

Aran Stitch Learn Along

Basic Information:

Using Aran weight yarn and 16" to 24" circular or straight US 6 (4mm) needles cast on using your favorite cast on method.

The knitted cast on (a.k.a. knitting on) and the cable cast on (another knitted cast on style) will provide an edge that looks good from both sides.

Gauge: 20-22 sts and 22-24 rows = 4 inches using US 6-7 needles

If your stitches and row gauge is either larger or smaller, your scarf will end up larger or smaller also. This is not a big deal usually with a scarf but were it a sweater it wouldn't fit.

Notes:

Slip stitches are to be slipped purl wise throughout the pattern.

Charts for flat knitting are read in the same direction you would knit your work: starting from the bottom an reading from right to left on Right Side rows (usually the odd-numbered rows) and from left to right on Wrong Side rows (usually the even-number rows).

Abbreviations:

2/2 RC:	2 Over 2 Right Cross	PM:	Place Marker
C2B:	Cable 2 Back	RS:	Right Side
HC:	Hatch Stitch	Slip Marker	
K:	Knit	T2B:	Twist 2 Back
K3Tog:	Knit 3 Stitches Together	T2F:	Twist 2 Front
P:	Purl	WS:	Wrong Side
P2Tog:	Purl 2 Stitches together		

Begin:

Cast on 48 stitches. The next row will be the right side of the scarf.

Following the Hatch Stitch Border directions work the 1st six stitches in the right side border, place a marker, work the next 36 stitches in seed stitch, place a marker, work the last 6 stitches in the left side border.

Continue working the 2 row Hatch Stitch pattern and the 2 row seed stitch pattern for a total of six rows ending with a wrong side row.

The first 6 stitches and the last 6 stitches are the border edges and will be knit on every row. The middle 36 stitches are the pattern stitches.

Work 6 rows of garter stitch (knit each row) ending with a wrong side row before starting the next Aran Pattern stitch. You will work 6 rows of garter stitch before and after each of the Aran Pattern stitches. **Remember to keep working the first 6 stitches and last 6 stitches in the 2 row Hatch Stitch pattern.**