

TEACUP SKIRT

A Whimsical Skirt Knitting Pattern by Holly Beemer

at yarn's length



This nearly-seamless knit features bold, embroidered geometric designs. Whimsical and practical, it's knit in cotton for summer or southern weather.

SIZES

child 2/4 (20" waist, 12" length)
child 6/8 (23" waist, 15.5" length)
child 10/12 (25" waist, 18" length)
child 14/16 (28" waist, 19" length)

adult M (30" waist, 21" length)
adult L (33" waist, 21" length)
adult XL (36" waist, 23" length)
adult 2X (40" waist, 25" length)
adult 3X (44" waist, 25" length)

Use waist size for most accurate sizing.
Be sure to match gauge.

Instructions for sizes are provided as follows: child's 2/4 (6/8, 10/12, 14/16, **adult M, L, XL, 2X, 3X**).

GAUGE

18 sts x 24 rows = 4" x 4"
in Stockinette stitch

MATERIALS

YARN

1 (1, 1, 2, 2, **2, 2, 3, 3, 4**) skeins of
Loops & Threads Coastal Cotton in *Pink*

1 (1, 1, 1, **1, 1, 2, 2, 2**) skeins of
Loops & Threads Coastal Cotton in *Berry*

NEEDLES

[US #9/5.50 mm circular needles \(16"/29"\)](#)

NOTIONS

[elastic:](#)

[1/4" or 1/2" to fit child waist](#)

[1/2" or 3/4" to fit adult waist](#)

[finishing needle](#)

[large safety pins](#)

[sewing kit/needle and thread](#)

[stitch markers](#)

ABBREVIATIONS

BO - bind off
 CO - cast on
 dec - decrease
 k - knit
 k2tog - knit 2 stitches together; single
 right-leaning decrease
 m - marker
 PM - place marker
 RS - right side
 ssk - slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit these
 2 stitches together through back loops;
 single left-leaning decrease
 st(s) - stitch(es)
 St st - Stockinette stitch
 WS - wrong side

NOTES

This skirt is worked in the round from the bottom (hem) up in one color at a time. The geometric designs are embroidered on after the skirt is complete.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

duplicate stitch

PATTERN

SETUP

Using *Pink*, CO 128 (152, 168, 184, **196, 212, 256, 284, 320**) sts.

PM and join in the round, using care not to twist.

Knit first round while placing markers every 32 (38, 42, 46, **49, 53, 64, 71, 80**) sts. 4 markers placed.

Continue to knit in St st until work measures 1".

BODY

Next, work decrease round as follows:

ssk, k to last 2 sts before m, k2tog, slip m

Now 120 (144, 160, 176, **188, 204, 248, 276, 312**) sts remain.

Continue in St st, decreasing every 10 (10, 11, 11, **12, 11, 10, 10, 8**) rounds until 80 (96, 104, 112, **120, 132, 160, 180, 200**) sts remain.

At the same time, change to *Berry* when work reaches 7.5" (9.75", 11.25", 12", **13", 13", 14.5", 15.5", 15.5"** in length from hem (cast-on edge).

BODY (CONT.)

After your final decrease round, your work should measure 12" (15.5", 18", 19", **19"**, **19"**, **21"**, **23"**, **23"**) in length.

Continue in St st for 1" (1", 1", 1", **2"**, **2"**, **2"**, **2"**, **2"**).

Ensure that your skirt is at least 1" longer than your desired finished length, then BO all sts.

EMBROIDERY

If you find your stitches are uneven, block before this step.

There is room for one design per skirt panel (4). Determine placement for each design before you begin, noting that they vary greatly in size. Use stitch markers to denote key stitches in the design (the ends and any corners, for example).

Use duplicate stitching to embroider the designs, working with *Pink* on *Berry* and *Berry* on *Pink*.

WAISTBAND

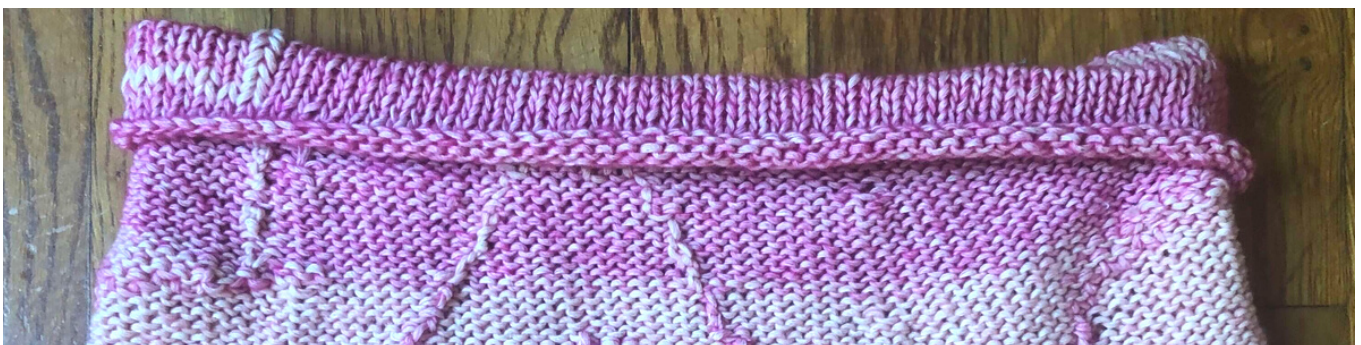
Fold the top inch of the waist over and in. (Hint: Mark the row at the fold with a basting stitch if you find it difficult to follow the row.)

Pin the waistband into place with safety pins or stitch markers.

Sew the edge down to the waist, using invisible duplicate stitch seaming. Leave 2" of waistband unsewn and leave a long tail.



optional basting stitch



folded-over waistband

INVISIBLE SEAMING

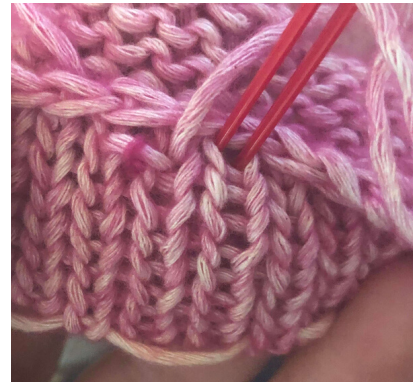
To seam invisibly, use a duplicate stitch.

On the inside edge, position your needle at the center of the topmost V (closest to the hem on what is now the WS).

Push through the fabric and to the RS, ensuring your needle comes through at the bottom of the V, as if to make a duplicate stitch.

Follow behind the V on top of this stitch, duplicating one side. Exit back through the hole the needle came through.

On the WS, move to the next V and repeat the stitch. If you encounter any contrasting color embroidery (RS), skip those stitches.



entering from the hem edge (WS)



emerging on the RS

ELASTIC

Checking for fit before you cut, snip a piece of elastic that is just smaller than the desired waist measurement. (This is typically 1-2" of negative ease for children and up to 4" for adults.)

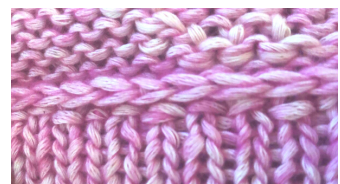
Attach a large safety pin to the end of the elastic and thread it through the tube created by the knitted seam/hem.

Emerge on the other side. Hold both ends of the elastic overlapped and sew with needle and thread.

Finish sewing waistband seam with remaining yarn.



duplicating the stitch



finished seam (WS)

FINISHING

Weave in any loose ends. Block if desired.

Additional Resources

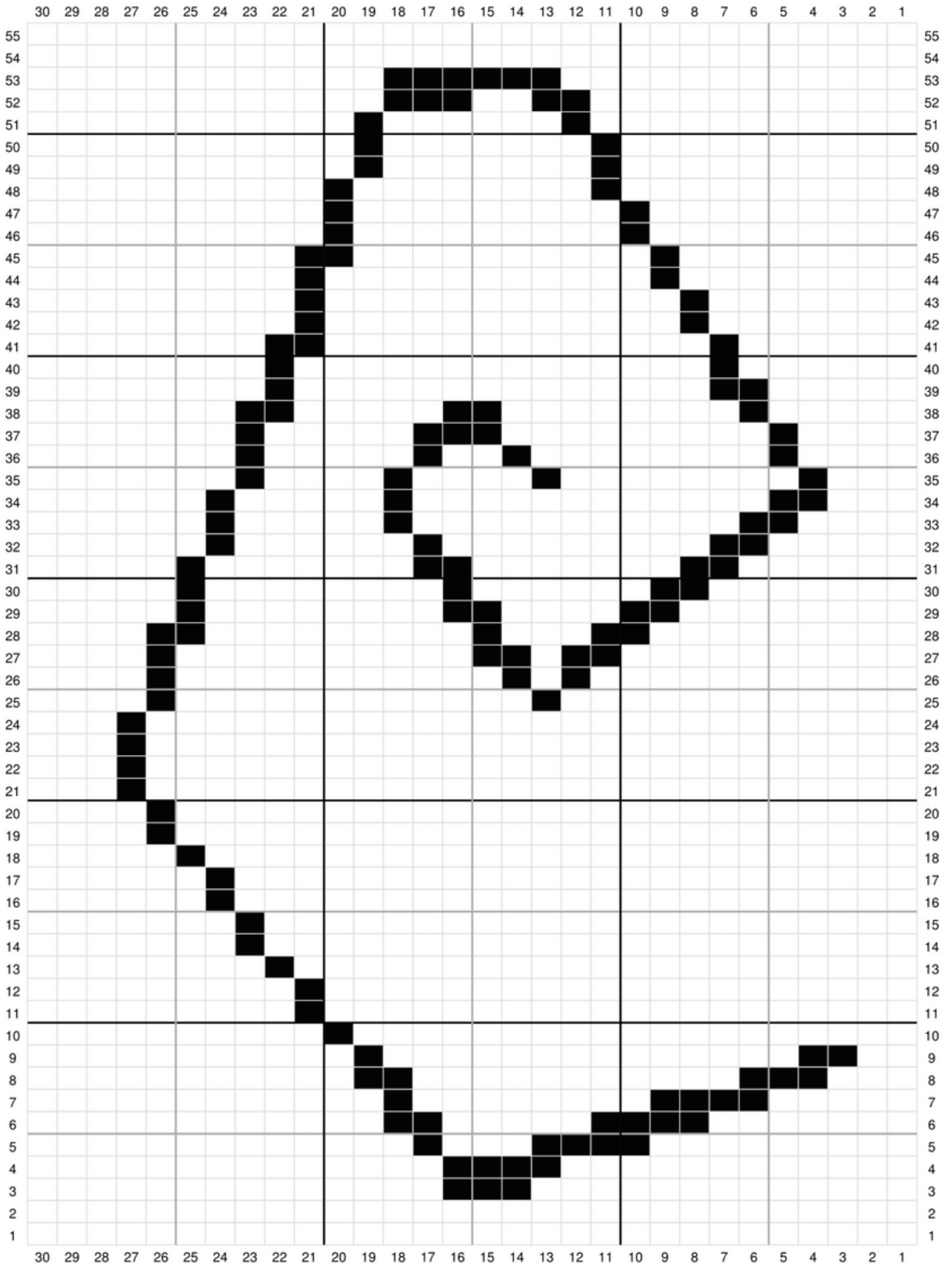
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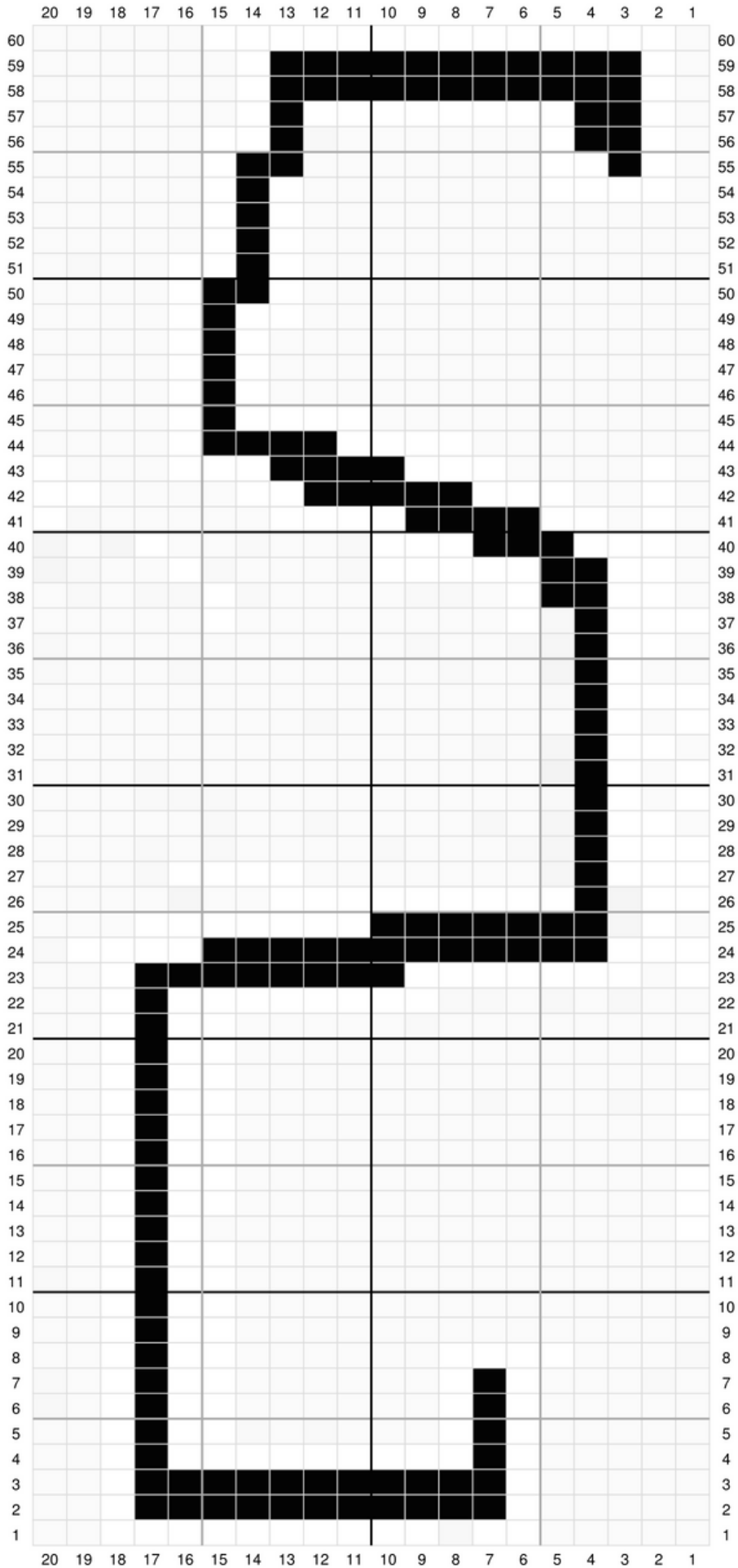
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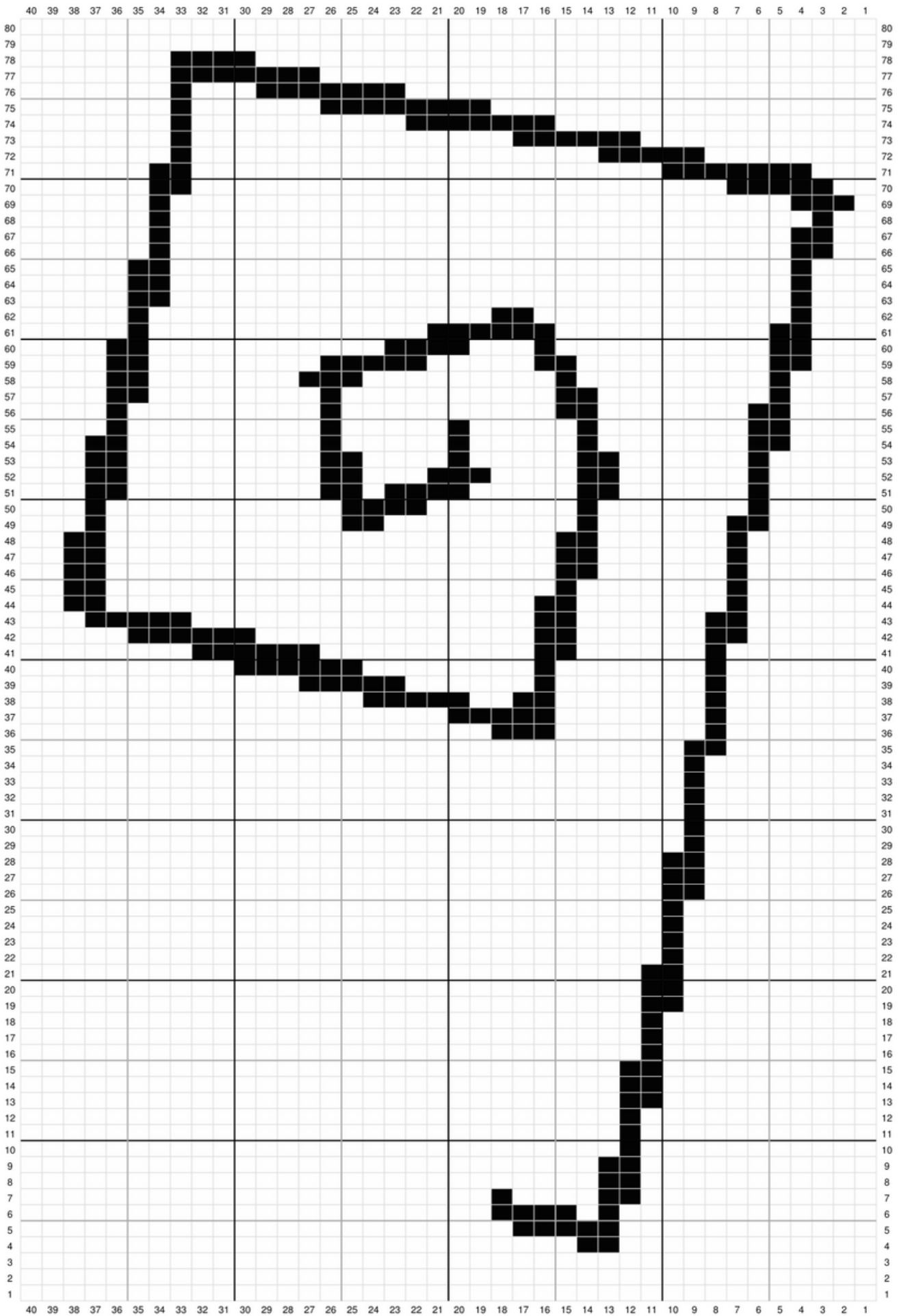
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