Sakura
Cherry blossom baby dress



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Sizes:

1-3, (3-6), 6-9, (9-12), 12-18, (18-24) months

Finished Measurements:

Chest 46 cm/18“, (48cm/19“), 51 cm/20“, (53 cm/21“), 56 cm/22“, (61 cm/24“)
Length 30 cm/12“, (33 cm/13“), 36 cm/14“, (39 cm/15,5), 42 cm/16,5“, (48 cm/19“)

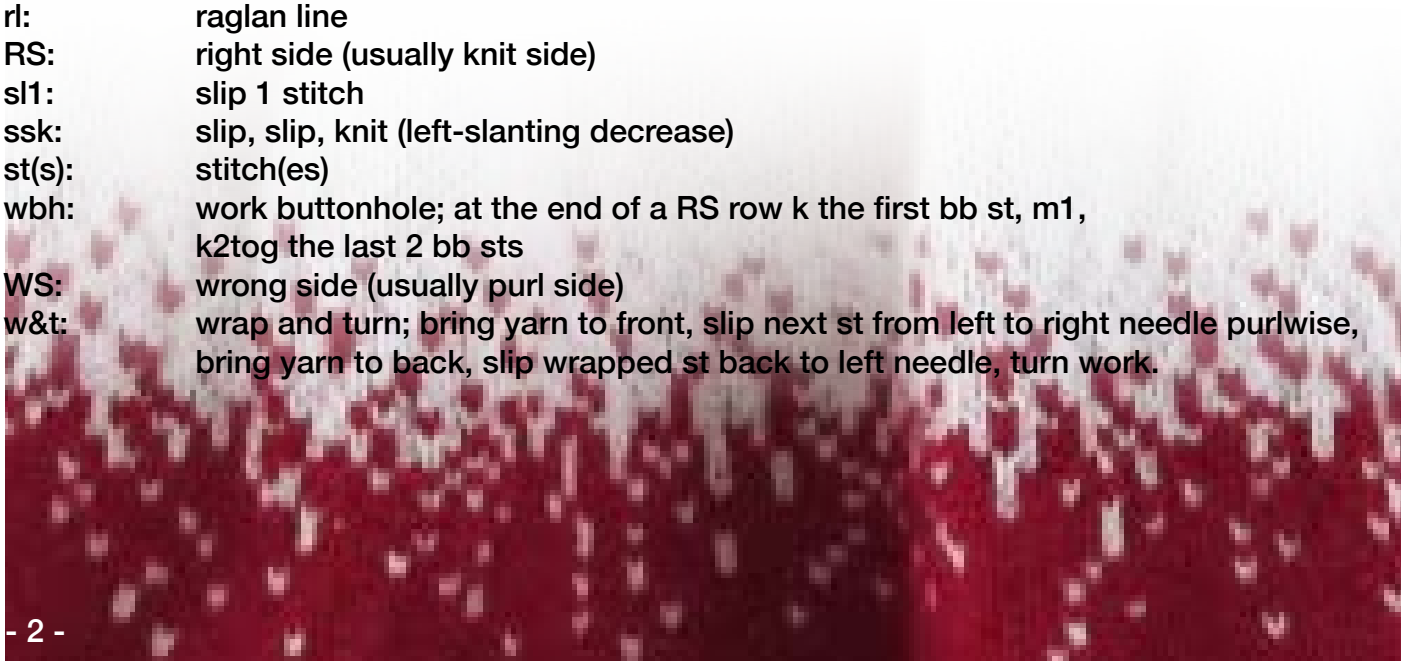
Yarn 50 grams/1.76 ounzes = 200 meters/218 yards
Gauge 22 stitches and 32 rows = 10 cm/4“ (needle size 3 mm/US 2,5)

Materials:

Circular needles and DPNs 3 mm/US 2,5
2 stitch holder (or two spare circular needles)
Stitch marker
3 buttons
2, (2), 2, (2), 3, (4) skeins of MC: white
1 skein of CC : dark pink
A few meters/yard of scrap yarn in pattern color A and B: green and brown

Abbreviations:

bb:	button band/buttonhole band
co:	cast on
CC:	contrast color
garter st:	knitted flat = k every row; knitted in the round = knit one round, purl one round
k:	knit
kfb:	increase 1 st by knitting in front AND back of a st
k2tog:	knit two stitches together (right slanting decrease)
m1:	make one stitch; increasing by making a backward loop. On the next row treat the loop as a regular stitch, but knit/purl it through the back loop. This causes a twisted stitch and avoids producing holes.
MC:	main color
p:	purl
pm:	place st marker
pu:	pick up
rl:	raglan line
RS:	right side (usually knit side)
sl1:	slip 1 stitch
ssk:	slip, slip, knit (left-slanting decrease)
st(s):	stitch(es)
wbh:	work buttonhole; at the end of a RS row k the first bb st, m1, k2tog the last 2 bb sts
WS:	wrong side (usually purl side)
w&t:	wrap and turn; bring yarn to front, slip next st from left to right needle purlwise, bring yarn to back, slip wrapped st back to left needle, turn work.



Directions:

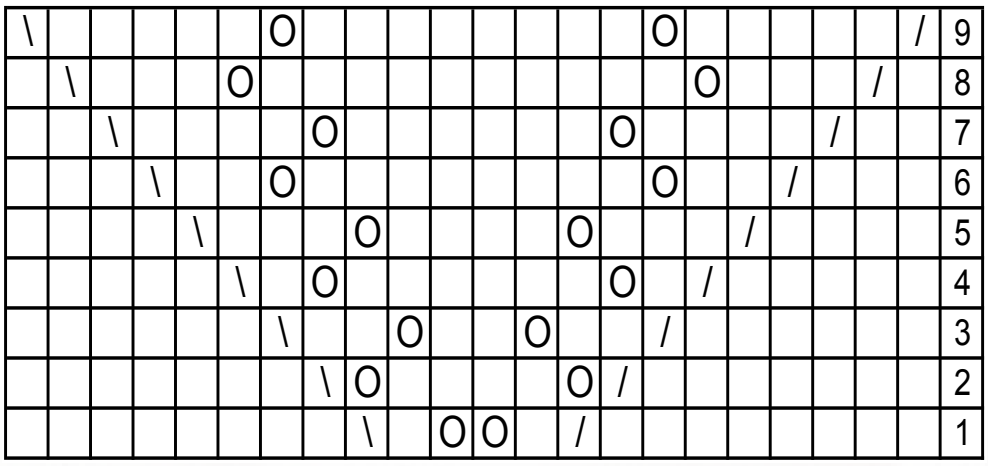
The hem

With CC co 198 (220), 220, (242), 242, (264) sts (st count has to be a multiple of 22).
Join to knit in the round, be careful not to twist.
Pm between the first and the last st to mark the beginning of a new round.
Work 6 rounds in garter st starting with a purl round.

The lace edging

The next round start knitting lace pattern as follows:
Round 1: *k8, k2tog, k1, m1 twice, k1, ssk, k8*, repeat from * to end of round.
Round 2: *k7, k2tog, m1, k4, m1, ssk, k7*, repeat from * to end of round.
Round 3: *k6, k2tog, k2, m1, k2, m1, k2, ssk, k6*, repeat from * to end of round.
Round 4: *k5, k2tog, k1, m1, k6, m1, k1, ssk, k5*, repeat from * to end of round.
Round 5: *k4, k2tog, k3, m1, k4, m1, k3, ssk, k4*, repeat from * to end of round.
Round 6: *k3, k2tog, k2, m1, k8, m1, k2, ssk, k3*, repeat from * to end of round.
Round 7: *k2, k2tog, k4, m1, k6, m1, k4, ssk, k2*, repeat from * to end of round.
Round 8: *k1, k2tog, k3, m1, k10, m1, k3, ssk, k1*, repeat from * to end of round.
Round 9: *k2tog, k5, m1, k8, m1, k5, ssk*, repeat from * to end of round.

For those, who prefer the lace pattern in chart form:



/ = k2tog 0 = m1 \ = ssk

After finishing the lace portion knit 1 round.

The color transition

I really want to thank soknitpicky (http://www.ravelry.com/people/soknitpicky).
Only her notes about the color transition for her Yoshino dress made it possible to create this pattern (http://www.ravelry.com/projects/soknitpicky/oriental-lily).

NOTE: Now you need the help of an random number generator.
I used this one: http://www.random.org/
Using a random number generator while knitting is quite annoying, but unfortunately it`s the only way to get the right look for the color transition part. I found it a bit more comfortable to generate and write down all the numbers I needed for one round BEFORE I started to knit this round.
For most of the rounds, there are some st remaining after knitting the last random cluster. You have to decide from round to round whether you want to generate a random number for this sts or to knit them all in MC.

Join MC and start knitting color transition as follows:

Round 1: You want one stitch in the next 20 sts to be white. So enter into the random number generator „1“ into the field „Min.“ and „20“ in the field “Max.”

The generated number is the one stitch in the next cluster of 20 sts you make white.

If you have finished the first 20 sts generate a new number and repeat this procedure for the next 20 sts.

Repeat this two steps (generate a new number, knit next 20 sts) until end of round.

Round 2: You want one stitch in the next 19 sts to be white. So enter „19” in the „Max.“ field of the random number generator.

The generated number is the one sts in the next cluster of 19 sts you make white.

Repeat this two steps (generate a new number, knit next 19 sts) until end of round.

Round 3 and following rounds: The next round you would have a white stitch in each cluster of 18, then 17, 16 etc.

After a couple of rounds you enter „2” in the „Max.“ field of the random number generator.
Now you have an even number of white and pink stitches, which means one stitch in the next cluster of 2 sts is white and one is pink. Distrubute these sts randomly too.
Repeat this last round 2 more times.

Now the whole process will be reversed:

Round 1: The next round you want one stitch in the next 3 sts to be pink. So enter again „3” in the „Max.“ field of the random number generator, but now the generated number is the one st in the next cluster of 3 sts you make *pink*.
Repeat this two steps (generate a new number, knit next 3 sts) until end of round.

Round 2: The next round you want one stitch in the next 4 sts to be pink.
So enter „4” in the „Max.“ field of the random number generator.
The generated number is now the one sts in the next cluster of 4 sts you make pink.
Repeat this two steps (generate a new number, knit next 4 sts) until end of round.

Round 3 and following rounds: The next round you would have a pink stitch in each cluster of 5, then 6, 7 etc.

After a couple of rounds you enter „20" in the „Max." field of the random number generator.
Now you have the reversed situation you've started from: you want one stitch in the next cluster of 20 sts to be pink.

After the last color transition round work in stockinette with MC only until your work measures 18 cm/7", (19 cm/7,5"), 20 cm/8", (21 cm/8,5"), 25 cm/10", (33 cm/13") from cast on.

The yoke

Round 1: k2tog to end of round (= 99, (110), 110, (121), 121, (132) sts)

Round 2: k to end of round and increase/decrease the following number of sts evenly across the round:

Size	1-3m	3-6m	6-9m	9-12m	12-18m	18-24m
inc/dec sts	inc 1 st	dec 4 sts	inc 2 sts	dec 5 sts	inc 3 sts	dec 2 sts

You should now have 100, (106), 112, (116), 124, (134) sts on your needle.

Round 3-8: work 6 rounds in garter st starting with a purl round.

The sleeve openings

The next round co the sts for the sleeve openings as follows (I prefer to co using provisional cast-on to keep these sts live for working the sleeves later on):

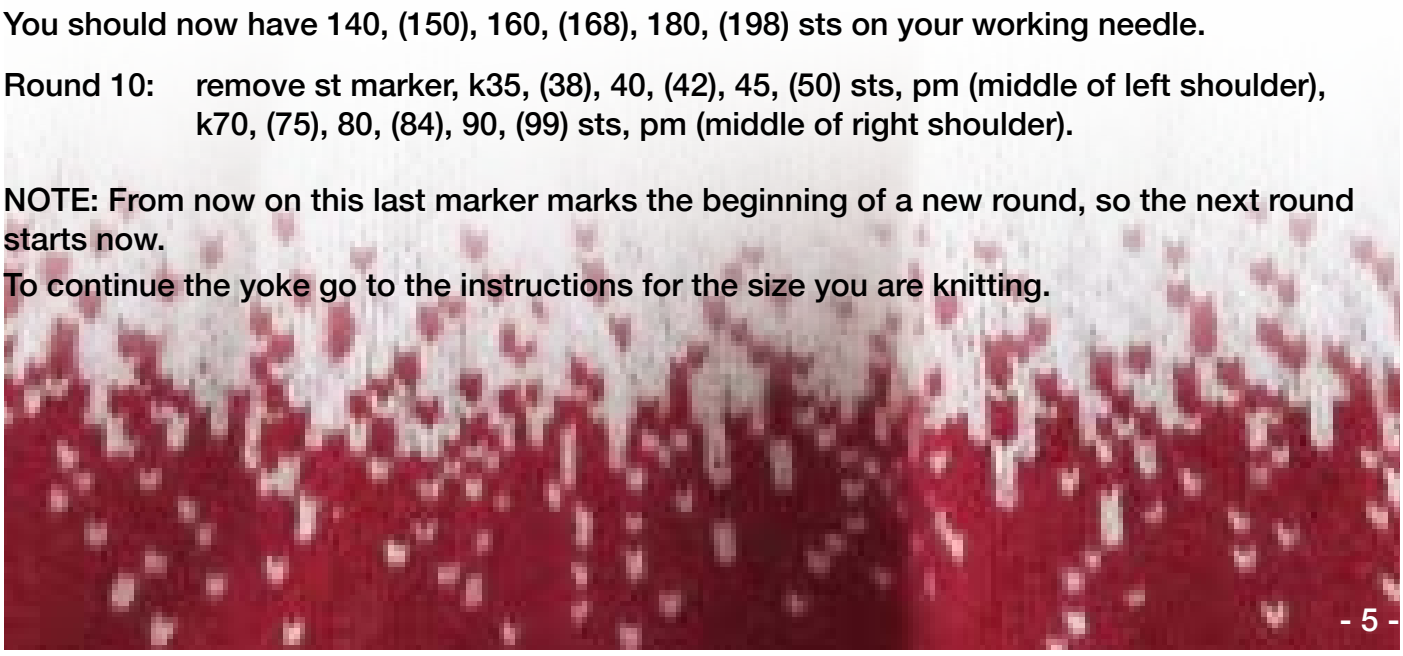
Round 9: k20, (21), 23, (24), 25, (27),
put the next 10, (10), 10, (10), 12, (12) sts on a spare needle or stitch holder,
cast on 30, (32), 34, (36), 40, (44) for left sleeve,
k40, (44), 46, (48), 50, (56),
put the next 10, (10), 10, (10), 12, (12) sts on a spare needle or stitch holder,
cast on 30, (32), 34, (36), 40, (44) for right sleeve,
k20, (21), 23, (24), 25, (27)

You should now have 140, (150), 160, (168), 180, (198) sts on your working needle.

Round 10: remove st marker, k35, (38), 40, (42), 45, (50) sts, pm (middle of left shoulder), k70, (75), 80, (84), 90, (99) sts, pm (middle of right shoulder).

NOTE: From now on this last marker marks the beginning of a new round, so the next round starts now.

To continue the yoke go to the instructions for the size you are knitting.



-1-3 months-

Set-up round: k6, k2tog, *k16, k2tog* 7 times, k6 (8 sts dec = 132 sts)

Chart row 1: start working the cherry blossom chart from bottom to top as follows:
k chart row 1 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left,
sl st marker (at the end of round), w&t next st, turn work.

Chart row 2: sl st marker, PURL chart row 2 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left. When reach the wrapped st, lift the wrap up and over the stitch on the left needle and then purl those two together. Turn work.

Chart row 3: slip this first st back on the right hand needle. Work chart row 3 the same way as chart row 1 but start with the second chart st.

Work in this manner until chart row 8.

When finished chart row 8, co 3 new sts by making backward loops, before turning work.

Then split the yoke on the right shoulder as follows:

Chart row 9: take a second cicular needle size 3 mm/US 2,5, this is now your working needle,
*work kfb in the first co st on your needle,
leave the kf st on your working needle,
slip the kb st on your former left hand needle (this st is now the last st of the row)*,
repeat from * to * 2 more times,
now k chart row 9 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left, k the last 3 sts (button band sts).

From now on the yoke will be knitted flat. The first 3 sts and the last 3 sts of each row are now the button/buttonhole band sts and will be knit sts. The chart sts will be knitted in a RS row and purled in a WS row.

Wbh on the last 3 sts of chart row 13 and 19.

After chart row 23 you should have 74 sts on your working needle.

Row 24: k to end

Row 25: k to last 3 sts, wbh

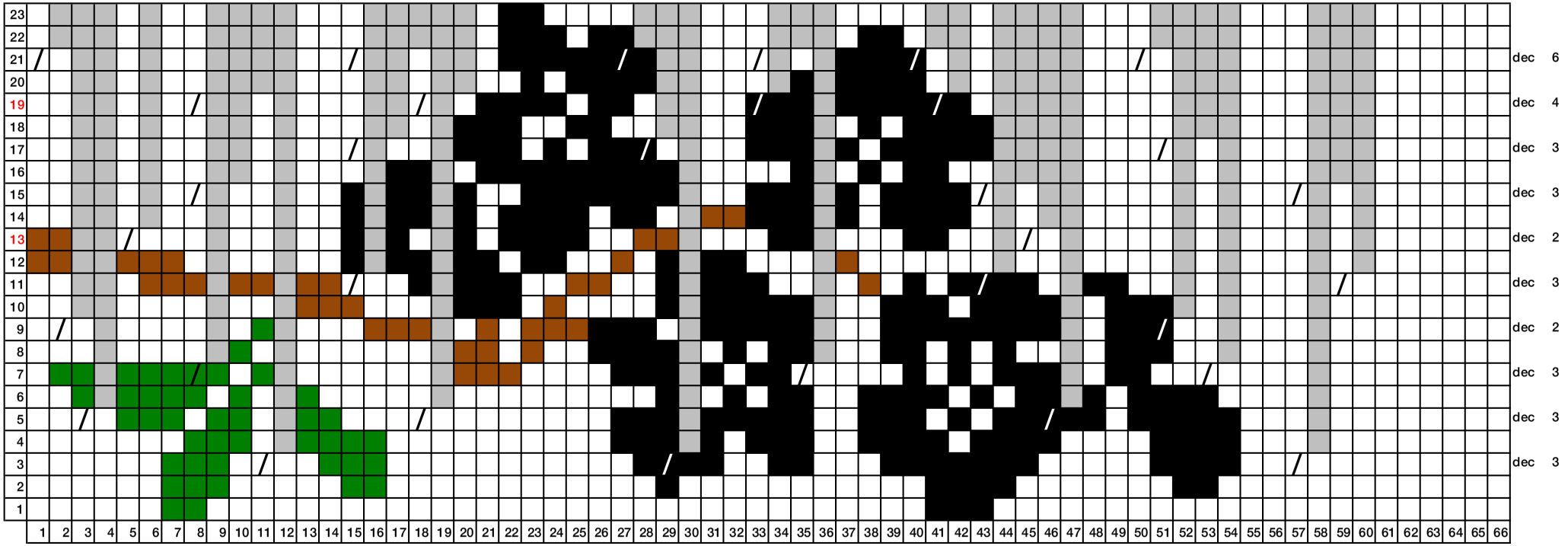
Row 26: k to end

Row 27: k to end

Bind off loosely knitwise.



Cherry blossom chart -1-3 months-



Work chart from bottom to top.
Knit chart from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left once per round.
Work buttonholes on the last 3 sts of row 13 and 19 (marked red) and 25.

- main color (white)
- contrast color (pink)
- pattern color A (green)
- pattern color B (brown)
- / decrease 1 st (on a RS: k2tog with st below the gray column; on a WS: p2tog with st below the gray column)
- no stitch, ignore and continue with next box

-3-6 months-

Set-up round: k7, k2tog, *k13, k2tog* 9 times, k6 (10 sts dec = 140 sts)

Chart row 1: start working the cherry blossom chart from bottom to top as follows:
k chart row 1 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left,
sl st marker (at the end of round), w&t next st, turn work.

Chart row 2: sl st marker, PURL chart row 2 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left. When reach the wrapped st, lift the wrap up and over the stitch on the left needle and then purl those two together. Turn work.

Chart row 3: slip this first st back on the right hand needle. Work chart row 3 the same way as chart row 1 but start with the second chart st.

Work in this manner until chart row 8.

When finished chart row 8, co 3 new sts by making backward loops, before turning work.

Then split the yoke on the right shoulder as follows:

Chart row 9: take a second cicular needle size 3 mm/US 2,5, this is now your working needle,
*work kfb in the first co st on your needle,
leave the kf st on your working needle,
slip the kb st on your former left hand needle (this st is now the last st of the row)*,
repeat from * to * 2 more times,
now k chart row 9 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left,
k the last 3 sts (button band sts).

From now on the yoke will be knitted flat. The first 3 sts and the last 3 sts of each row will be knit sts and the chart sts will be knitted in a RS row and purled in a WS row.

Wbh on the last 3 sts of chart row 13 and 19.

After chart row 23 you should have 74 sts on your working needle.

Row 24: k to end

Row 25: k to last 3 sts, wbh

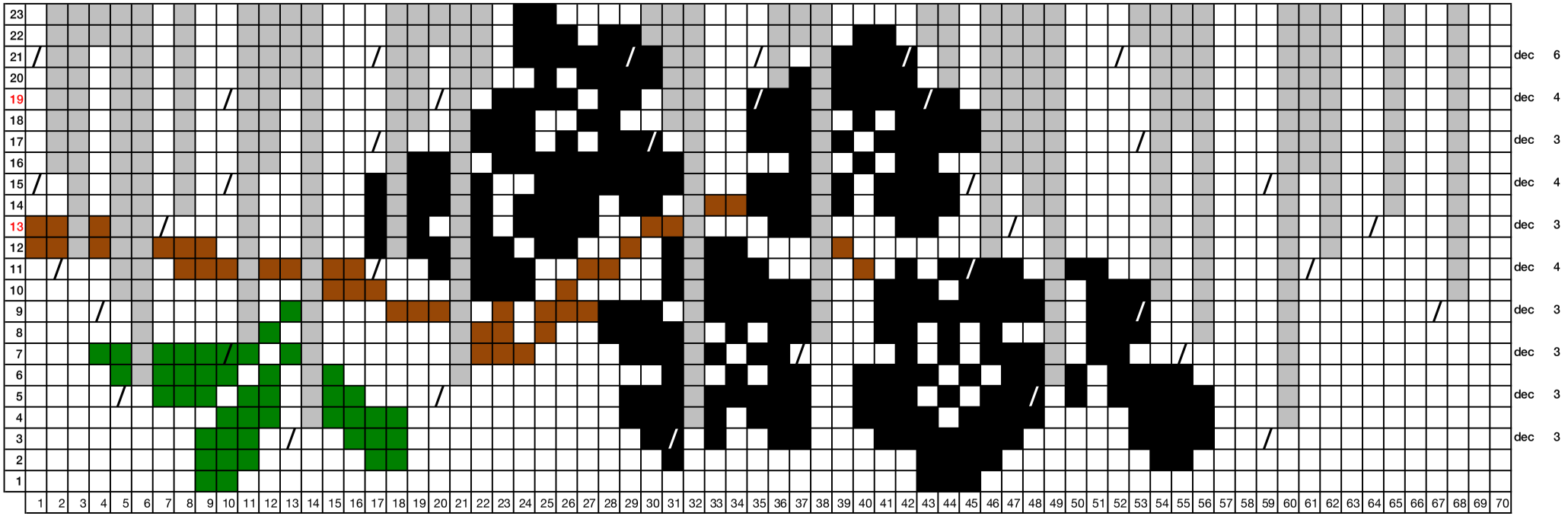
Row 26: k to end

Row 27: k to end

Bind off loosely knitwise.



Cherry blossom chart 3-6 months-



Work chart from bottom to top.
Knit chart from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left once per round.
Work buttonholes on the last 3 sts of row 13 and 19 (marked red) and 25.

- main color (white)
- contrast color (pink)
- pattern color A (green)
- pattern color B (brown)
- / decrease 1 st (on a RS: k2tog with st below the gray column; on a WS: p2tog with st below the gray column)
- no stitch, ignore and continue with next box

-6-9 months-

Set-up round 1: k to end

Set-up round 2: k7, k2tog, *k14, k2tog* 9 times, k7 (10 sts dec = 150 sts)

Chart row 1: start working the cherry blossom chart from bottom to top as follows:
k chart row 1 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left,
sl st marker (at the end of round), w&t next st, turn work.

Chart row 2: sl st marker, PURL chart row 2 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left. When reach the wrapped st, lift the wrap up and over the stitch on the left needle and then purl those two together. Turn work.

Chart row 3: slip this first st back on the right hand needle. Work chart row 3 the same way as chart row 1 but start with the second chart st.

Work in this manner until chart row 8.

When finished chart row 8, co 3 new sts by making backward loops, before turning work.

Then split the yoke on the right shoulder as follows:

Chart row 9: take a second cicular needle size 3 mm/US 2,5, this is now your working needle,
*work kfb in the first co st on your needle,
leave the kf st on your working needle,
slip the kb st on your former left hand needle (this st is now the last st of the row)*,
repeat from * to * 2 more times,
now k chart row 9 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left, k the last 3 sts (button band sts).

From now on the yoke will be knitted flat. The first 3 sts and the last 3 sts of each row will be knit sts and the chart sts will be knitted in a RS row and purled in a WS row.

Wbh on the last 3 sts of chart row 13 and 19

After chart row 23 you should have 84 sts on your working needle.

Row 24: k3, p3, p3tog, *p8, p2tog* 7times, p3, k3 (8 sts dec= 70 sts)

Row 25: k to last 3 sts, wbh

Row 26: k to end

Row 27: k to end

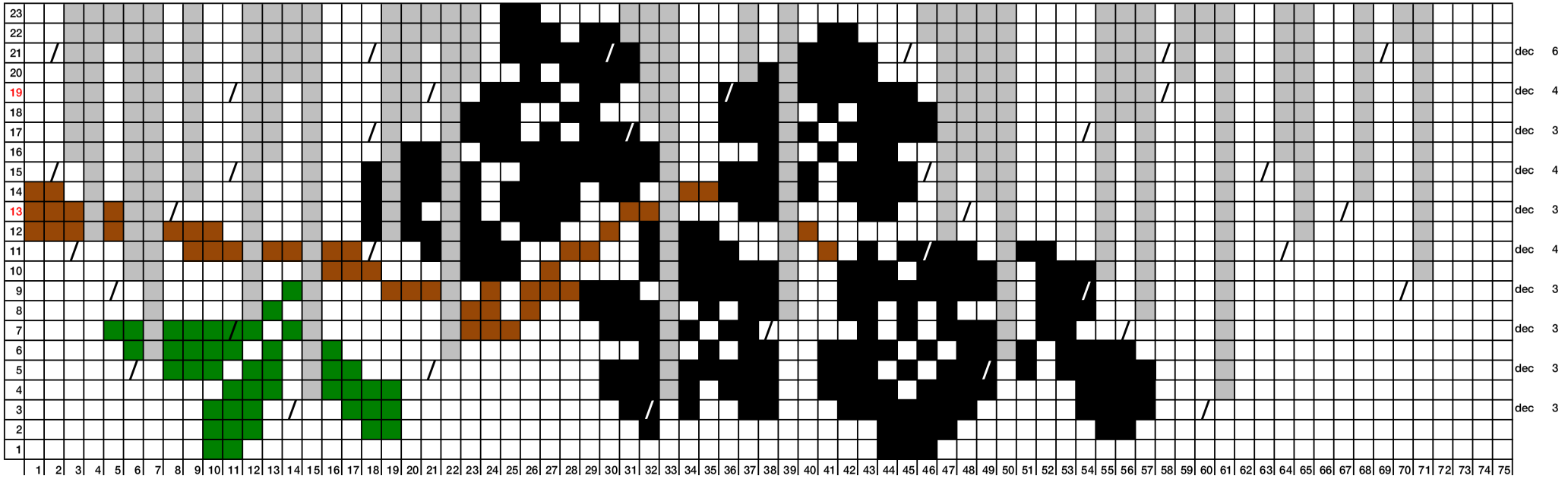
Row 28: k to end

Row 29: k to end

Bind off loosely knitwise.



Cherry blossom chart 6-9 months-



Work chart from bottom to top.
Knit chart from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left once per round.
Work buttonholes on the last 3 sts of row 13 and 19 (marked red) and 25.

- main color (white)
- contrast color (pink)
- pattern color A (green)
- pattern color B (brown)
- decrease 1 st (on a RS: k2tog with st below the gray column; on a WS: p2tog with st below the gray column)
- no stitch, ignore and continue with next box

-9-12 months-

Set-up round 1: k to end

Set-up round 2: k6, k2tog, *k15, k2tog* 9 times, k7 (10 sts dec = 158 sts)

Chart row 1: start working the cherry blossom chart from bottom to top as follows:
k chart row 1 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left,
sl st marker (at the end of round), w&t next st, turn work.

Chart row 2: sl st marker, PURL chart row 2 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left. When reach the wrapped st, lift the wrap up and over the stitch on the left needle and then purl those two together. Turn work.

Chart row 3: slip this first st back on the right hand needle. Work chart row 3 the same way as chart row 1 but start with the second chart st.

Work in this manner until chart row 8.

When finished chart row 8, co 3 new sts by making backward loops, before turning work.

Then split the yoke on the right shoulder as follows:

Chart row 9: take a second cicular needle size 3 mm/US 2,5, this is now your working needle,
*work kfb in the first co st on your needle,
leave the kf st on your working needle,
slip the kb st on your former left hand needle (this st is now the last st of the row)*,
repeat from * to * 2 more times,
now k chart row 9 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left, k the last 3 sts (button band sts).

From now on the yoke will be knitted flat. The first 3 sts and the last 3 sts of each row will be knit sts and the chart sts will be knitted in a RS row and purled in a WS row.

Wbh on the last 3 sts of chart row 13 and 19.

After chart row 23 you should have 86 sts on your working needle.

Row 24: k3, p3, p2tog, *p7, p2tog* 8 times, p3, k3 (9 sts dec = 77 sts)

Row 25: k to last 3 sts, wbh

Row 26: k to end

Row 27: k to end

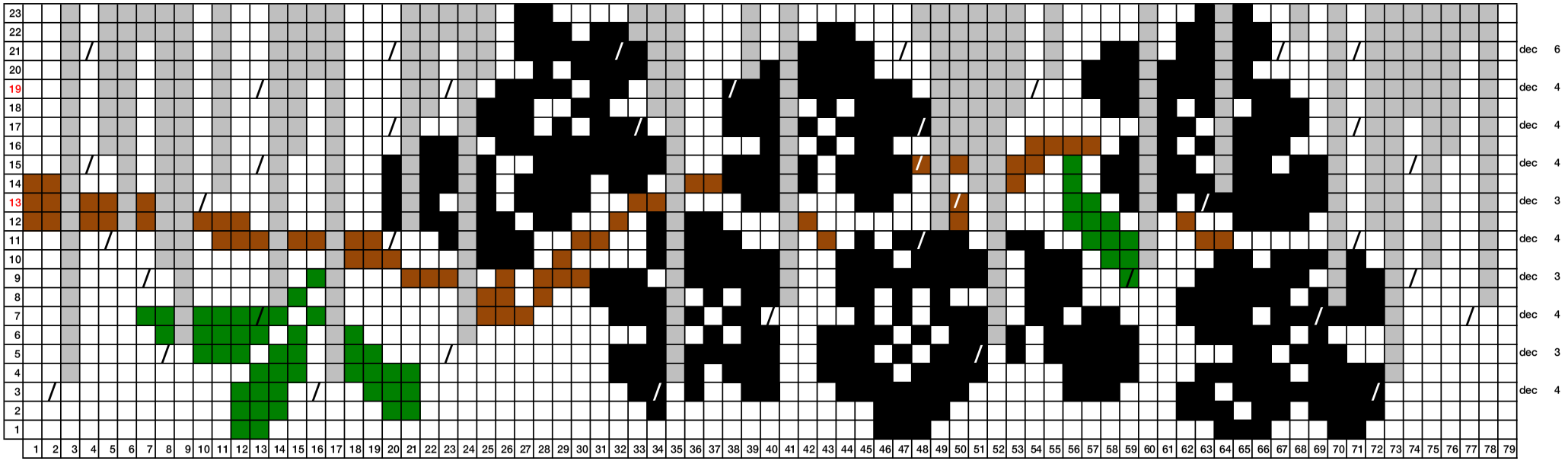
Row 28: k to end

Row 29: k to end

Bind off loosely knitwise.



Cherry blossom chart 9-12 months-



Work chart from bottom to top.
Knit chart from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left once per round.
Work buttonholes on the last 3 sts of row 13 and 19 (marked red) and 25.

- main color (white)
- contrast color (pink)
- pattern color A (green)
- pattern color B (brown)
- / decrease 1 st (on a RS: k2tog with st below the gray column; on a WS: p2tog with st below the gray column)
- no stitch, ignore and continue with next box

-12-18 months-

Set-up round 1: k to end

Set-up round 2: k8, k2tog, *k16, k2tog* 9 times, k8 (10 sts dec = 170 sts)

Set-up round 3: k to end

Set-up round 4: k8, k2tog, *k15, k2tog* 9 times, k7 (10 sts dec = 160 sts)

Chart row 1: start working the cherry blossom chart from bottom to top as follows:
k chart row 1 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left,
sl st marker (at the end of round), w&t next st, turn work.

Chart row 2: sl st marker, PURL chart row 2 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left. When reach the wrapped st, lift the wrap up and over the stitch on the left needle and then purl those two together. Turn work.

Chart row 3: slip this first st back on the right hand needle. Work chart row 3 the same way as chart row 1 but start with the second chart st.

Work in this manner until chart row 8.

When finished chart row 8, co 3 new sts by making backward loops, before turning work.

Then split the yoke on the right shoulder as follows:

Chart row 9: take a second cicular needle size 3 mm/US 2,5, this is now your working needle,
*work kfb in the first co st on your needle,
leave the kf st on your working needle,
slip the kb st on your former left hand needle (this st is now the last st of the row)*,
repeat from * to * 2 more times,
now k chart row 9 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left, k the last 3 sts (button band sts).

From now on the yoke will be knitted flat. The first 3 sts and the last 3 sts of each row will be knit sts and the chart sts will be knitted in a RS row and purled in a WS row.

Wbh on the last 3 sts of chart row 15 and 21.

After chart row 23 you should have 88 sts on your working needle.

Row 24: k8, k2tog, *k8, k2tog* 7 times, k8 (8 sts dec = 80 sts)

Row 25: k to last end

Row 26: k to end

Row 27: k to last 3 sts, wbh

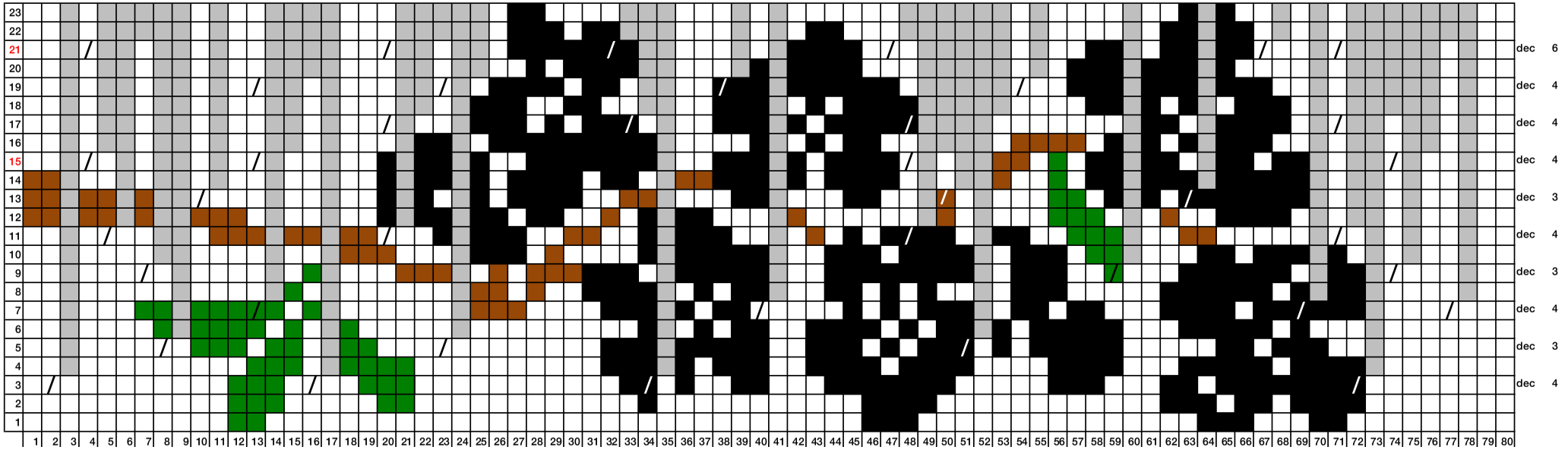
Row 28: k to end

Row 29: k to end

Bind off loosely purlwise.



Cherry blossom chart 12-18 months-



Work chart from bottom to top.
Knit chart from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left once per round.
Work buttonholes on the last 3 sts of row 15 and 21 (marked red) and 27.

- main color (white)
- contrast color (pink)
- pattern color A (green)
- pattern color B (brown)
- decrease 1 st (on a RS: k2tog with st below the gray column; on a WS: p2tog with st below the gray column)
- no stitch, ignore and continue with next box

-18-24 months-

Set-up round 1: k to end

Set-up round 2: k to end

Set-up round 3: k7, k2tog, *k16, k2tog* 10 times, k9 (11 sts dec = 187 sts)

Set-up round 4: k to end

Set-up round 5: k8, k2tog, *k15, k2tog* 10 times, k7 (11 sts dec = 176 sts)

Chart row 1: start working the cherry blossom chart from bottom to top as follows:
k chart row 1 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left,
sl st marker (at the end of round), w&t next st, turn work.

Chart row 2: sl st marker, PURL chart row 2 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left. When reach the wrapped st, lift the wrap up and over the stitch on the left needle and then purl those two together. Turn work.

Chart row 3: slip this first st back on the right hand needle. Work chart row 3 the same way as chart row 1 but start with the second chart st.

Work in this manner until chart row 8.

When finished chart row 8, co 3 new sts by making backward loops, before turning work.

Then split the yoke on the right shoulder as follows:

Chart row 9: take a second cicular needle size 3 mm/US 2,5, this is now your working needle,
*work kfb in the first co st on your needle,
leave the kf st on your working needle,
slip the kb st on your former left hand needle (this st is now the last st of the row)*,
repeat from * to * 2 more times,
now k chart row 9 from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left, k the last 3 sts (button band sts).

From now on the yoke will be knitted flat. The first 3 sts and the last 3 sts of each row will be knit sts and the chart sts will be knitted in a RS row and purled in a WS row.

Wbh on the last 3 sts of chart row 13 and 21.

After chart row 23 you should have 100 sts on your working needle.

Row 24: k3, p4, p2tog, *p10, p2tog* 7 times, p4, k3 (8 sts dec = 92 sts)

Row 25: k to end

Row 26: k6, k2tog, *k9, k2tog* 7 times, k7 (8 sts dec = 86 sts)

Row 27: k to end

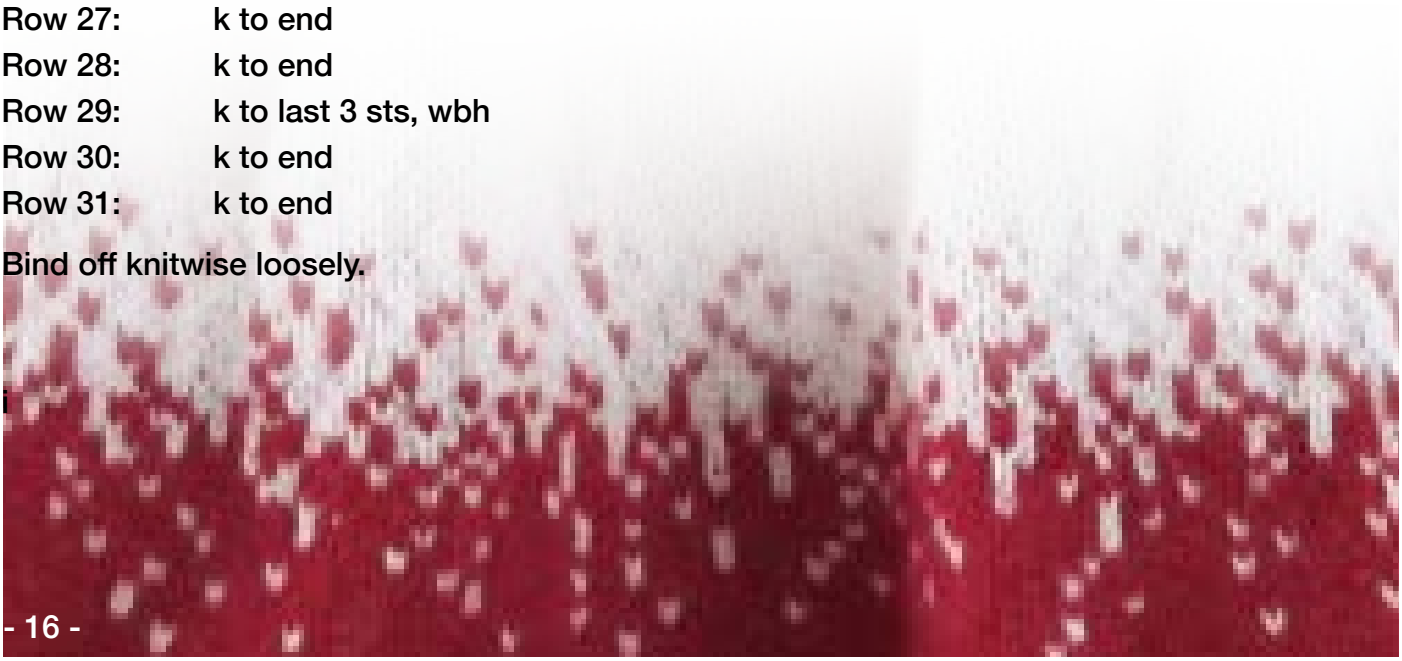
Row 28: k to end

Row 29: k to last 3 sts, wbh

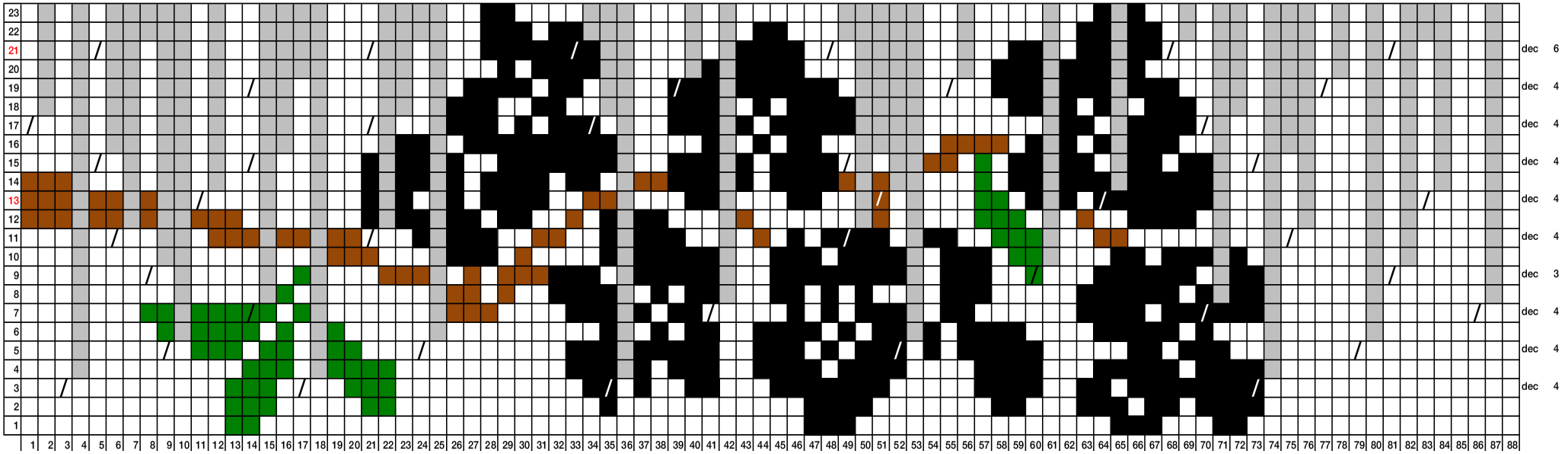
Row 30: k to end

Row 31: k to end

Bind off knitwise loosely.



Cherry blossom chart 18-24 months-



Work chart from bottom to top.
Knit chart from left to right AND immediately afterwards from right to left once per round.
Work buttonholes on the last 3 sts of row 13 and 19 (marked red) and 25.

- main color (white)
- contrast color (pink)
- pattern color A (green)
- pattern color B (brown)
- decrease 1 st (on a RS: k2tog with st below the gray column; on a WS: p2tog with st below the gray column)
- no stitch, ignore and continue with next box

Sleeves

For each sleeve you should have 10, (10), 10, (10), 12, (12) sts on a spare needle or stitch holder.

If you used provisional cast-on for the sleeve opening sts you should have another 30, (32), 34, (36), 40, (44) st on a second spare needle or stitch holder.

If you didn't use provisional cast-on pu now 30, (32), 34, (36), 40, (44) st evenly around the sleeve opening.

Place these 40, (42), 44, (46), 52, (56) sts on ONE circular needle or DPNs size 3mm/US 2,5.

Join MC and work 4 rounds in garter st starting with a purl round.

Bind off purlwise loosely.

Repeat for second sleeve.

Finish

Weave in ends.

Sew on buttons.

Put in an adorable baby.

