

## **Aran Learn Along – Scarf Neck Section**

There are only written directions for this section of the scarf. You can decide what you want your neck section to be; either following the pattern or doing other stitch patterns. It's all up to you. Please take a few minutes to read through the directions before you start this section.

### **Notes:**

Knit 6 rows (garter stitch), if you have not already done this, complete this step before starting the neck section of the scarf.

The Hatch Stitch Borders, both right and left will not be knitted in the neck section. These stitches are incorporated into the neck section. Once the neck section is completed, you will continue to knit the Hatch Stitch Borders with the remaining 5 other stitch patterns.

Since you are using stitch markers to separate the border stitches from the main stitches, the marker placement is not referenced in this section. Using border stitch markers will be your decision in the remaining 5 stitch patterns also.

### **Pattern for decreasing stitches for a smaller neck section.**

Row 1: (RS): \*K2, P2\* repeat for the entire row. (48 sts)

Row 2: (WS): \*K2, P2\* repeat for the entire row.

Row 3: \*K2tog, P2 tog\* repeat for the entire row. (24 sts)

Row 4: \*K1, P1\* repeat for the entire row.

Repeat Row 4 for 20 inches or your desired neck length ending with a right-side row.

Pattern for increasing stitches back to 48 stitches.

Row 1: (WS): Increase in each stitch: \*P1 through back loop, then P1 in front of the same loop, 1 stitch increased, then next stitch, K1 through back loop, then k1 in the front of the same loop, 1 stitch increased.\* Repeat for the entire row. (48 sts)

Row 2: (RS): \*K2, P2\* repeat for the entire row.

Row 3: \*K2, P2\* repeat for the entire row.

Row 4: (RS) Start the Hatch Stitch Borders on this row: K1, \*Sl, k1, yo, pass slip st over both the knit and yo sts\* repeat 1 time, p1. Knit to the last 6 stitches, P1, \*Sl, k1, yo, pass slip st over both the knit and the yo sts\* repeat 1 time, slip last stitch with yarn in front.

Row 5: K1, P4, K1, knit across to the last 6 stitches. K1, p4, sl 1 with yarn in front.

Repeat Rows 4 & 5 – work 2 more times. This will complete your 6-row garter stitch section.

You are now ready for Pattern #6, Diamonds coming to you in July.