

Are there the same number of stitches on each row? This can be determined by counting the number of yarnovers and total decreases. In Dainty Bess, on Row 11, you can see that there are the same number of increases (the yo's) and decreases (remember, for each double decrease there are 2 stitches that are decreased, so count 2 sts for each double dec and 1 st for each single dec). There is a yo for each dec not only on row 11, but every row of the chart as you read across the entire row.

Next, I look at the stitches within each section. In section "a" of the chart, There are three sts decreases, but only 2 yo's. While this may at first appear to be an error, remember that section "a" is only worked once. In order to work that double decrease at the end of section "a", you will have to use a stitch from the next section. While this may seem like an error, you can see on the chart that the stitch you used from section "a" to do the double decrease, is followed by a yo. The yo that is at the beginning of section "b". As you repeat section "b" across, that same yo at the beginning of that section is always following a double dec...worked as charted across the row, you will never end up with more or less stitches than you started.

Next, I look at the number of stitches in section "c", the ending portion of the chart. That section has two yo's and 1 dec. While this may at first appear to be an error, you can see by looking at the chart that the "extra" yo really isn't extra. It follows a double dec...the double dec worked at the end of the last section "b" repeat.

You cannot look at sections as completely independent of each other when working lace or some other pattern stitches. Remember, those boundary lines between sections are not barricades. They simply show where a repeat starts and stops. In a pattern that is written out, it is the section that follows an * and you are instructed to rep from * for X number of times or to the end. In written out instructions, that point where you repeat from is not always the same point in each row. In a chart it is...which doesn't change how it is worked, it is still worked the same, it is just a little different learning that the line is not a boundary you cannot cross in order to complete what you are supposed to do according to the stitch pattern.

Fox Island:

Needle Size Correction: on some patterns the needle size for US and metric are reversed. The needle size listed should read US 4 – 6 (3.5 – 4 mm).

Red Rocks:

Pattern Correction: (*for patterns purchased before January 23, 2005*). There is a correction in the written instructions for Red Rocks, pattern stitches #3 Cable ribbing & Increase rows. The pattern reads, beginning with the last line of row 1: x6, C2B, p1], k2, p2, k2, p1, C2F, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, C2B, C2F, p1, C2B, p1. The written instructions should read: x6, C2B, p1, k2, p2, k2, p1, C2F, p1, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p1, C2B, C2F, p1, C2B, p1.

The chart is correct if you are following the chart. Please make changes to your written instructions as above.

Squirrel Monkey:

Pattern Clarification: patterns printed before March 2006 may need clarification of where to start and stop on the chart for the body front and back. The pattern instructs to work the repeat across a certain number of times for the different sizes which is correct, but also references starting and stopping where indicated for your size, which is confusing. You are to work the main repeat across in between the selvedge stitches for the number of times specified for you size for the body front and back.

Zambesi River:

Chart Correction and Clarification: In lace knitting the standard treatment of a double yarn over, unless noted otherwise, is to knit into the first yarn over and purl into the second yarn over. This is not illustrated on charts that were printed before March 2006. Please make note on your patterns.