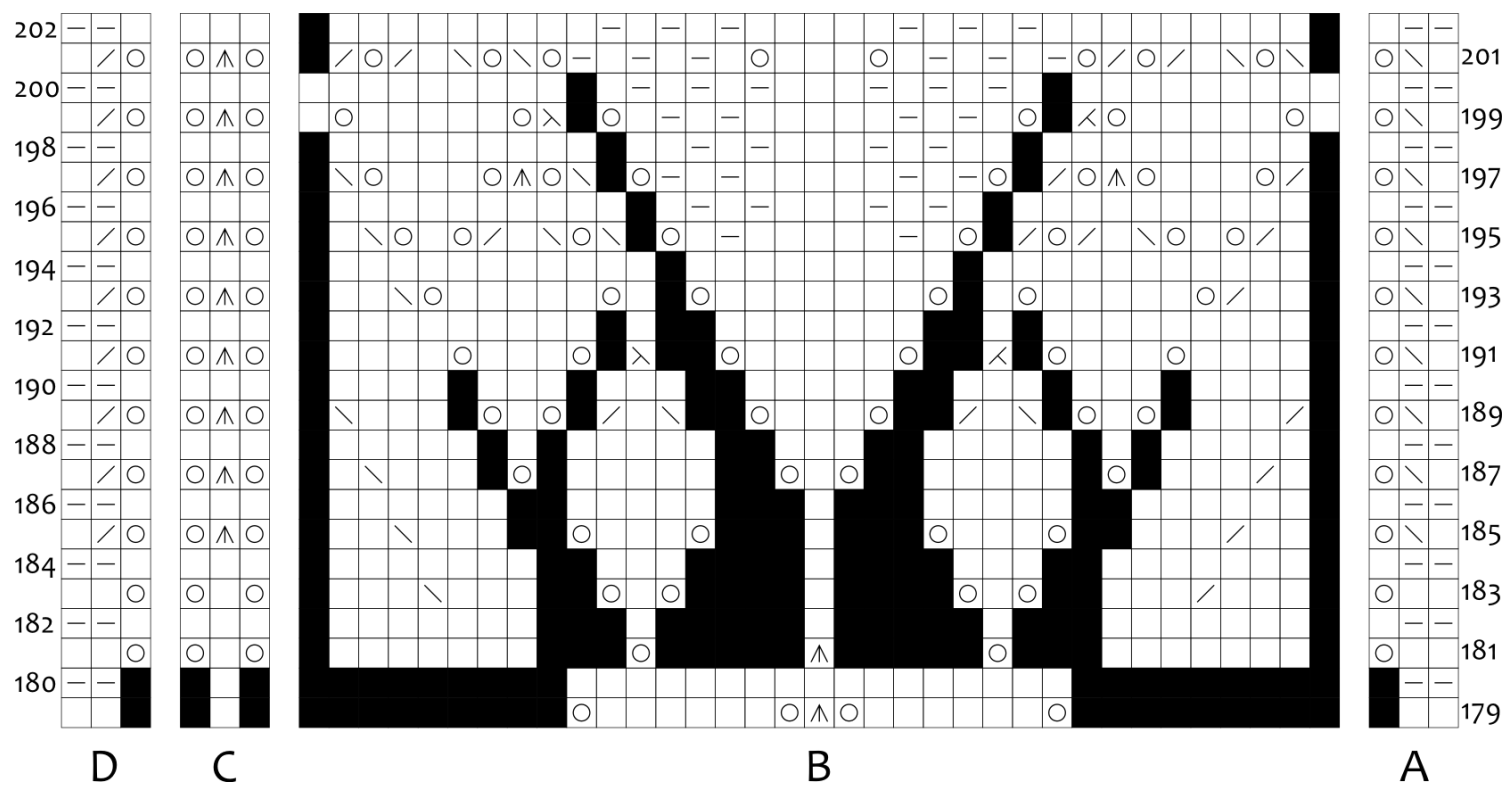
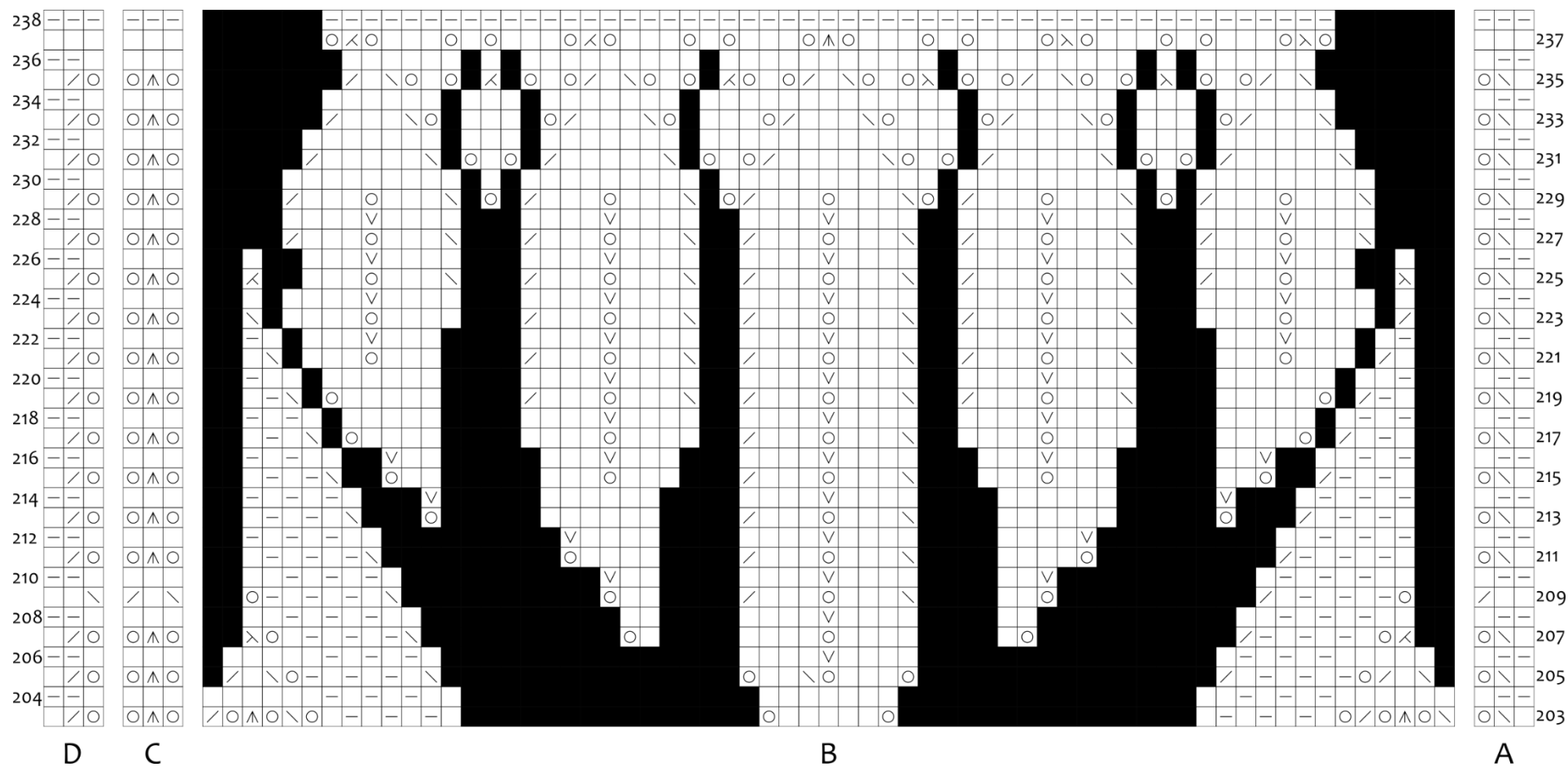


Chart 8



Key

	: k on RS and p on WS
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	: empty (no stitch)
	: yo
	: k2tog
	: ssk
	: k3tog
	: sl1, k2tog, pssso
	: sl2 as if to k2tog, k1, p2sso
	: RS: in the same st, k1, p1 WS: in the same st, p1, k1
	: kfb

numbers: amount of knit (RS)/purl (WS) sts between two decreases/yarnovers

red lines: rep pattern according to directions

odd-numbered rows are RS rows

Abbreviations

CO	cast on	p2sso	pull 2 slipped stitches over
cont	continue	rep	repeat
k	knit	RS	right side
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together as one	sl	slip
k3tog	knit 3 stitches together as one	ssk	slip 2 knitwise, insert left needle into slipped stitches and knit through back loop
kfb	knit through front and back loop of the same stitch (1 st → 2 sts)	st	stitch
		sts	stitches
p	purl	tbl	through back loop
pssso	pull slipped stitch over	WS	wrong side
		yo	yarnover