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The COLLAPSING DRESS is a colourful, casual yet classy hand knitted dress, to be proudly worn as the world collapses around you. It is knitted in the round with a tricky colorwork part (catch you floats every 4th stitch!). Charts include a faithful reproduction of the famous graph from the 1972 Club of Rome report, enhanced by Graham Turner in 2014 with actual data.

HAPPY KNITTING !



Abbreviations

k : knit
p : purl
m1R: make 1 right
m1L: make 1 left
CO: cast-on
BOR: beginning of round
k2tog: knit 2 together
ssk: slip, slip knit
OTN: on the needles
w&t : wrap and turn
RS : right side
MC : main color
CC : contrasting color

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Size

This pattern is designed for a S/M size.

Finished measurements: Bust - 91 cm ; Shoulder to underarm - 21 cm ; Underarm to hem - 44 cm ; Underarm to wrist - 44 cm

For other sizes, please contact the author or have fun doing the math using Gauge. Anyway, as the internet just collapsed, you won't have anything better to do, so.

Suggested Yarn

Any kind of Aran / Worsted type yarn.

Merino or linen, it's up to you, who knows what's the weather is going to be by the time you're done anyway. Nettles fibers are recommended though, since they might be the last material you can afford after a gigantic economic crisis.

Tardage

MC : 900 m

CC1, CC2, CC3, CC4, CC5, CC6 : less than 75 m each

Gauge

16 stitches and 25 rows = 10 cm square in stockinette stitch.

Swatching is highly recommended as this pattern is as reliable as climate right now.

Material

Needles: 5mm circular needles, one 120 cm and one 40 cm cables

Markers, darning needle for weaving in ends, stitch holders



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BODY

RIGHT BACK

CO 14 sts
Row 1: k
Row 3: p
Row 4: k7, w&t
Row 5: p
Row 6: k1, m1L, k to end, picking up wrap
Row 7: p
Put sts on holder

LEFT BACK

CO 14 sts
Row 1: p
Row 2: k
Row 3: p7, w&t
Row 4: k
Row 5: p, picking up wrap
Row 6: k to last stitch, m1R, k1
Row 7: p

JOIN BACK SHOULDERS

Row 1: k14 sts of left back, CO 29 sts, k the 14 sts you put on hold for the Right Back
[59 sts OTN]
Work 35 rows in stockinette

Increase row: *k1, m1R, k to last stitch, m1L, k1 Next row: p*
Repeat those two rows 5 more times
[69 sts OTN]

Put sts on holder

LEFT FRONT

With RS facing, pick up and k 14 sts across top
Row 1: p
Row 2: k
Row 3: p
Repeat rows 2 & 3 5 times

Increase row: *k1, m1R, k to end Next row: p*
Repeat ** 1 time.
[16 sts OTN]

Put sts on holder

RIGHT FRONT

With RS facing, pick up and k 14 sts across top
Row 1: p
*Row 2: k
Row 3: p*
Repeat ** 5 times

Increase row: *k to last stitch, m1L, k1 Next row: p*
Repeat ** 1 time
[16 sts OTN]

JOIN FRONT SHOULDERS

Join:
Row 1: k 16
CO 26 sts
k the 16 sts you put on hold for the Left Front
[58 sts OTN]
Work 21 rows in stockinette

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SLEEVES

Row 23: k1, m1R, k to last stitch, m1L, k1
Row 24: p
Row 25: k
Row 26: p
Row 27: k1, m1R, k to last stitch, m1L, k1
Row 28: p
Row 29: k1, m1R, k to last stitch, m1L, k1
Row 30: p
Row 31: k
Row 32: p
Row 33: k1, m1R, k to last stitch, m1L, k1
Row 34: p
Row 35: k1, m1R, k to last stitch, m1L, k1
Row 36: p
[68 sts OTN]

JOIN FRONT AND BACK

K to end, CO 3 sts, k across Back sts from holder, CO 1st, pm (BOR), CO 1sts
[142 sts OTN]

You are now working in the round

K 58 sts, PM for Charts (M), k one more round

COLLAPSING PART

*Work Chart A to M

From M, work Chart B 6 times to BOR*

Repeat ** until both Charts have been completed (39 rounds)

Keep working with MC until desired length.
Bind off.

Starting from center underarm, pick up and k 48 sts, PM at the halfway mark (HM) and at the end

Row 1: k to 7 sts past HM, w&t the next stitch

Row 2: p to 7 sts past HM, w&t the next stitch

*Row 3: k to wrapped stitch, knit wrap together with stitch, w&t following stitch
Row 4: p to wrapped stitch, purl wrap together with stitch, w&t following stitch *

Repeat ** until there are 2 sts on either side that have not been wrapped

K to the final wrapped stitch, then k it (and its wrap) together with the following stitch, k1, sm (BOR), k1, k the next stitch and the following wrapped stitch (with its wrap) together, k to end

K 1 round

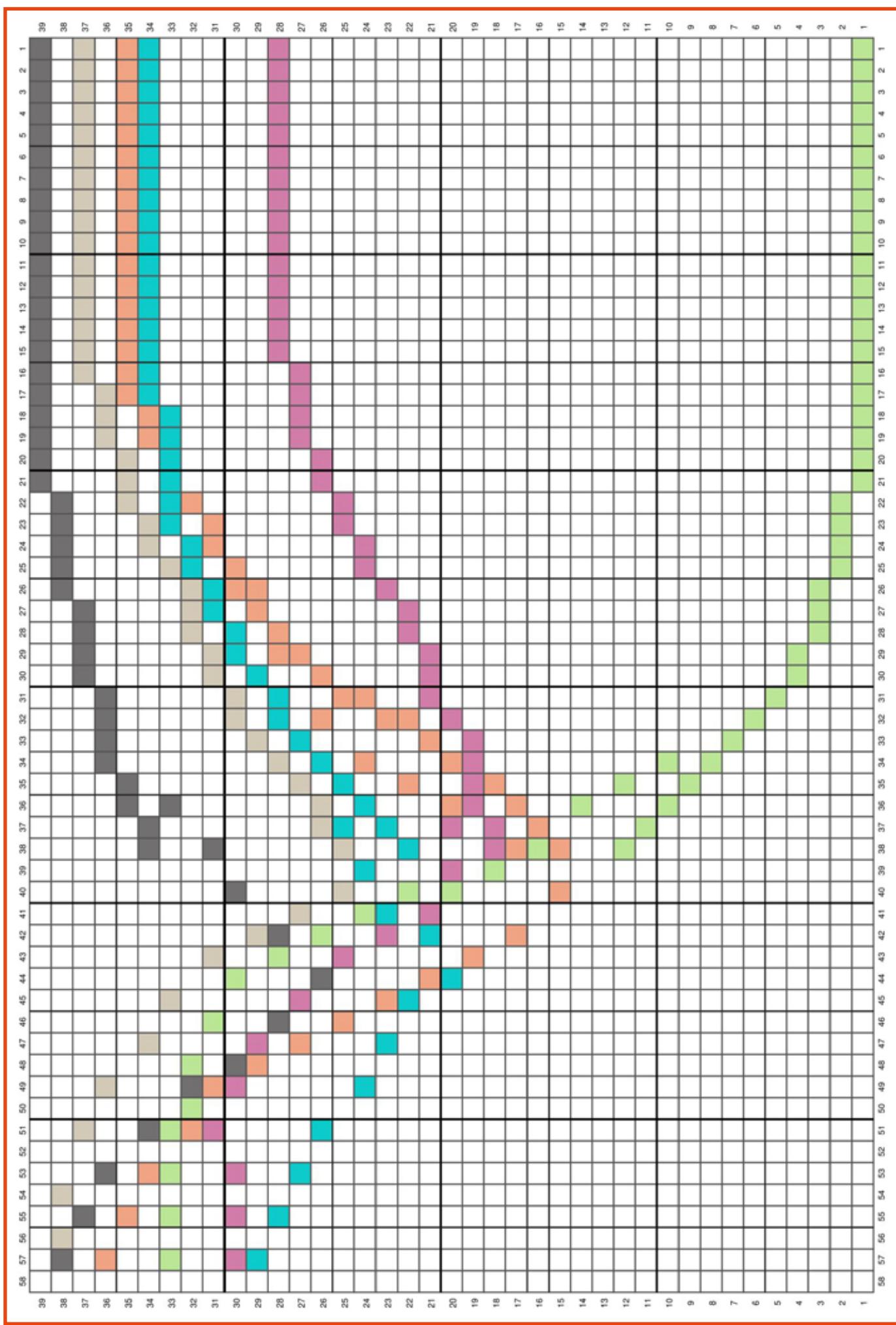
Begin decreases every 8th round as follows: k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1. Repeat decrease round 6 times. 34 sts OTN.

Keep working with MC until desired length. Bind off.

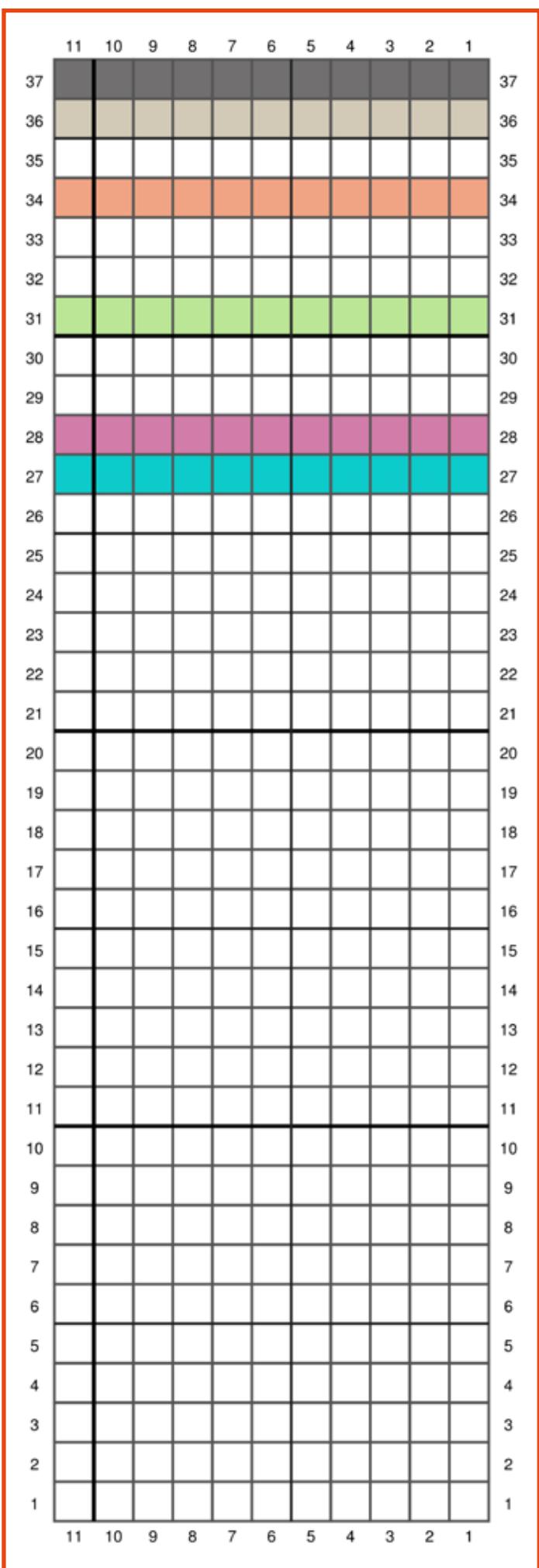
FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Soak and block sweater to desired measurements. Enjoy the apocalypse. Your dress had predicted it.

COLLAPSING CHART A



COLLAPSING CHART B





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