THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY CARDIGAN & SWEATER CROCHET PATTERN

NOTE

Please take a quick scan through all of the pages and the tutorial to get yourself familiar before starting. If you're printing this, I highly recommend printing it in colors.

Yarn: weight 4 (worsted/medium) yarn of any material will work. However, it is important to choose a thinner weight 4 yarn so your cardigan/sweater wouldn't be too stiff (blocking or steaming should help a lot if it turns out to be). Make sure not to choose too thin because it'll be trickier to work with the 5mm hook.

- The exact yarn I used in this pattern & tutorial are Lion Brand Yarn Pound of Love in the color Chocolate, I Love This Yarn in the color Pink, and Impeccable Solid Yarn by Loops & Threads in the color White

- I highly recommend steaming or blocking after you're done. It'll help your piece feel more comfortable, and the yarn to be more relax and look better on.

Copy and paste the links provided into your browser of choice: safari, google, etc

Customization: You can make the wings pattern on both the front and back panels or you can make the wing pattern on just the front or the back. For the side that you want to leave blank, you would still follow the chart to make the panel(s). You'd just have to do the increases and decreases, and not have to worry about color changing. This won't effect anything else in the process. And if you want to make a sweater, then you just need to 2 whole wings instead of 1 whole wing and 2 half wings. Sew them together using the same method, and you're done.

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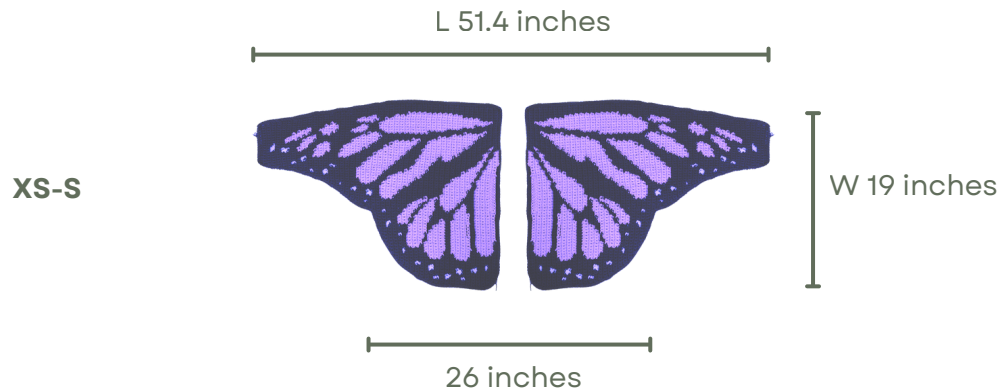   7. Buttons

MATERIALS:
- medium (weight 4) yarn - 3 colors of your choice
  Estimate: (depends on size)
  900-1500 yd for border color,
  600-1000 yd for main color, and
  100-200 yd for white
- 5mm crochet hook
- 4mm crochet hook
- buttons (1 inch)
- scissor
- yarn needle
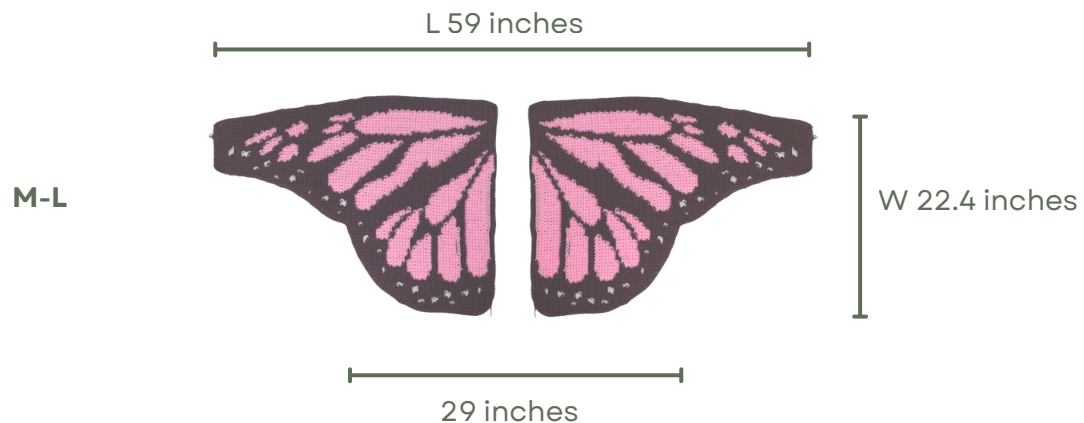- stitch markers (optional)

Now, let's get started!

ORIGINAL SIZES & CHARTS

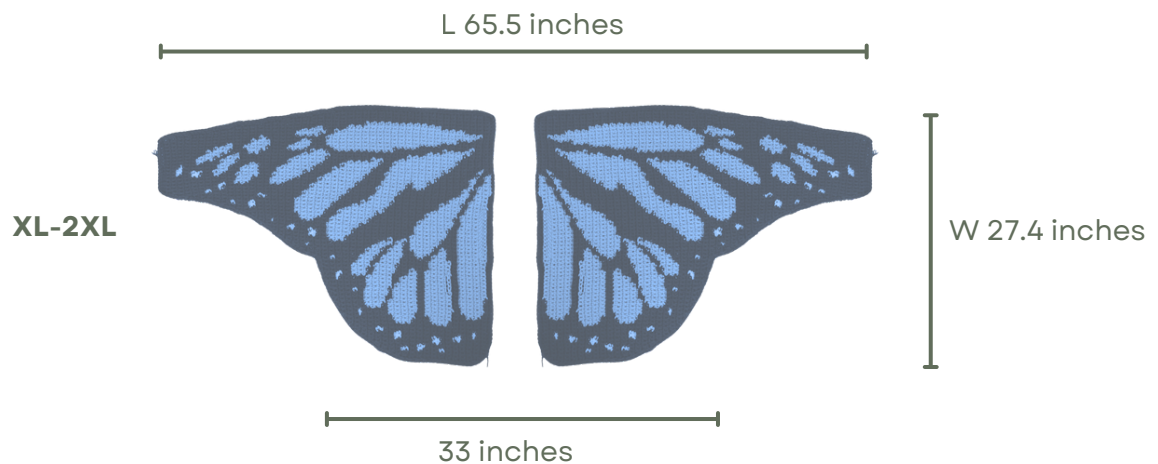**Use 5mm hook with weight 4 yarn** (Gauge: 13 stitches = 4 in, 12 rows = 4 in)

Small chart Link: https://www.stitchfiddle.com/c/sh2gg0-hl6uq6

XS-S

L 51.4 inches

W 19 inches

26 inches

Medium chart Link: https://www.stitchfiddle.com/c/sh2ghs-d73fsy

M-L

L 59 inches

W 22.4 inches

29 inches

Large chart (XL-2XL) Link: https://www.stitchfiddle.com/c/sh2gh2-g5we58

XL-2XL

L 65.5 inches

W 27.4 inches

33 inches

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SIZE ADJUSTMENT

Notes:

- Measurement for the waist (wrapped around your waist) is approximately the same with the Length of the piece due to the symmetrical shape of the wings. *For example:* if the Length is 51.4 inches, that means the waist is about 51.4 inches

- The adjustment sizes are generated using Stitch Fiddle with the accuracy rate of 95%. This means that your final piece might be a tiny bit different than the measurements given.

- You can also steam or block your final piece to your desired measurements.

- To add more width to your piece, you can add a few more rows to the shoulder & sleeve part of the panel outlines (more details on page 7 of the pattern).

- **To adjust your measurements**, you'll need to use the same 3 charts provided (small, medium, and large) paired with different hook and yarn sizes.

TO MAKE SMALLER (kid size)**:**

- **Use 3.5mm hook with weight 3 yarn** (Gauge: 18 stitches = 4 in, 22 rows = 4 in)

  - **with Small chart:**   L 30.5"   x   W 12.7"
  - **with Medium chart:**   L 35"   x   W 15"
  - **with Large chart:**   L 38.8"   x   W 19"

- **Use 4mm hook with weight 3 yarn** (Gauge: 15 stitches = 4 in, 20 rows = 4 in)

  - **with Small chart:**   W 33.5"   x   H 15.2"
  - **with Medium chart:**   W 38.4"   x   H 17.9"
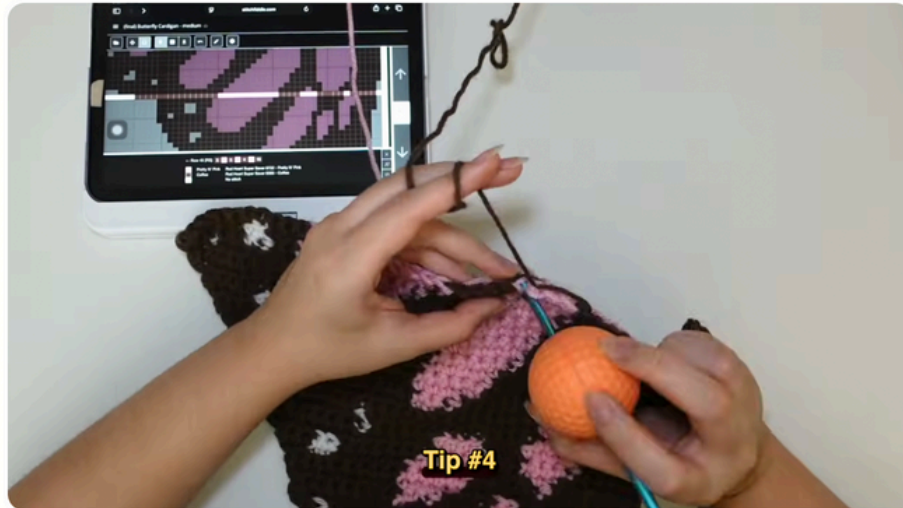 - **with Large chart:**   W 42.6"   x   H 21.8"

TO MAKE BIGGER (up to 4XL)**:**

- **Use 5.5mm hook with (thick) weight 4 yarn**
  (Gauge: 10 stitches = 4 in, 12 rows = 4 in)

  - **with Small chart:**   W 55.7"   x   H 22.8"
  - **with Medium chart:**   W 64"   x   H 26.8"
  - **with Large chart:**   W 71"   x   H 32.8"

VIDEO TUTORIAL

Monarch butterfly cardigan or sweater crochet tutorial
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HOW TO USE STITCH FIDDLE

Step 1: Choose the size of cardigan/sweater

Step 2: Copy and paste the link into your browser of choice: safari, google. etc

Step 3: Set up

click this symbol for the text box at the bottom

click this symbol for the location of your current row to be highlighted

click this to go up and down within the chart

(pic 1)

← **Row 1 [RS]:** (Coffee) x 16

Coffee   Red Heart Super Saver 0365 - Coffee
          No stitch

click this to change the text size

click this to change between text and block reading

HOW TO READ & CROCHET TAPESTRY CHART

- For the most part, you can read the chart like a normal tapestry crochet chart. The difference is that we won't be crocheting the background. The 3 charts are slightly different, but they all follow the same steps showing here.

- The basics: Odd number rows = right side (RS)
  Even number rows = wrong side (WS)

- Arrow indicates which direction you're reading the chart.

- Every chart will start with Row 1, but we still need to create Row 0 (chain row).

- For example (like in pic 2): Row 1 is 16 single crochet (sc), you'll start by making
  Row 0: 16 + 1 (turning chain) = 17 chains

← Row 1 [RS]: 16

(pic 2)

→ Row 4 [WS]: 17
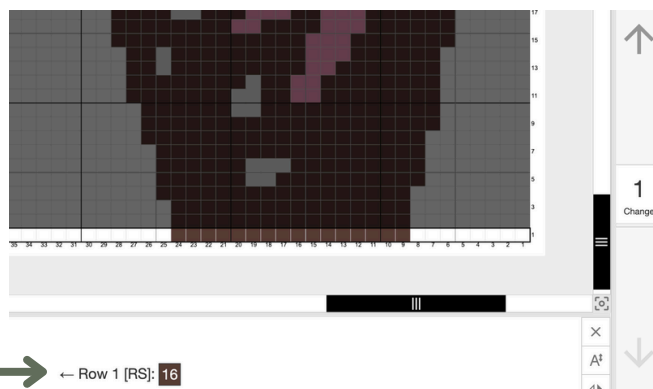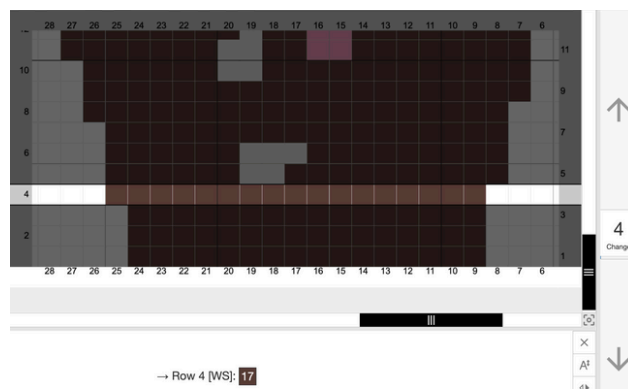
(pic 3)

FRONT LEFT PANEL

☐ **ROW 1:** skip the 1 turning chain, and make 1 sc into each chain (16 sc - each block is a sc stitch)
Note: medium to loose tension throughout the whole project

☐ **ROW 2-3:** Turn your work. Nothing changes, so you just chain 1 (turning chain), then make 1 sc into each stitch from the 1st stitch (16 sc each row)

☐ **ROW 4:** (like in pic 3)

- **Tip #1:** +1 stitch = sc increase, -1 stitch = sc decrease/skip
- **Note:** All of the increases/decreases will be at the beginnings/ends of a row, and all of the color changing will be mainly in the middle of the wings.
- So you chain 1, turn your work, then make 2 sc into the first stitch (increase), then make 1 sc into each stitch until the end of the row (17 sc)

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HOW TO READ & CROCHET TAPESTRY CHART (CONTINUE)

FRONT LEFT PANEL

ROW 5: similar to row 4, there's one increase at the beginning of the row. So you chain 1, and make 2 sc into the first stitch (inc), then make 1 sc into each stitch for the next 9 stitches, then change to the white color for 2 stitches, then change back to your dark color for the rest of the row (check out tutorial at 3:38 for how to change color). **Note:** these rows reading are for size medium chart for example. Small and large chart might read differently, but the principles are the same.


(pic 4)
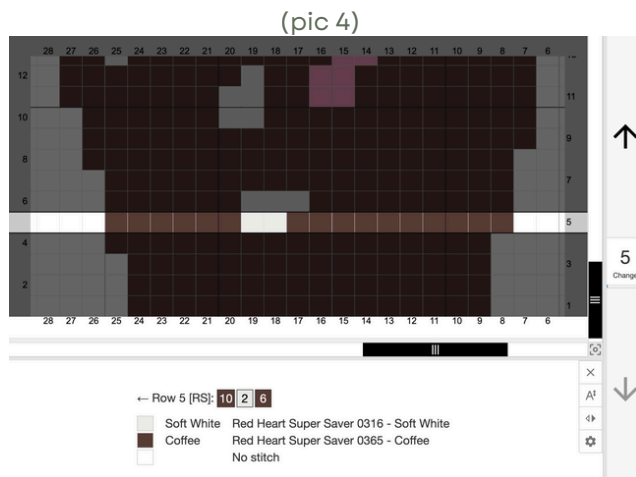
Tip #2:
- same color = whole stitch
- different color (RS) = back loop only
- different color (WS) = front loop only

Tip #3: Carry your yarn every 2 stitches

please check out tutorial (3:38-12:20) for demonstration

Note: tip 2 & 3 are optional but highly recommended since they will help the look of the wing pattern to show up more clearly.

You will read & crochet the chart the same way up until here because there will only be increases at beginnings and ends of a row and color changing.

(pic 5)
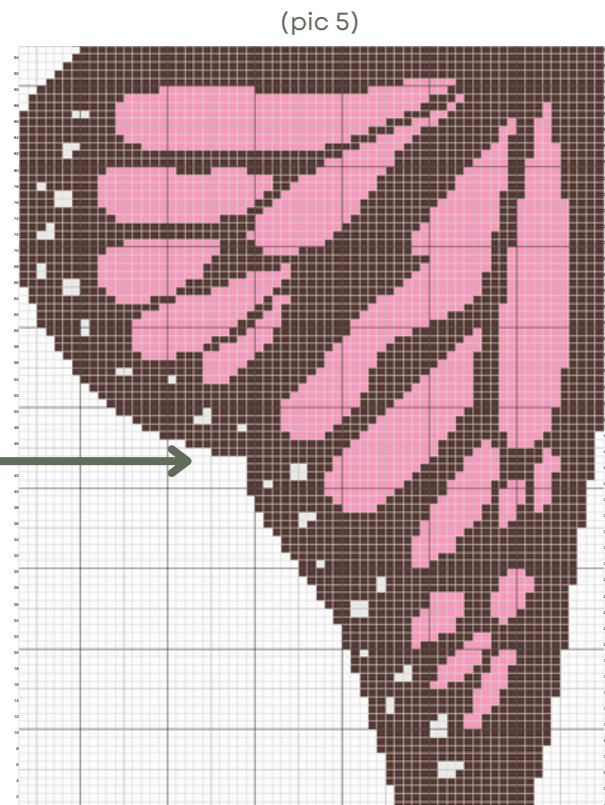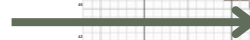
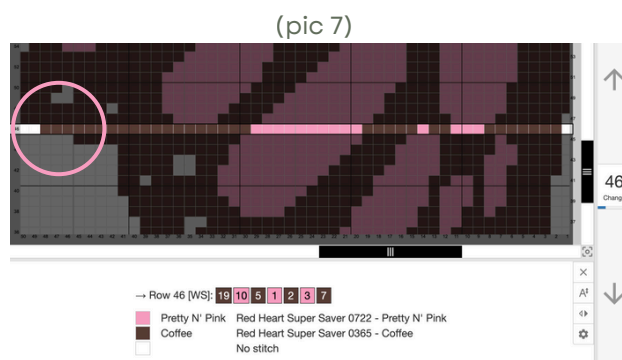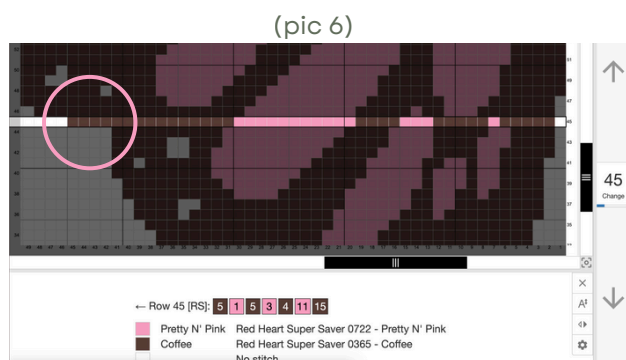# HOW TO READ & CROCHET TAPESTRY CHART (CONTINUE)
FRONT LEFT PANEL

Tip #4:
- +2 or more stitches (RS) = foundation single crochet
- +2 or more stitches (WS) = chain amount + 1 (turning chain), then sc as usual
- **Note:** we won't have worry about -2 or more stitches (RS) & -2 or more stitches (WS) until the top half of the chart.
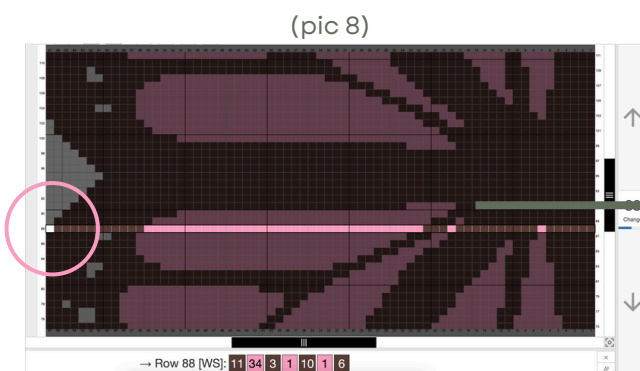
please check out tutorial (12:20-16:25) for demonstration

☐ **ROW 45:** (pic 6) crochet as normal until you reach the +4 stitches (RS) = foundation single crochet

☐ **ROW 46:** (pic 7) right after the foundation single crochet stitches, we have +3 stitches (WS), so chain 3 + 1 (turning chain) = 4, then turn your work, and skip 1 chain, make 1 sc into each chain for the next 3 chains, then continue to sc as usual.

(pic 6)

← Row 45 [RS]: 5 1 5 3 4 11 15

	Pretty N' Pink	Red Heart Super Saver 0722 - Pretty N' Pink
	Coffee	Red Heart Super Saver 0365 - Coffee
		No stitch

(pic 7)

→ Row 46 [WS]: 19 10 5 1 2 3 7

	Pretty N' Pink	Red Heart Super Saver 0722 - Pretty N' Pink
	Coffee	Red Heart Super Saver 0365 - Coffee
		No stitch

☐ **ROW 47-87:** continue crocheting your chart following the same tips

(pic 8)

→ Row 88 [WS]: 11 34 3 1 10 1 6

☐ **ROW 88:** (pic 8) chain 1, turn your work, skip 1 stitch, and continue crocheting from the 2nd stitch.

Note: for the front left panel, crochet up to the last row with your main color, then stop, and make an outline (video tutorial demonstration 16:54-23:13 & the next page)

HOW TO READ & CROCHET TAPESTRY CHART (CONTINUE)
## FRONT LEFT PANEL - outline

Using the 4mm hook, and make 1 sc into each stitch or the gap between each row (like in pic 9 - the pattern is with bumps and without bump, 1 is with bumps, 2 is without bumps, then 3 is with bumps again)

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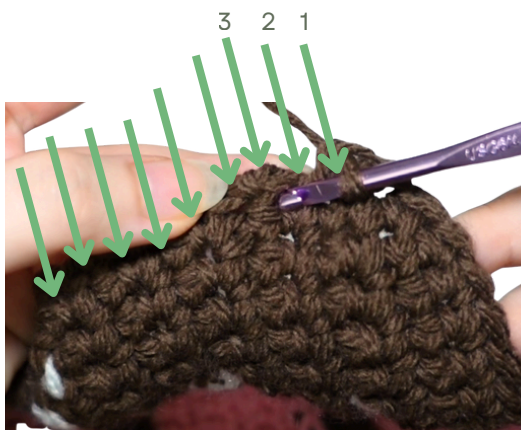
(pic 9)

The tutorial will show you more clearly how to crochet the outline for each panel, and if you would like to add more length to the body part of your cardigan/sweater, you can add another row or 2 on the shoulder and sleeve part of the outline of each panel (size M & L might need this more than size S). Be sure not to add too many because this will make your sleeves bigger as well.
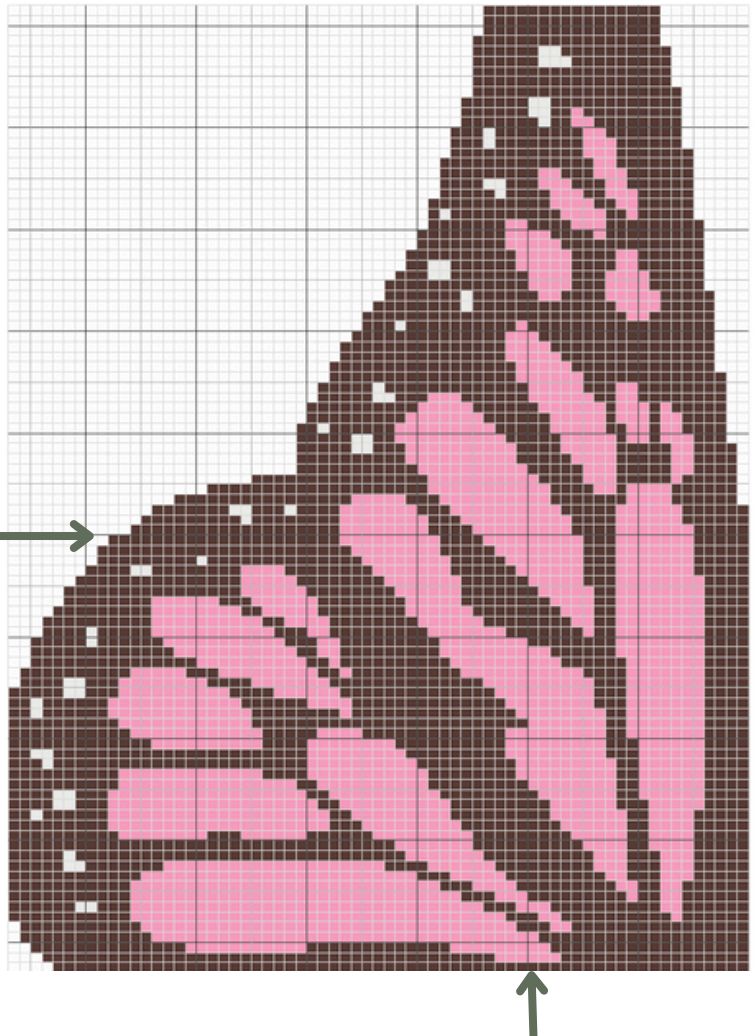
Shoulder & sleeve part
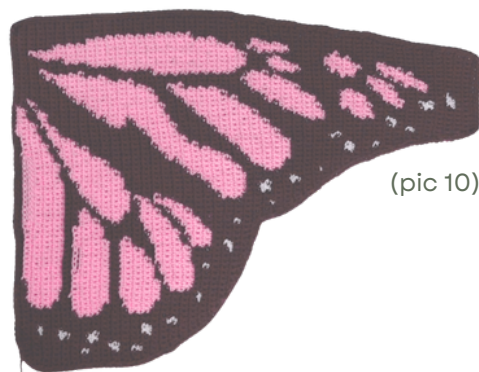
(pic 10)

Then cut and pull your yarn through, and you have you first panel. Let's make the front right panel next.

HOW TO READ & CROCHET TAPESTRY CHART (CONTINUE)
FRONT RIGHT PANEL

(pic 11)

Note: To start the front right panel, we'll start with the row with the main color. And similar to how we started with row 1, make a chain row (number of stitch/block + 1 turning chain 23:13-24:56 in tutorial)

Tip #5:
- -2 or more stitches (RS) = leave stitches empty
- -2 or more stitches (WS) = make 1 chain as long as the amount of stitches you need to skip, and skip those stitches, then sc as usual

Note: then make an outline like you did with front left panel.

please check out tutorial (25:15-26:54) for demonstration

HOW TO READ & CROCHET TAPESTRY CHART (CONTINUE)
BACK PANEL

Start just like front left panel, and continue **all the way** until the end of the chart without skipping any rows, then make an outline to complete just like the front panels.

CONNECTING THE PANELS TOGETHER

After you have all three panels, you can either sew or crochet the panels together. The tutorial shows a simple yet sturdy sewing technique (29:04-31:45)
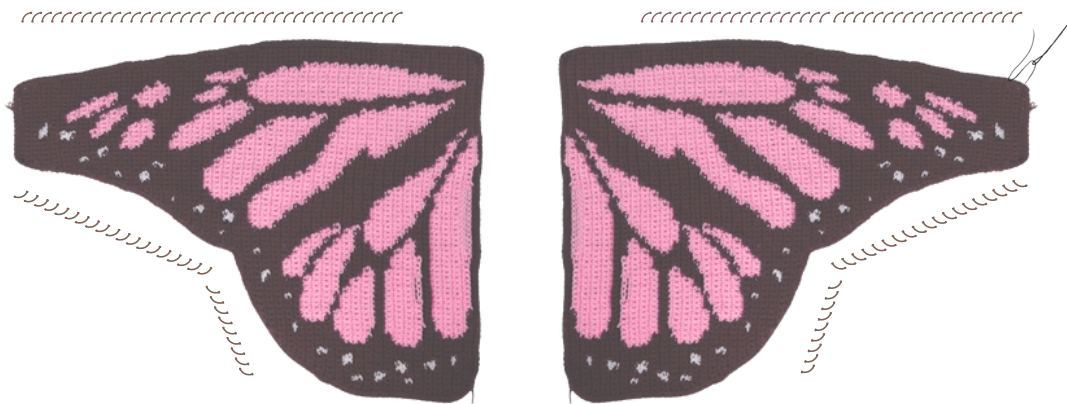
(pic 12)

FRONT RIBBING, SECURITY LINES, & ANTENNAS

For this cardigan/sweater, a simple ribbing is best so we don't take the attention away from the wing pattern. The tutorial shows a simple double crochet row ribbing that also works as button holes. Since it's a thinner ribbing, we'll add security lines (slip stitches) to make it more tight. The antennas are optional, but they're pretty cute and can acts as ribbon (tutorial 31:45-37:48)

BUTTONS

The recommended button size is 1 inch, but you can use small or bigger buttons, you'd just have to change your ribbing stitch accordingly. For smaller buttons, use single or half double crochet stitches, and for bigger buttons, use treble crochet stitch (tutorial 37:50-39:02)

You've built your wings, now fly...

Did you have fun? I hope you did. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or feedback. I'm here for you, and I would also love to see your beautiful creation so send me a picture or tag me. See you on our next crochet adventure!