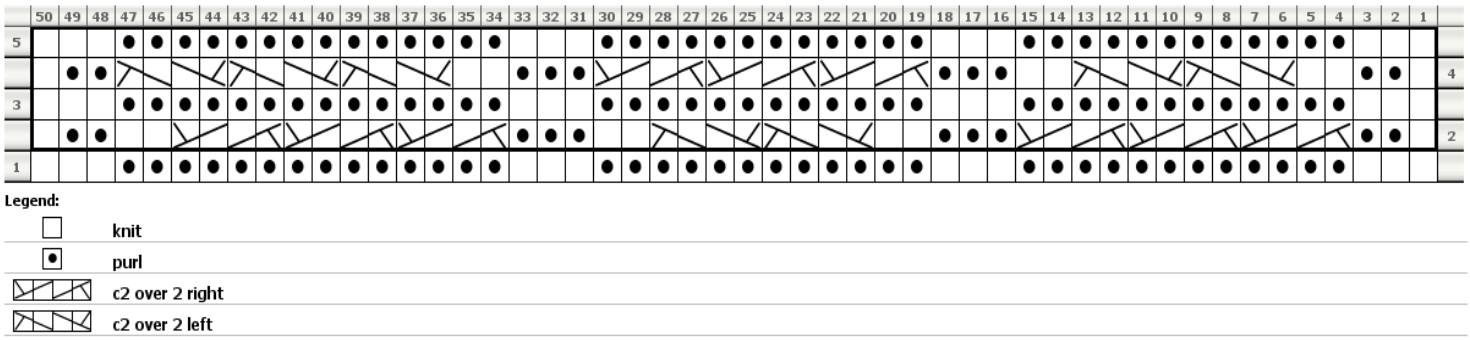
Knitting Braided Cables, or Cabled Braids

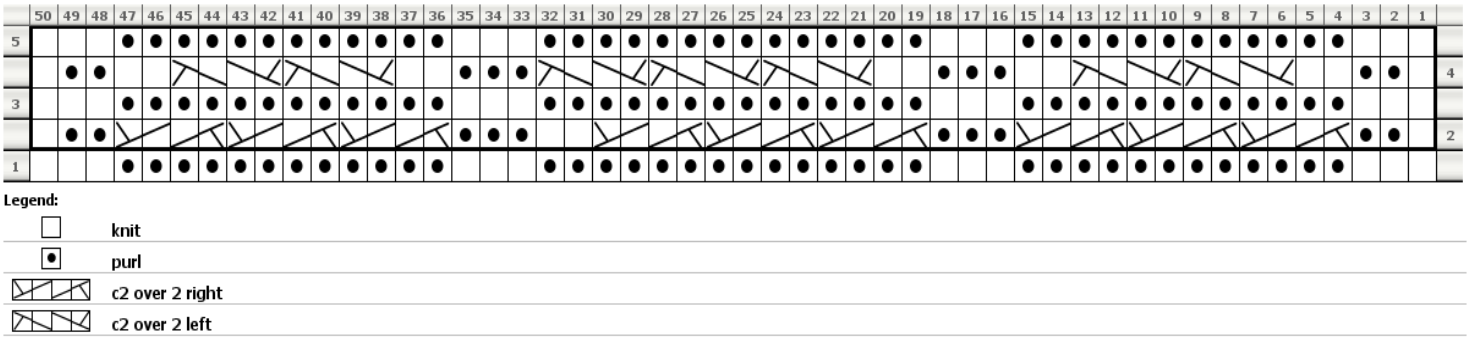
These charts illustrate the stitch pattern used in the video “Knitting Braided Cables (or Cabled Braids)” on the KnitDenise channel of YouTube. These charts are not a substitute for the video. Rather, they show the stitch pattern created using standard knitting chart symbols.

Both charts show knitting done back and forth, with right side (RS) and wrong side (WS) rows alternating. RS rows are even numbered, and the row number is on the right edge. WS rows are odd numbered, and those row numbers are on the left edge of the chart. Row 1 is a WS row that establishes the knit/purl columns and is worked once as a set-up row. The pattern repeat is Rows 2-5. The row worked in the video is Row 2.



The swatch in the video was created to illustrate in only one row the various ways that braided cables can be worked. It is a teaching swatch.

A design swatch is like the second chart, below. In this version, the same columns of braids are re-organized with the wider, 14-st braid in the center. The two flanking, 12-st braids are changed so that all crossings on Row 2 are right-leaning cables, all crossing on Row 4 are left-leaning cables; it is easier to knit this way and looks nicer to most viewers.



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