



Merry Christmas Sweaters *to Knit*

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Adult: Large

Front

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles, cast on 108 sts.

Next row: [K2, P2], rep to end of row. Rep this row a further 11 times.

Working from the Front Chart for your chosen motif, cont as follows:

Work in SS for 88 rows or until work measures 39cm (15½in).

Cont in SS, working decreases as shown to shape armholes:

Row 89: Cast off 5 sts at beg of row [103 sts].

Row 90: Cast off 5 sts at beg of row [98 sts].

Row 91: Cast off 4 sts at beg of row [94 sts].

Row 92: Cast off 4 sts at beg of row [90 sts].

Row 93: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [88 sts].

Row 94: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl [86 sts].

Row 95: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [84 sts].

Row 96: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl [82 sts].

Row 97: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [80 sts].

Row 98: Purl.

Row 99: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [78 sts].

Row 100: Purl.

Row 101: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [76 sts].

Row 102: Purl.

Row 103: Knit.

Row 104: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl [74 sts].

Row 105: Knit.

Row 106: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl [72 sts].

Cont with no further shaping until row 128 is complete.

Shape Front Neck as follows:

Row 129: K30, turn, leaving rem sts on a st holder. Cont working over these 30 sts.

Row 130: Cast off 2 sts at beg of row [28 sts].

Row 131: Knit.

Row 132: P1, P2tog, P to end of row [27 sts].

Row 133: K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [26 sts].

Row 134: P1, P2tog, P to end of row [25 sts].

Row 135: Knit.

Row 136: P1, P2tog, P to end of row [24 sts].

Row 137: K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [23 sts].

Row 138: Purl.

Row 139: K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [22 sts].

Row 140: Purl.

Row 141: K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [21 sts].

Row 142: Purl.

Row 143: Knit.

Row 144: P1, P2tog, P to end of row [20 sts].

Row 145: Knit.

Row 146: Purl.

Row 147: Cast off 6 sts at beg of row, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [13 sts].

Row 148: Purl.

Row 149: Cast off 6 sts at beg of row [7 sts].

Row 150: Purl.

Row 151: Cast off rem 7 sts.

Place centre 12 sts on a st holder and, with RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem 30 sts. K to end of row.

Work second side as follows:

Row 130: Purl.

Row 131: Cast off 2 sts at beg of row [28 sts].

Row 132: P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1 [27 sts].

Row 133: K1, ssK, K to end of row [26 sts].

Row 134: P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1 [25 sts].

Row 135: Knit.

Row 136: P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1 [24 sts].

Row 137: K1, ssK, K to end of row [23 sts].

Row 138: Purl.

Row 139: K1, ssK, K to end of row [22 sts].

Row 140: Purl.

Row 141: K1, ssK, K to end of row [21 sts].

Row 142: Purl.

Row 143: Knit.

Row 144: P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1 [20 sts].

Row 145: Knit.

Row 146: Cast off 6 sts at beg of row [14 sts].

Row 147: K1, ssK, K to end of row [13 sts].

Row 148: Cast off 6 sts at beg of row [7 sts].

Row 149: Knit.

Row 150: Cast off rem 7 sts.

Back

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles, cast on 108 sts and work as for Front.

Use the Back Chart for your chosen motif and follow the instructions for the Front armhole shaping up to end of row 106 [72 sts]. With no further shaping, cont in SS until row 139 is complete.

Row 140: P30, cast off 12 sts and P to end of row. Cont over rem 30 sts, setting aside the first set of 30 sts to be completed later.

Row 141: Knit.

Row 142: Cast off 6 sts at beg of row [24 sts].

Row 143: K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [23 sts].

Row 144: P1, P2tog, P to end of row [22 sts].

Row 145: K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [21 sts].

Row 146: P1, P2tog, P to end of row [20 sts].

Row 147: Cast off 6 sts at beg of row [14 sts].

Row 148: P1, P2tog, P to end of row [13 sts].

Row 149: Cast off 6 sts at beg of row [7 sts].

Row 150: Purl.

Row 151: Cast off rem 7 sts.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem 30 sts and cont as follows:

Row 141: Knit.

Row 142: Purl.

Row 143: Cast off 6 sts at beg of row [24 sts].

Row 144: P to last 3 sts, P2tog, P1 [23 sts].

Row 145: K1, ssK, K to end of row [22 sts].

Row 146: Cast off 6 sts at beg of row, P to last 3 sts, P2tog, P1 [15 sts].

Row 147: K1, ssK, K to end of row [14 sts].

Row 148: Cast off 6 sts at beg of row [8 sts].

Row 149: K1, ssK, K to end of row [7 sts].

Row 150: Cast off rem 7 sts.

Sleeves (make two)

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles, cast on 46 sts and work 12 rows in (K2, P2) rib, as for Front.

Cont in SS for 86 rows, working from Sleeve Chart if appropriate, and shaping as follows:

Inc 1 st at each end of rows 3, 9, 15, 21, 27, 33, 39, 44, 50, 56, 62, 68, 74, 80 and 86 as follows: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1.

At the end of row 86 there will be 76 sts on the needle.

Cont in SS with no further shaping until row 96 is complete or until sleeve measures 41cm (16¼in).

Work sleeve-head shaping as follows:

Row 97: Cast off 4 sts at beg of row [72 sts].

Row 98: Cast off 4 sts at beg of row [68 sts].

Row 99: Cast off 3 sts at beg of row [65 sts].

Row 100: Cast off 3 sts at beg of row [62 sts].

Row 101: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [60 sts].

Row 102: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1 [58 sts].

Row 103: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [56 sts].

Row 104: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1 [54 sts].

Row 105: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [52 sts].

Row 106: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1 [50 sts].

Row 107: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [48 sts].

Row 108: Purl.

Row 109: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [46 sts].

Row 110: Purl.

Row 111: Knit.

Row 112: Purl.

Row 113: Knit.

Row 114: Purl.

Row 115: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [44 sts].

Row 116: Purl.

Row 117: Knit.

Row 118: Purl.

Row 119: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [42 sts].

Row 120: Purl.

Row 121: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [40 sts].

Row 122: Purl.

Row 123: Knit.

Row 124: Purl.

Row 125: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [38 sts].

Row 126: Purl.

Row 127: Knit.

Row 128: Purl.

Row 129: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [36 sts].

Row 130: Purl.

Row 131: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [34 sts].

Row 132: Purl.

Row 133: Knit.

Row 134: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1 [32 sts].

Row 135: Knit.

Row 136: Purl.

Row 137: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [30 sts].

Row 138: Purl.

Row 139: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [28 sts].

Row 140: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1 [26 sts].

Row 141: K1, ssK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 [24 sts].

Row 142: P1, P2tog, P to last 3 sts, P2togtbl, P1 [22 sts].

Row 143: Cast off 2 sts at beg of row [20 sts].

Row 144: Cast off 2 sts at beg of row [18 sts].

Row 145: Cast off 2 sts at beg of row [16 sts].

Row 146: Cast off 2 sts at beg of row [14 sts].

Row 147: Cast off rem 14 sts.

Making up

1. Join the right shoulder seam.
2. With RS facing and using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles, pick up and knit 19 sts along left front edge of neck shaping, knit across 12 sts on st holder and pick up and knit 19 sts along right front neck edge. Pick up and knit 21 sts to centre of back of neck and a further 21 sts to left back shoulder [92 sts].
3. Work 10 rows in (K2, P2) rib and cast off loosely and evenly in rib.
4. Join the left shoulder seam.
5. Lightly press or block all pieces of the sweater and sew the sleeves into the armholes, easing to fit.
6. Follow the finishing instructions for your chosen design, working any embroidery and details.
7. Sew the side seams and underarm seams, being careful to match any pattern.
8. Sew in all loose ends of yarn.

Snowman

This traditional snowman motif is knitted in cream against a light blue background with a contrasting red hat and spotty scarf, but you can knit this sweater in whichever colours you like. The cute little robin on the back of each sweater makes this design extra special. Use the intarsia technique for the colourwork.



Adult motif (charts 1 and 2)

Finishing instructions

Nose

Using orange yarn and 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles, cast on 3 sts and purl 1 row.

Next row: (K1, M1) twice, K1 [5 sts].

Next row: P1, M1, P3, M1, P1 [7 sts].

Work 6 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, ssK, K1, K2tog, K1 [5 sts].

Next row: P1, sl1, P2tog, pssso, P1 [3 sts].

Knit 1 row.

Cast off, leaving a long yarn end for finishing.

Buttons (make three)

Using black yarn and 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles, cast on 1 st.

Next row: Kfbf [3 sts].

Work 3 rows in SS.

Next row: sl1, K2tog, pssso [1 st].

Fasten off rem st. Leave a long yarn end for attaching the button to the snowman.

Materials for motif

80m (90yds) of 10-ply (Aran) yarn in each of the following colours: cream, red and mid-brown

50m (60yds) of 4-ply (fingering) yarn in sparkly white (use this yarn double when knitting)

Small amounts of black, orange and dark brown 10-ply (Aran) yarn for embroidery

Small amount of toy filling



The cute robin gives an eye-catching finishing touch to this cute sweater.





Adult front motif



Adult back motif

Bobble for snowman's hat

Using a double strand of sparkly white yarn, cast on 3 sts and purl 1 row.

Next row: (K1, M1) twice, K1 [5 sts].

Next row: P1, M1, P3, M1, P1 [7 sts].

Next row: K1, M1, K5, M1, K1 [9 sts].

Work 4 rows in SS.

Next row: K1, ssK, K3, K2tog, K1 [7 sts].

Next row: P1, P2tog, P1, P2togtbl, P1 [5 sts].

Next row: ssK, K1, K2tog [3 sts].

Cast off, leaving a long yarn end for finishing.

Front finishing

1. Run a length of yarn around the edge sts of the nose and gather slightly. Place a little toy filling inside. Sew to the snowman's face using the picture shown left as a guide.
2. Using the black yarn, embroider each eye with a French knot and the mouth using stem stitch.
3. Use a single strand of the sparkly white yarn to embroider French knots randomly on the snowman's scarf.
4. Place the three black knitted buttons on the front of the snowman, evenly spaced, and sew them into place.
5. Using dark brown yarn, embroider the snowman's arms using chain stitch.
6. Run a length of yarn around the edge sts of the white bobble and gather slightly. Place a little toy filling inside. Position the bobble on the snowman's hat using the picture as a guide and sew it into place.

Back finishing

With black yarn, embroider the robin's legs using chain stitch and his eye using a single French knot. Embroider the beak using straight stitches worked in orange yarn.

Sizing charts

The child sweaters in this book are designed for ages 5–6, 7–8, 9–10 and 11–12. The adult sweater sizes are small, medium, large and extra large, and the equivalent adult sizes for men and women are provided in the first chart below. This is for guidance only, and the size you choose depends on the style you are looking for, whether it's tight and fitted or loose and baggy. I've therefore included two further charts giving the approximate dimensions of each sweater. These should provide all the information you need to knit the perfect Christmas sweater.



Approximate adult size equivalents

	Women (dress size)	Men (chest)
small	UK 8–10 (US 6–8)	81–86cm (32–34in)
medium	UK 12–14 (US 10–12)	91.5–96.5cm (36–38in)
large	UK 16–18 (US 14–16)	101.5–106.5cm (40–42in)
extra large	UK 20–22 (US 18–20)	112–117cm (44–46in)

Approximate dimensions of adult sweaters

	Chest width	Inside sleeve	Length to armhole
small	53cm (20¾in)	40.5cm (16in)	38cm (15in)
medium	56cm (22in)	40.5cm (16in)	39.5cm (15½in)
large	62cm (24½in)	40.5cm (16in)	39.5cm 15½in
extra large	64cm (25½in)	42cm (16½in)	40.5cm (16in)

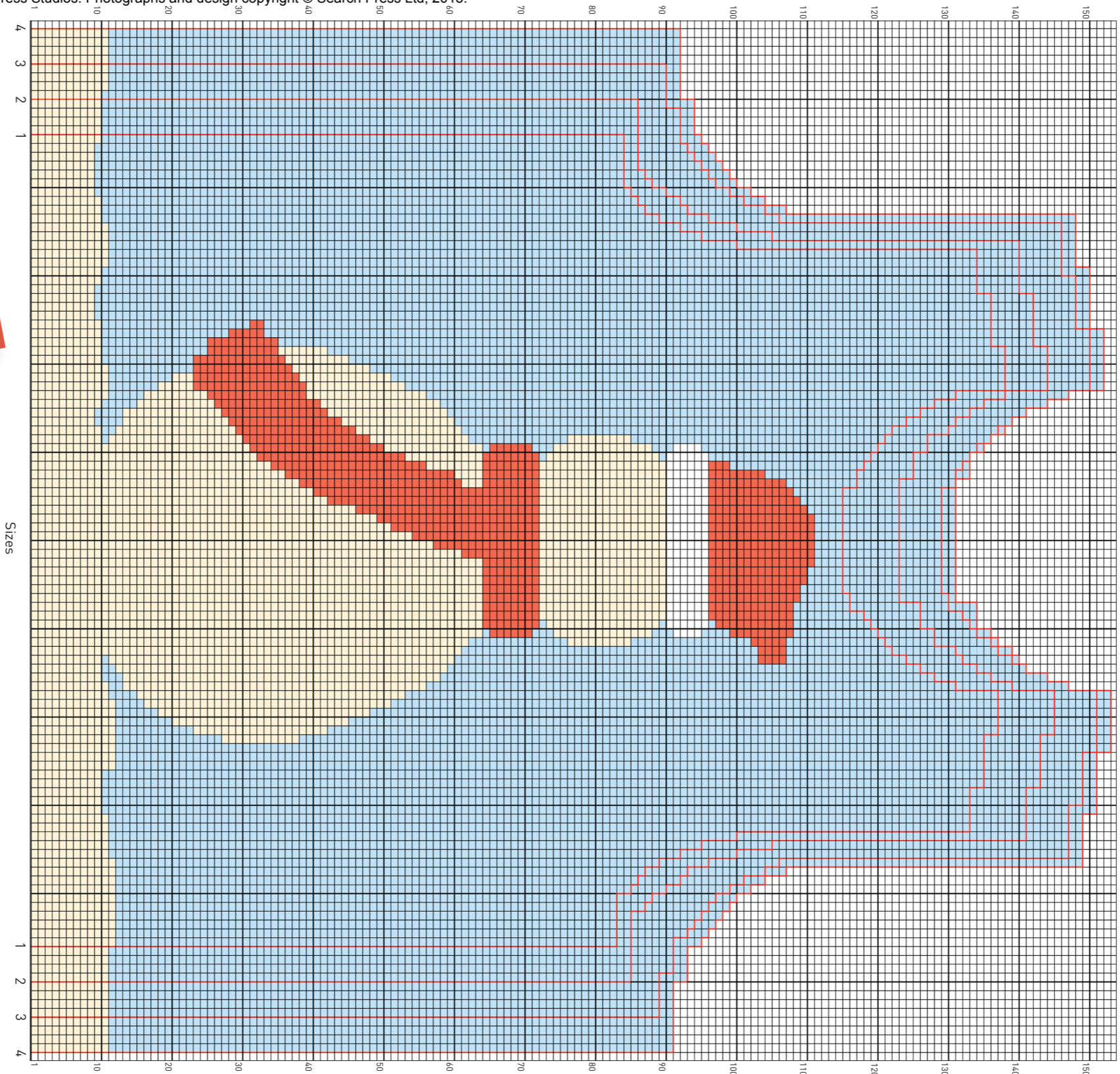
Approximate dimensions of child sweaters

	Chest width	Inside sleeve	Length to armhole
age 5–6	35.5cm (14in)	26.5cm (10½in)	24cm (9½in)
age 7–8	39.5cm (15½in)	29cm (11½in)	28cm (11in)
age 9–10	41cm (16¼in)	34cm (13½in)	30cm (11¾in)
age 11–12	43cm (17in)	36cm (14¼in)	33cm (13in)



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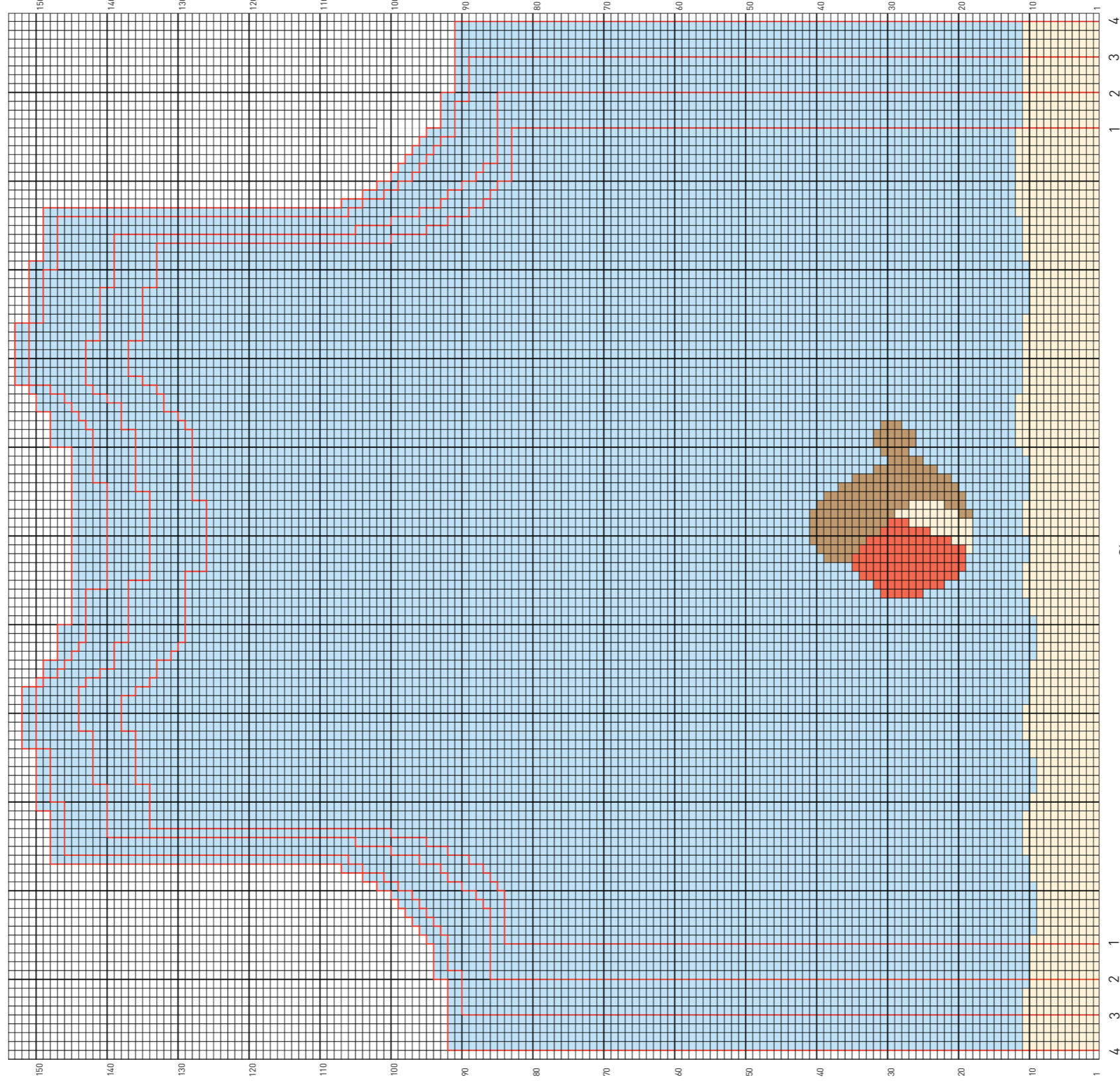
1 Snowman: ADULT FRONT



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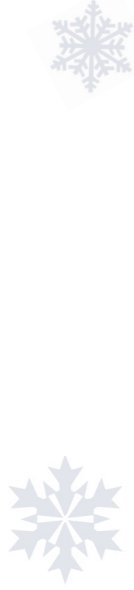


2 Snowman: ADULT BACK



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