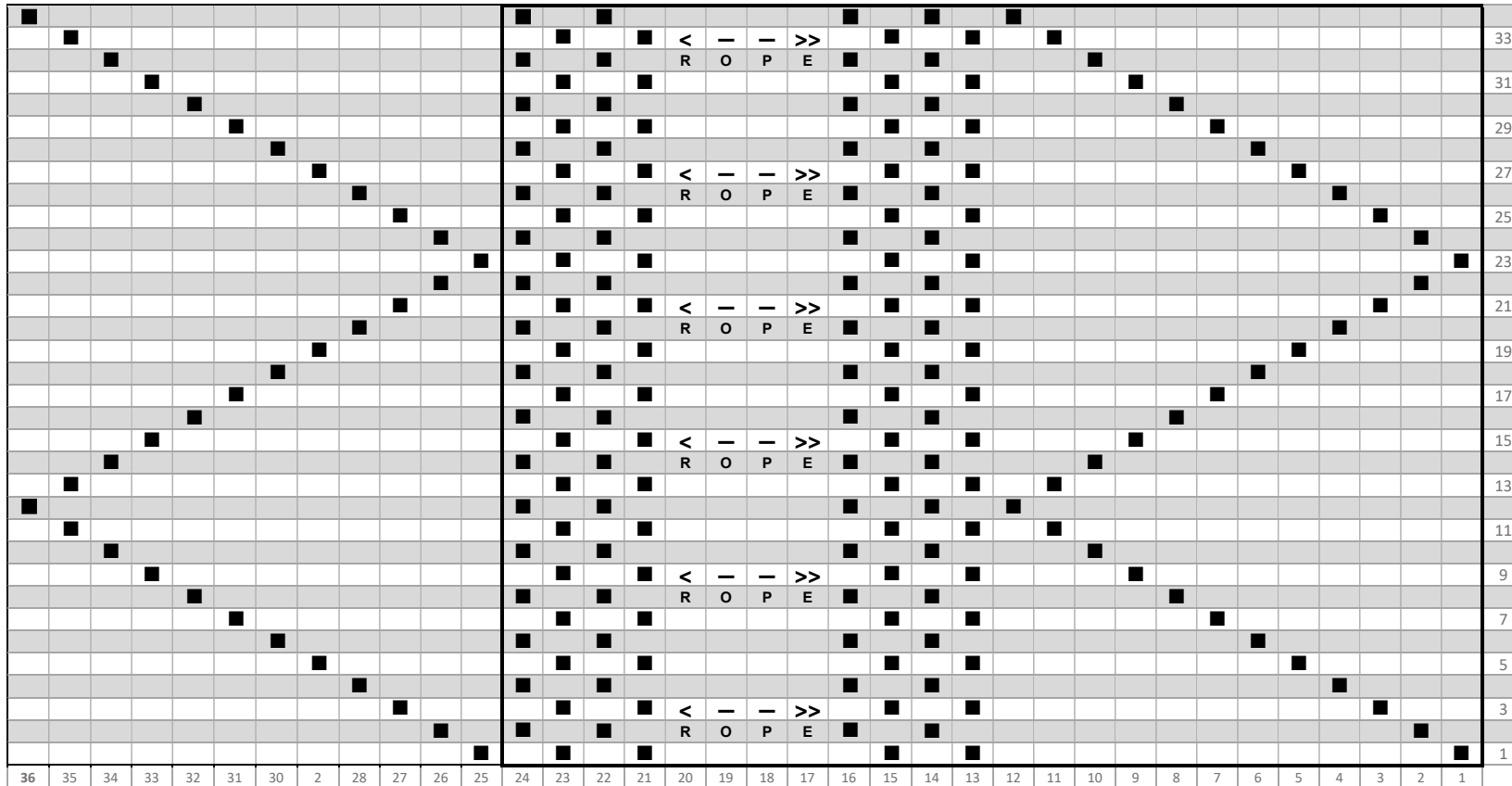


**GP109 Dorothy Martins' lightning, moss, and coil o' rope gansey**

**Sheringham 1980**

■ = purl stitch on the right side (and knit stitch on the wrong side)

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Here is a snippet written by Lesley Lougher, taken from "Sheringham Ganseys. People, Places, Patterns" (Sheringham Museum Trust). "The gansey overleaf was...knitted [by Dorothy Martins in 1980] for a WI competition but initially rejected as thought to be machine knitted! She could only knit a quarter of an inch in an evening, and it took her 6 months to complete. Her husband's job was to keep straightening the needles."

While looking for a different gansey in the museum collection recently I came upon this one. I lifted it out of the box and my eyes boggled as I was struck by how fine and beautifully knitted it was. So, I put a ruler against it and measured the tension: it was 14 stitches to the inch and 19 rows. Truly exceptional! Could this be a World Record? Does anyone know of a finer one?

Dorothy Martins, née Dennis, of Sheringham had a good pedigree. Many of her family knitted ganseys and her aunt was the prolific Edie Middleton. Dorothy's pattern is a repetition of a single 2 over 2 cable ("coil o' rope") within a column of moss ("hailstones"), alternating with columns of zigzags ("lightning") within a column of stocking stitch.

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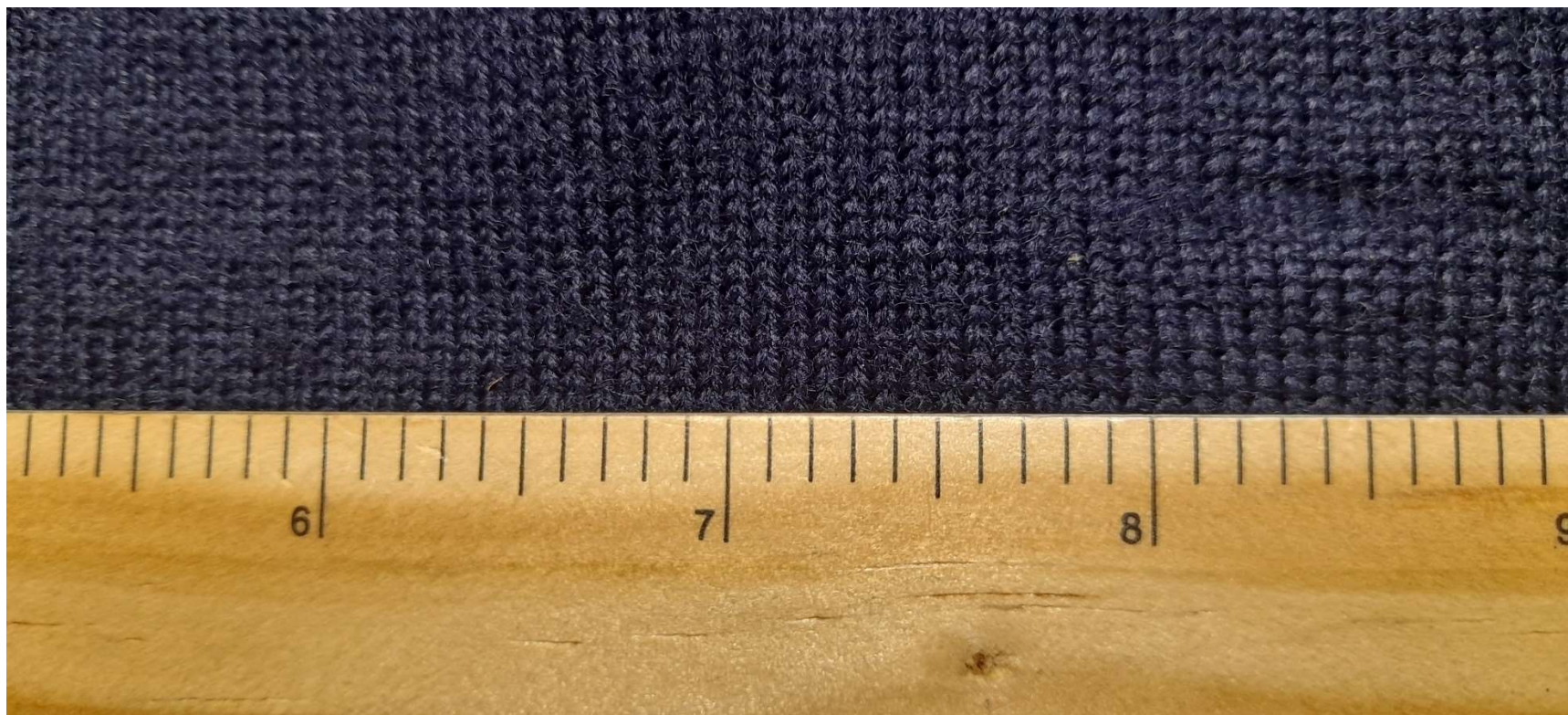


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