

Butterfly Pillow

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Butterfly Pillow Instructions

Yarn : 1 skein of each color you choose - Knitpicks Palette 235 yards each.

My choices -

Front background

Delta blue

Forest Heather (duplicate stitch overlays for detail)

Sky Blue

Clover (main color)

Clarity

scrap of lighter green for crocheting stems

Daisies

Custard

Daisy centers

Bison or Hazelnut

Cornmeal

Brass Heather

Butterfly

Black

Orange

Rust

Back of pillow

Whirlpool -(if you want to do back in Delta or one of the other colors from front back ground order a second skein of that color)

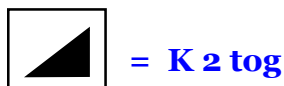
Sky

Needles - #2 circle needle, size #0's (4 -47 inch for blocking and holding the finishing stitches)

Chart Gauge - 8 stitches , 11 rows to the inch.

Knitting Chart Key

+ Add one - * Note- I found that using a yarnover(YO) one stitch in from either edge worked the smoothest. The yarn over I used on the knit side, does not go between the needles, you come over the top of the right needle and return the yarn to the back by passing it through the two needle. This yarn over gives you the exact yarn length as the yarnover(YO) traditionally done for one made before purling the next stitch, therefore your tension is more even.



For further details on the Intarsia knitting techniques please upload my Intarsiamania e-books. They are free on my website.

The Charts and tutorials

The charts included in this pattern are as follows:

Back Chart

Front chart - main knit only

Butterfly charts and tutorials

The finishing techniques are described on my website, in a “knitted Celebration of Spring.”

All daisy details are accomplished using a crochet hook and a single strand of yarn. Stems use a 2 ply strand of yarn.

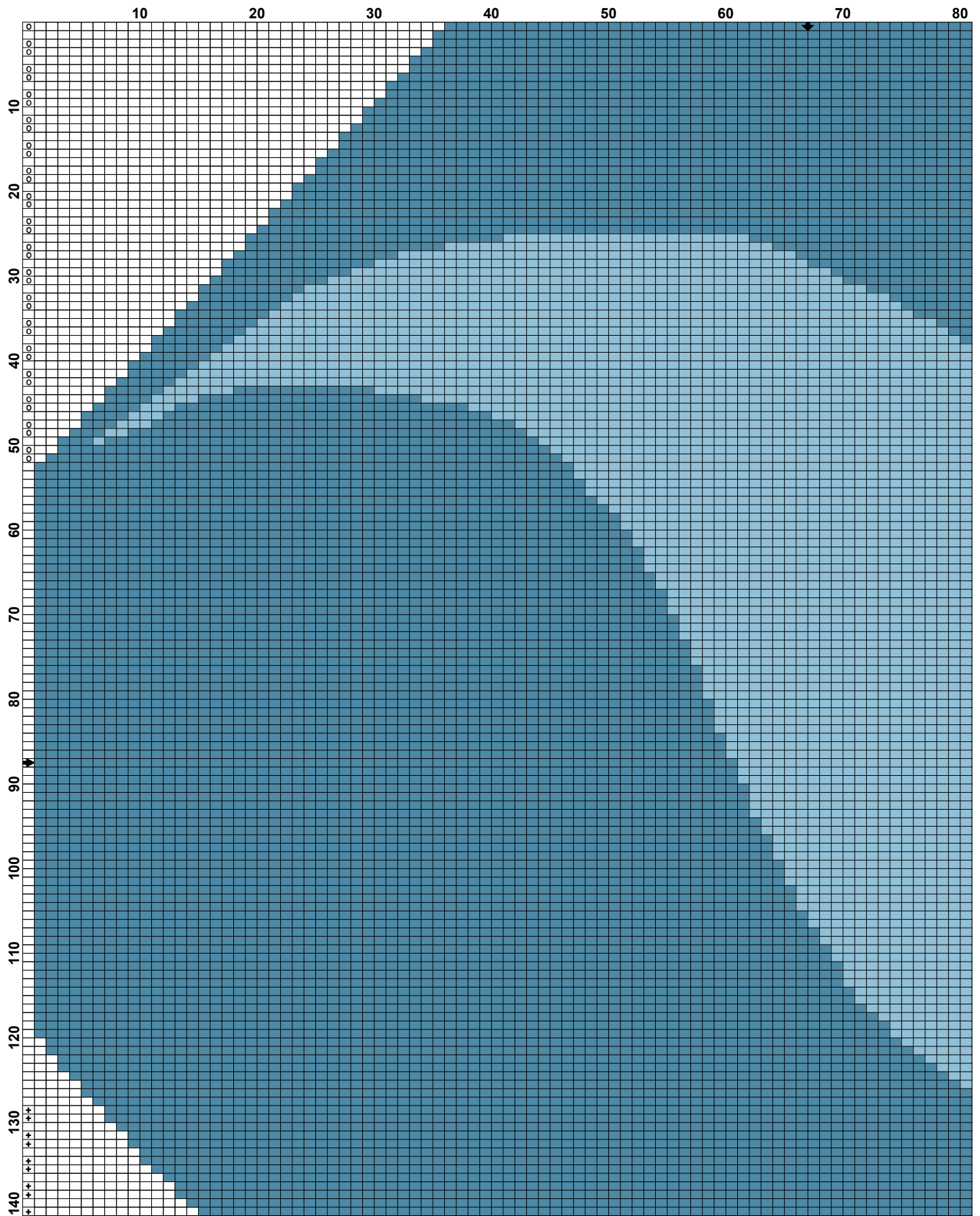
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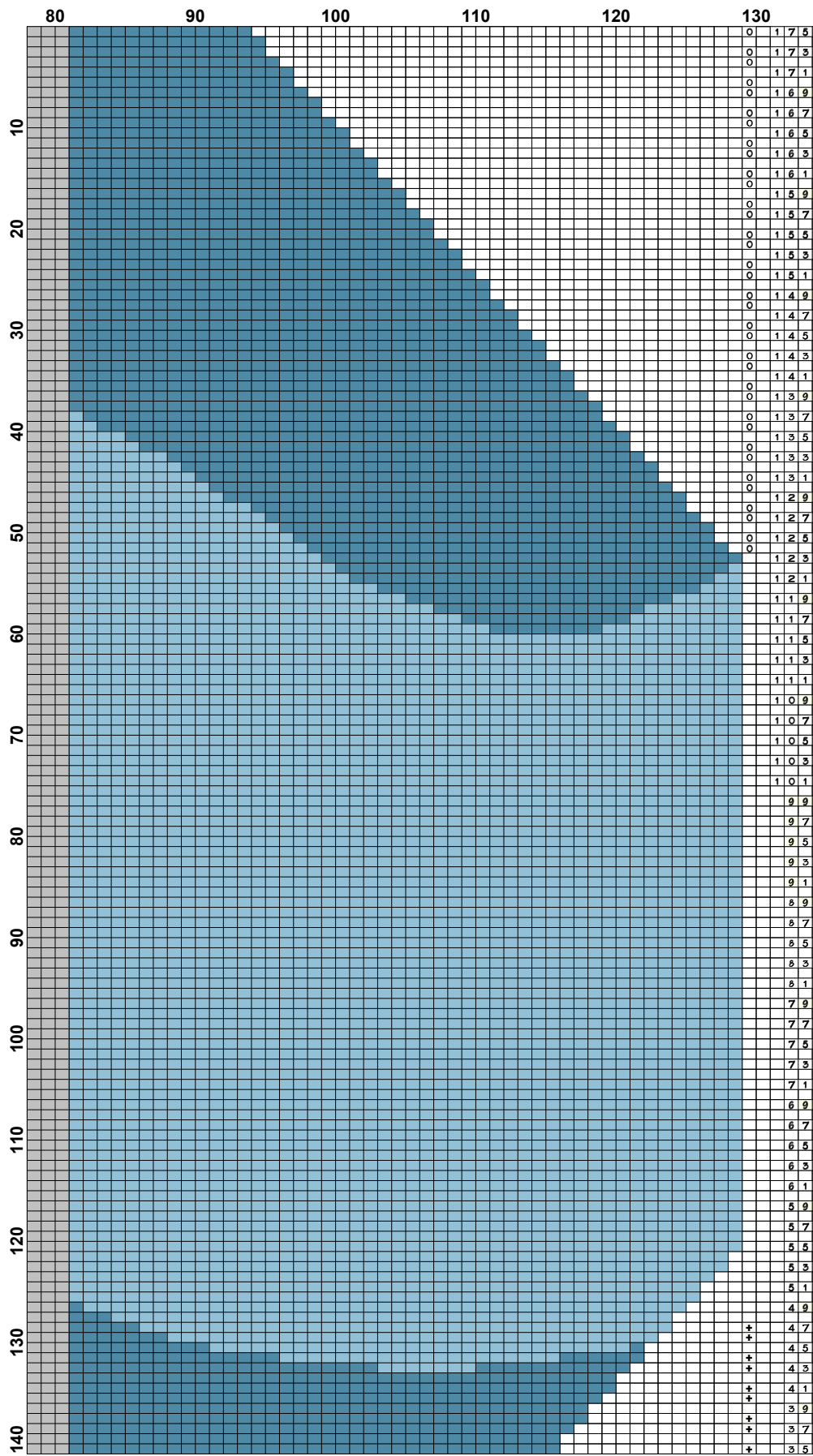
The daisy centers are made with a stitch I developed for my pine cone design. You can find it by looking at “knitting bobbles.” Just type in the title in the “search box at my website.

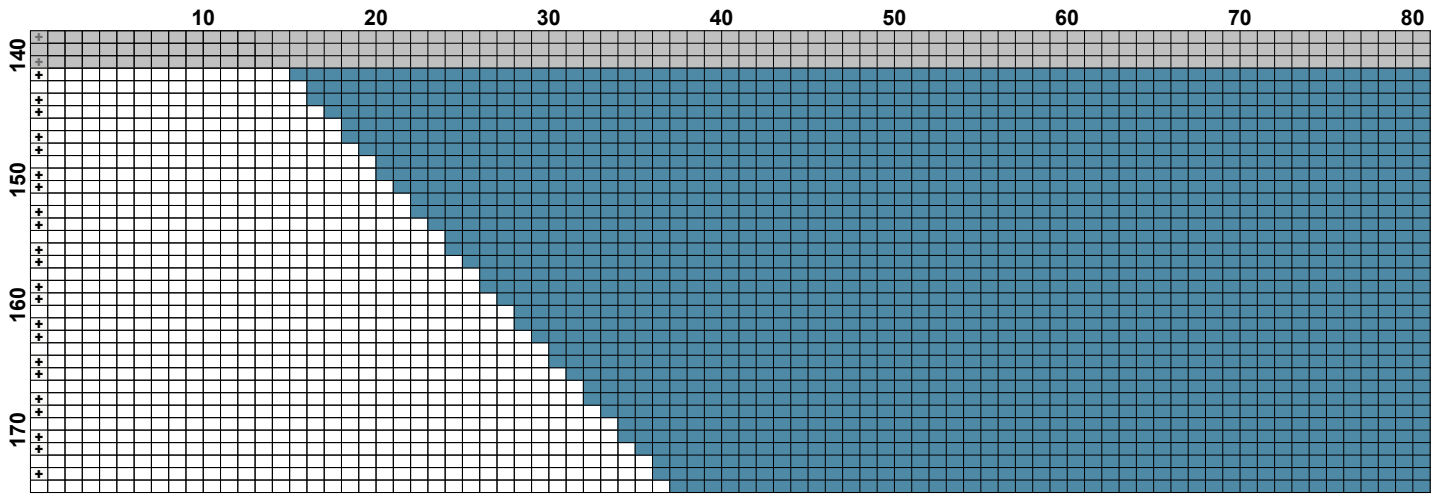
Any other questions concerning this pattern can be address to me at

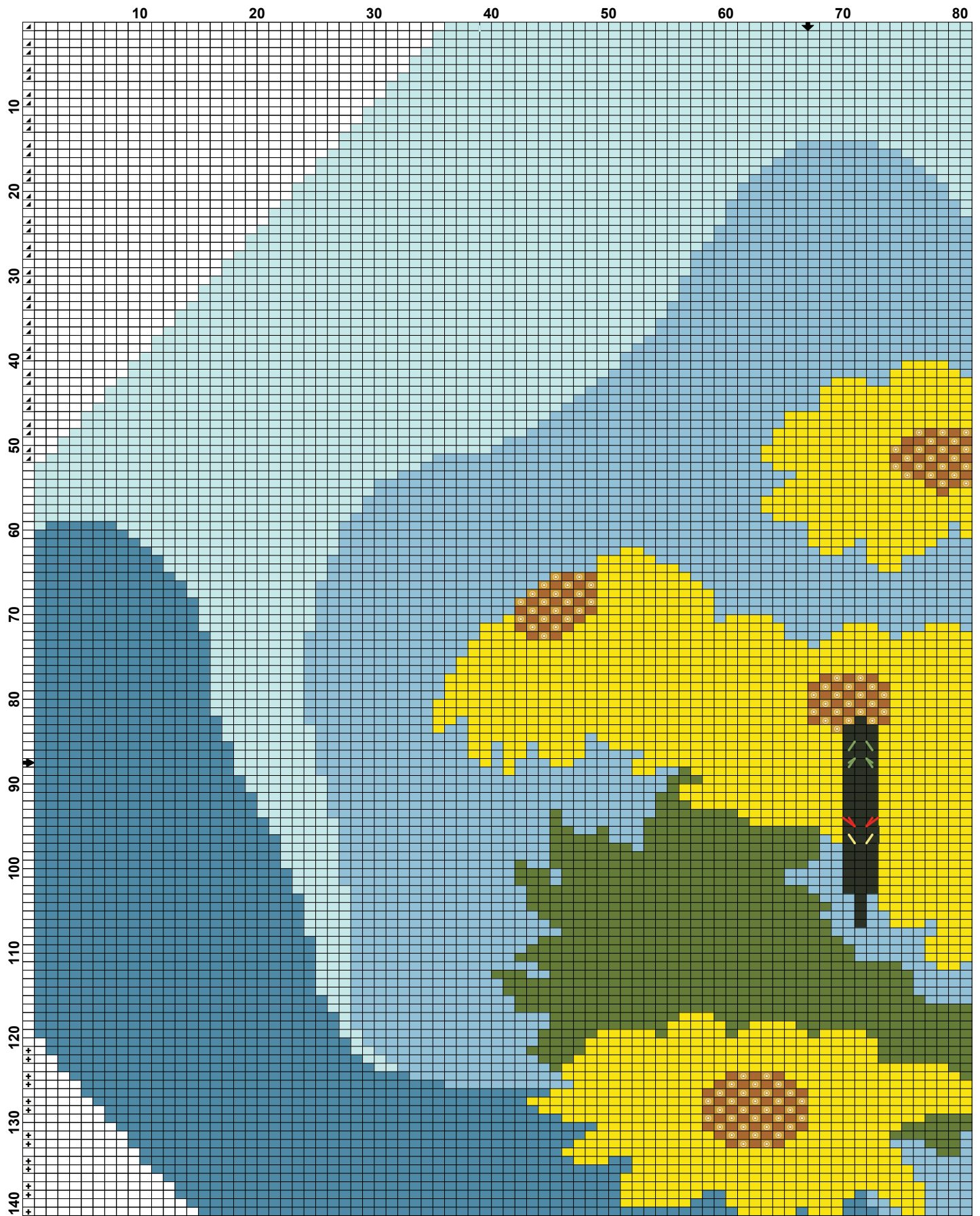
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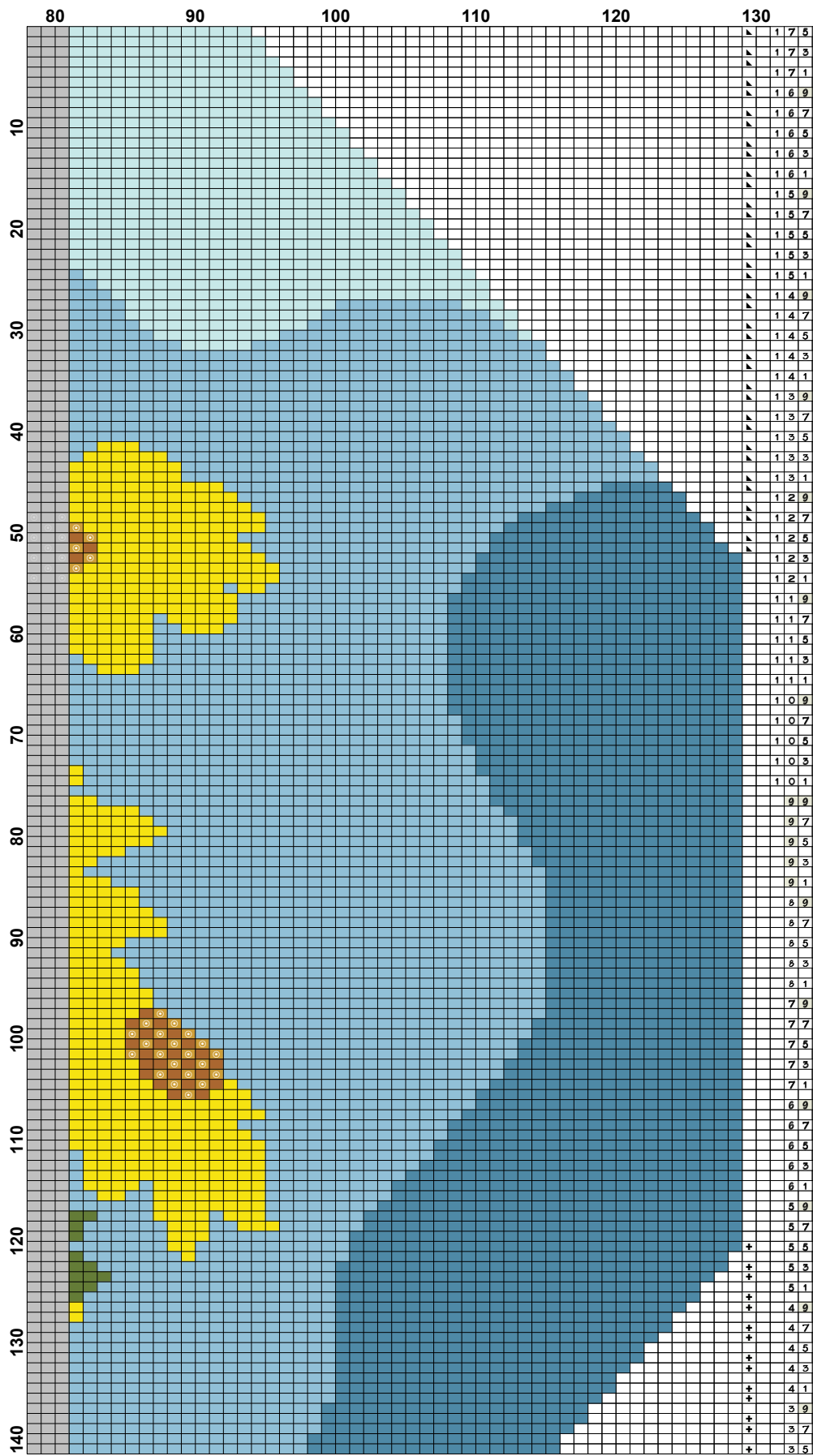
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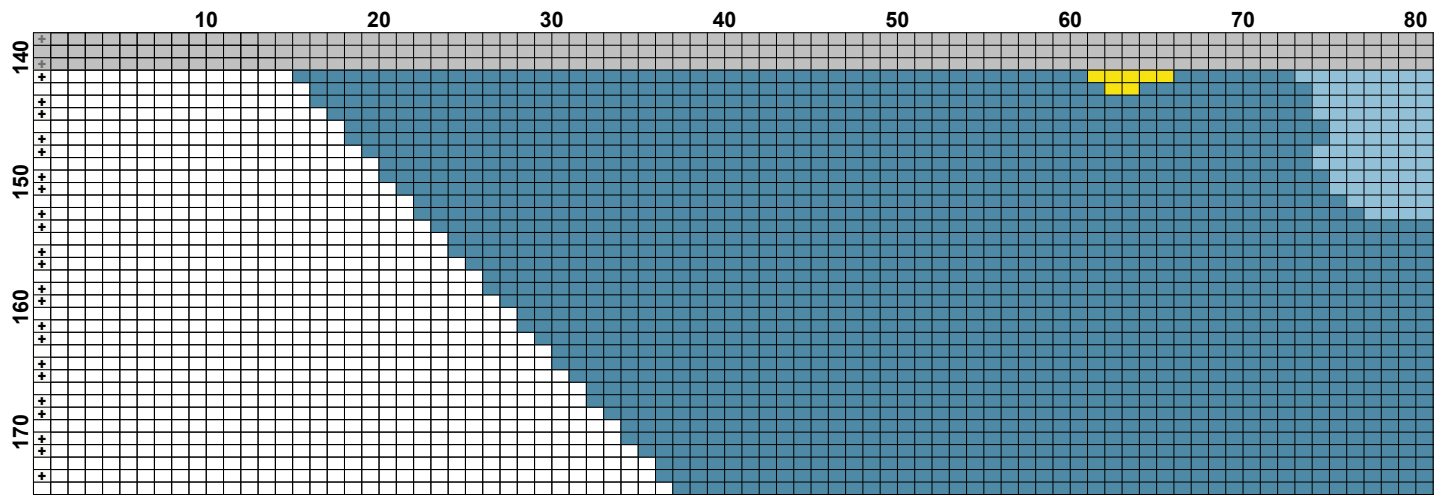












Butterfly Tutorial and Chart

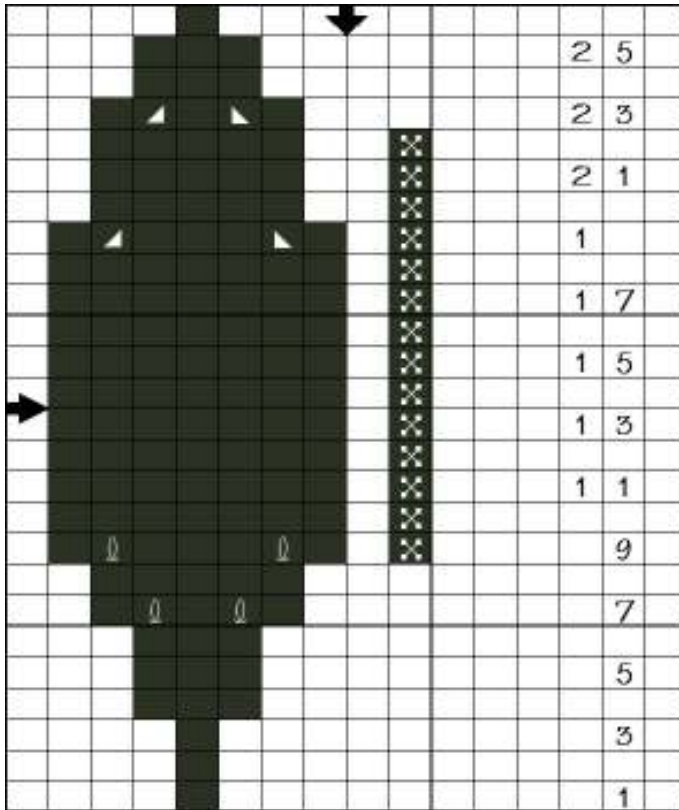
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Butterfly Body Chart

A



To incorporate this butterfly into your design, first knit the **body** where you want the butterfly to be. You can use either chart. Chart “A” which is 3 dimensional, or Chart “B” is flat.

In chart “A” to the left you will see that I have expanded the center section of the body. Beginning at the 7th row, I made YO increases on each side of the center stitch. In row 9, the YO increases are made each side of the center 3 stitches.

Rows 19 and 23 is where you begin the decreases, reversing the expansion.

When this shaping is contracted in the back (and stuffed) to the original 3 stitches in width, it allows me to make the body rounded, raising it off the surface of the knitting.

In both charts, the **14 x’s** to the right are the rows that are used to pick up the stitches to begin the wings,

B

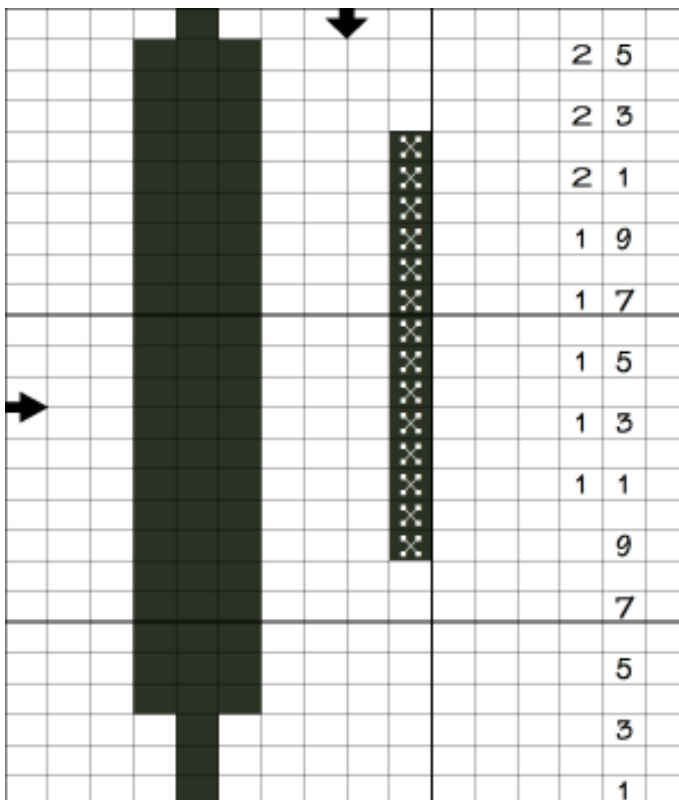
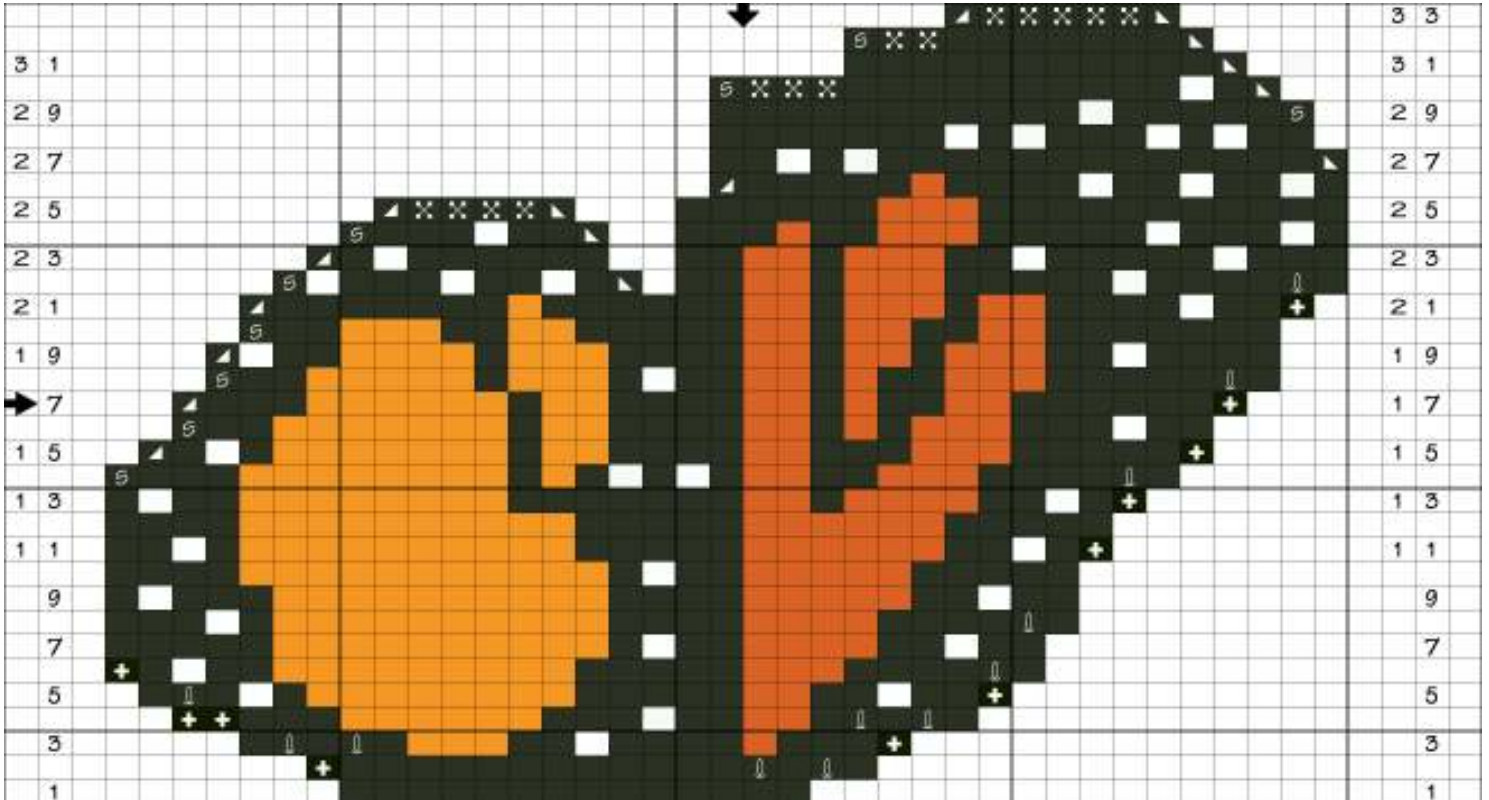




Chart “B” is a flat version of the body should you choose not to expand the body.

The gauge for this project is subject to the yarn you have at hand. However, I used fingering yarn and a size #2 needle to result in a gauge of 8 stitches and 11 rows per inch.


Left Butterfly Wing




Color Key - A (black), B (rust), C (white), D (orange)

Knitting Key - K = knit, P = purl, SSK , K 2 tog , st = stitch

YO = yarn over(*on the knit side-do not bring the yarn between the needle to the front, instead, bring yarn over the top of the needle then to the back before knitting the next stitch. This move will give you the same yarn length as when you wrap around the needle for a yarn over before a purl, thus keeping the tension more consistent.*

CO = cast on. Chart Symbol is 

Cast off = Chart symbol is 

Note - all cast on sts are worked in the same row and counted in the stitch count that follows. Example in row 3 the cast on stitch is counted in the first 12 stitches.

With right side of work facing, turn work so that the top of the body of the butterfly is on your right. Count down 4 rows from the top and begin picking up the 14 sts on the left side of the body. This row will be counted as #1 on the chart. Turn.

Row #2 - with A, purl cast on 1 st. Purl 12 sts, YO, p 1, YO, p 1. Turn.

Row #3 - With A, CO 1 st. Knit 4 (knitting in back loop of YO). Insert B, knitting in back loop of YO. With A, K 4. Insert C, Knit 1. With A, K 2. Insert D, K 3. Insert new strand of A, K 1, YO, K 1, YO, K 1. Turn.

Now that you have all your strands inserted, follow the chart, add the stitches required at the ends of each row. Work to row 21.

Work bottom wing only as follows.

Row #22- With A, Slip 1. C, P 1. A, p 3. C, p 1. A, p 2. C, p 1. A, p 2 tog. Turn

Row # 23- With A, k 6. With C k 1, A, k 1, k 2 tog. Turn.

Row #24 - With A, slip 1, p 3. C, p 1. A, p 2, p 2 tog.

Row# 25 - With A, k 2 tog, cast off all stitches until 2 stitches remain. K next stitch return it to left needle. Pass stitch to left over new stitch. Fasten off last loop. Break off yarn.

Work top wing section as follows.

With wrong side of work facing, continue with row#22, by adding a new strand of A.

Row #22- continued-

With A, p 2. B, p 2. A, p 1. B, p 3. A, p 5. C, p 1. A, p 6. Turn.

Row #23 - With A, k 3. C, k 1. A, k 5. C, k 1. A, k 2. B, k 3. A, k 1. B, k 2. A, k 2. Turn.

Row#24 - With A, p 3. B, p 1. A, p 2. B, p 3. A, p 5. C, p 1. A, p 3. C, p 1. A, p 1. Turn p 2 tog.

Row#25 - With A, k 11 (carrying C to position in next row). B, k 3. A, k 6.

Row#26 - With A, p 2 tog, p 5. B, p 1. A, p 4. C, p 1. A, p 2. C, p 1. A, p 2. C, p 1. A, p 1. Turn.

Row#27 - With A, k 2 tog, k 12. C, k 1. A, k 1. C, k 1. A, k 2. Turn.

Row#28 - With A, p 7. C, p 1. A, p 1. C, p 1. A, p 3. C, p 1. A, p 1. C, p 1. A, p 2. Turn.

Row#29 - With A, slip 1, k 5. C, k 1. A, k 11. Turn

Row#30 - With A, slip1, cast off 4 sts, [\[14 sts remain on left needle\]](#). Cont- A, p 10. C, p 1. A, p 1, p 2 tog. Turn.

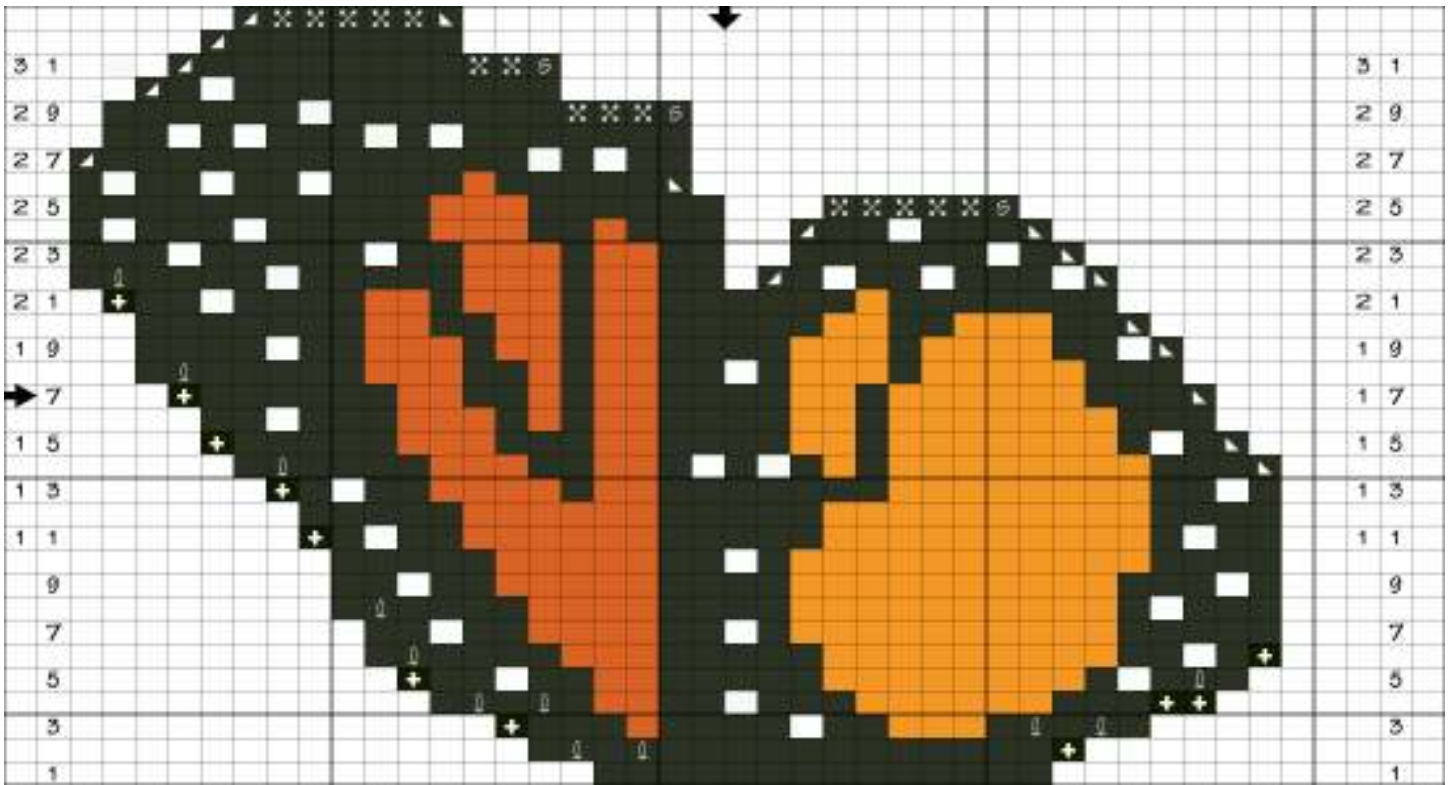
Row#31 - With A, SSK, k 11. Turn

Row #32 - With A, Slip 1, cast off 3, [\[9 sts remain on left needle\]](#). Cont- p 7, p 2 tog. Turn.

Row#33 - With A, SSK, cast off until 2 sts remain on needle. Knit next stitch, then return it to the left needle. Pass the second stitch to the right over the new stitch. Fasten off the last stitch. Break yarn.

If you need help with how to carry the yarns or to insert or end the color, check out my [Inarsiama-nia e-books](#). They are free for you to upload.

Butterfly wing - right side



For the right side wing begin picking up the 14 stitches from the bottom of the body directly opposite the other finished wing. Here again, the pick up row will be your Row #1 on the chart.

Follow the chart as before, inserting your yarns, making sure that you increase and decrease as indicated on the chart.

Work chart until row 21 is complete. This time, at row #22 you will begin completing the upper portion of the wing first. Follow the symbols on the chart as before. When you have the upper wing finished, then add a new strand of A, and continue row # 22, finishing the lower portion of the wing.

Finishing- Stuff your body, Using the same color yarn, weave the back together until it equals the width of the original 3 sts of the flat version. Add the Antennae, and the detail crocheted lines on the wings as desired.

Wash and block your creation