Calculating the Equal Spread of Increases and Decreases

15 increases over 100 sts

6 *and* 6+1

$$15 \overline{\smash{\big)}\,100.0}$$
-10   -90
5   10

6 x **5** = 30 sts

6+1 = 7
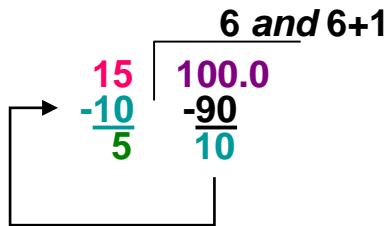
7 x **10** = 70 sts

5 + **10** = **15** = # of increases

30 + 70 = **100** = number of sts at start

Increase every 6 sts x 5, and every 7 sts x 10

To work this, spread the different st counts out:

[(K7, m1) x 2, k6, m1] x 5 = 15 incs

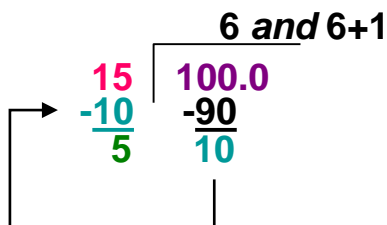**BUT,** that would have a k7 at the beg and end with the m1…not good! So, move the sts a round a bit:

K3, [(m1, k7) x 2, m1, k6] x 4, (m1, k7) x 2, m1, k3

The k3's add up to the last k6

NOTE: this assumes that you are using an inc that does not take a st to create (i.e. kf&b uses a st to do the inc, so numbers would change)

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15 decreases over 100 sts

6 *and* 6+1

$$15 \overline{\smash{\big)}\,100.0}$$
-10   -90
5   10

6 x **5** = 30 sts

6+1 = 7

7 x **10** = 70 sts

5 + **10** = **15** = # of decreases

30 + 70 = **100** = number of sts at start

Dec every 6 sts x 5, and every 7 sts x 10… realizing that every dec takes 2 sts to do

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The numbers are the same but the action is different. Each dec takes 2 sts to do the action, so use 5 and 4 instead of 7 and 6.

To work this, spread the different st counts out:

[(K5, k2tog) x 2, k4, k2tog] x 5 = 15 decs

BUT, that would have a k5 at the beg and end with the k2tog…not good! So, move the sts a round a bit:

K2, [(k2tog, k5) x 2, k2tog, k4] x 4, (k2tog, k5) x 2, k2tog, k2

The k2's add up to the last k4

27 increases over **140** rows

5 *and* 5+1

27 | 140.0
 -5 -135
 22   5

5 x **22** = 110 rows

5+1 = 6

6 x **5** = 30 rows

22 + **5** = **27** = # of increases

110 + 30 = **140** = number of rows

Note: It is preferred to do increases on an **even** row count so t hey are always done on the **right side**. For the example above, I would estimate with every 4 & every 6 rows as follows:

4 x 12 = 48
6 x 15 = 90

Equals 27 incs over 138 rows, working the additional 2 rows plain. You can play with the numbers and come up with many different combinations that come close to 140 rows.