

# Eija



Eija mittens are a cheerful little knit. The combination of polka dots and stripes makes them all but boring and gives you a great opportunity to practice stranded knitting. The floats are never longer than 4 sts which makes Eija the perfect project for those who would like to try the technique.

The mittens are named after my dear colleague, who often wears the colour combination of the original design and, just as the pattern, is cheerful and fun to work with.

**Finished Size:** XS (S/M)

**Yarn:** Any fingering or sport weight yarn that gives you the right gauge.

**Gauge:** 24 sts / 20 rows = 10cm in stockinette.

**Needles:** 3 mm double-point or circular needles

**Notions:** 2 stitch markers, tapestry needle, waste yarn or needle holder.

## Abbreviations:

k – knit  
MC – main colour  
CC – contrast colour  
sts – stitches  
R – row  
pm – place marker

## Symbols:

λ - slip, slip, knit (left leaning decrease)  
Λ - knit 2 together (right leaning decrease)  
| right thumb  
| left thumb

## Mittens

Using both yarns and two-colour long tail method cast on 42 (48) sts. Join in round being careful not to twist stitches.

**Cuff round:** \*k1MC, k1CC\* repeat to the end of round.

Repeat cuff round 14(16) more times.

Knit one round in MC. For size M/L increase one st on this round.

You will now start working from charts.

Remember that you knit rows from chart B instead of the three marked red for right mitten and green for left mitten.

The number of sts will increase by 2 with every row as you create the thumb gusset but you still **omit only 3 sts from chart A**.

**Set up round:** k chart A to the marking, pmX, k R1 from chart B, pmY, continue knitting from chart A until the end of round.

**Thumb gusset round:** k chart A, smX, chart B, smY, knit chart A to the end of round. Repeat the thumb gusset round till you reach R7(8) on chart B.

On the next round: k chart A to mX, remove mX, put thumb sts on waste yarn, cast on 3 sts, remove mY, knit chart A to the end of round.

You will now knit rounds as they appear from chart A only. When you come to the end of the chart: cut yarn, pull ends through the live sts in opposite directions, tug on them to close the top of the mitten.



### Thumb

Transfer the sts from waste yarn on the needle, pick up 11(13) sts around the opening alternating yarn colours as set up on gusset \*CC, MC\*. You will now have 26(30) sts for the thumb.

Continue knitting Chart B starting with R 8(9). When you come to the end of the chart: cut directions, tug on them to close the top of the thumb.

Weave in ends, soak roll in towel to remove excess of water, block into shape and enjoy!

Size XS/S

Chart A

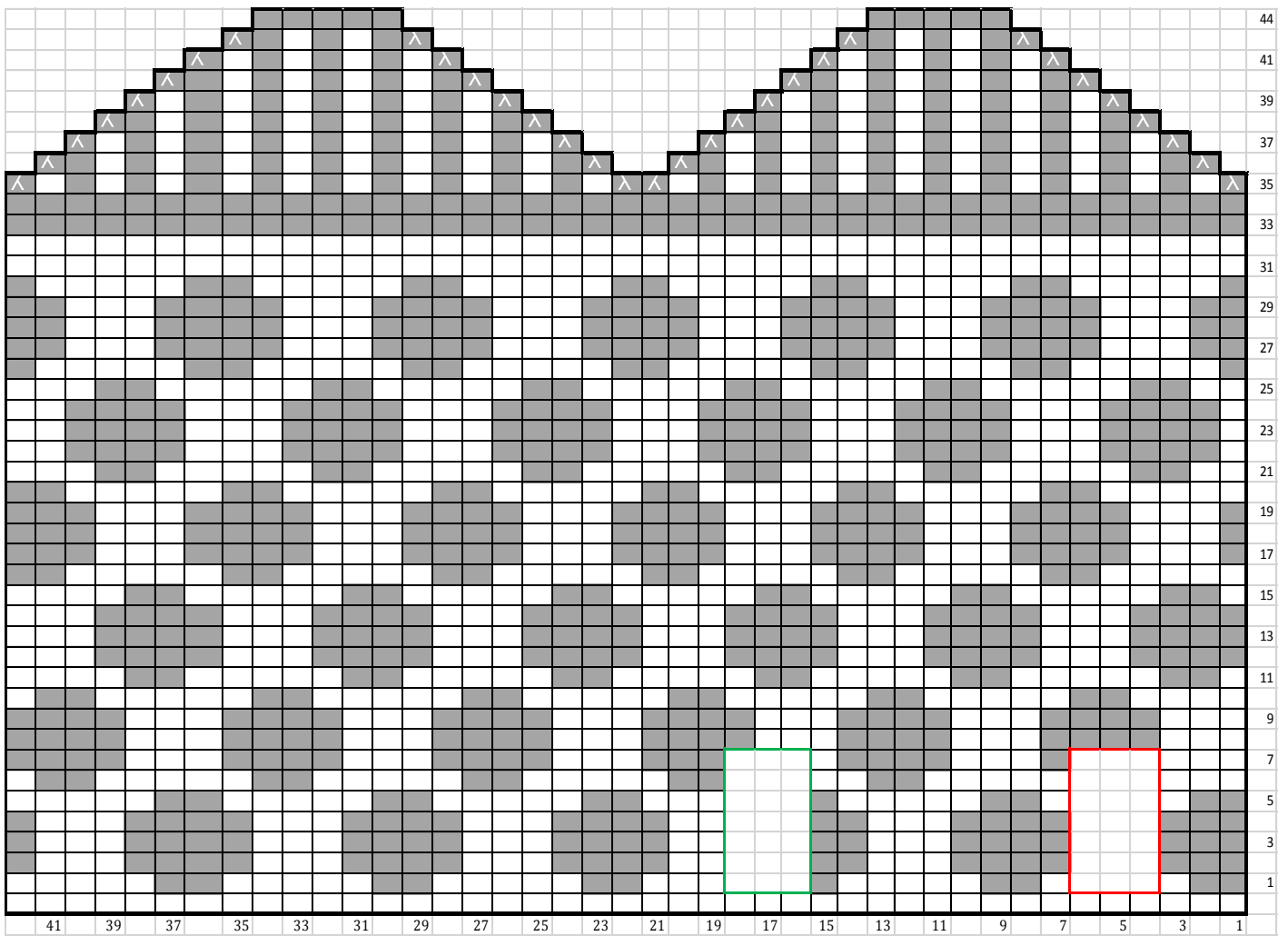
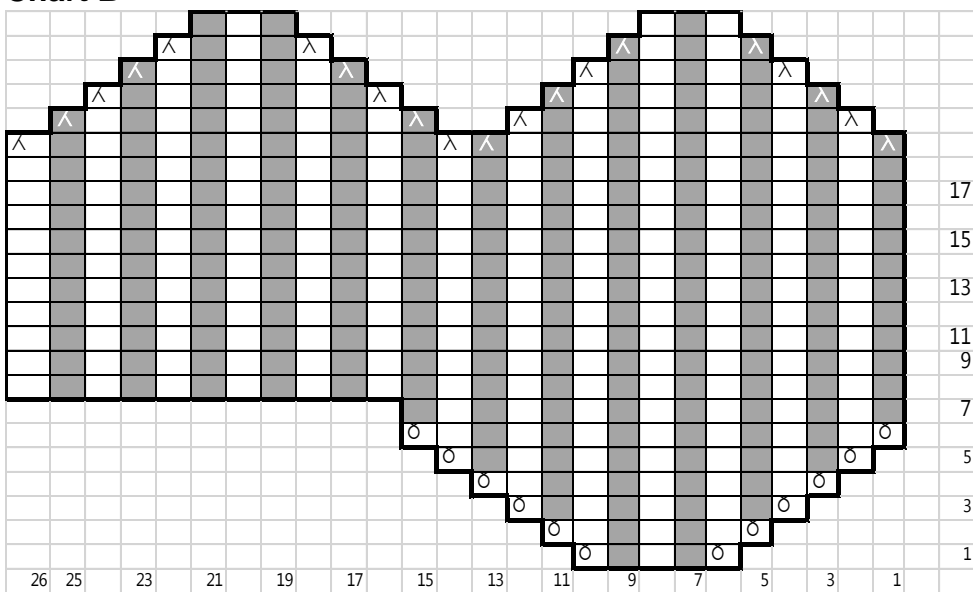


Chart B



Size M/L

Chart A

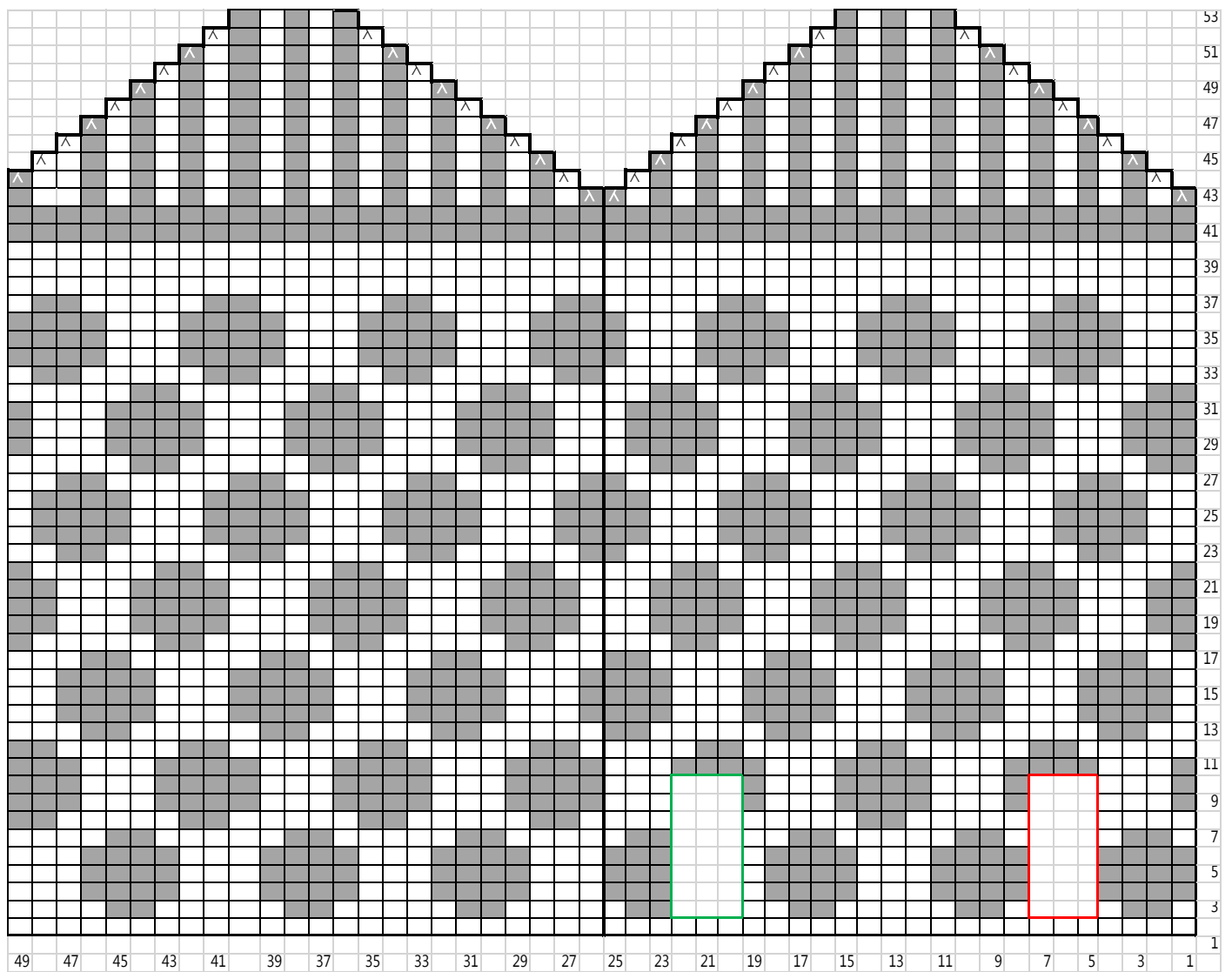


Chart B

