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*Knits*

# TEXO SWEATER





Texo, derived from Latin meaning twining or plaiting together, perfectly embodies the construction of this Aran weight cabled sweater. It draws inspiration from my trip to Dublin, where I discovered many shops brimming with traditional Aran sweaters.

Crafted using the original Soft Donegal yarn, this design boasts a couple of contemporary twists. The most prominent is the unique collar that can be worn as a high neck or a wide v-neck, granting versatility to your style. Despite its seamless top-down construction, the sweater body deviates from the norm with long side slits and a deep neck opening, resulting in a captivating visual effect.

Adding to its charm, the cables themselves showcase intriguing details, with an asymmetrical cable and a honeycomb cable that's worked at a slight offset.

Without a doubt, this engaging knit offers a fresh and modern take on the timeless Aran sweater tradition.

Difficulty \*\*\*

The ability to read cable charts is required.

## Sizes

1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)

Finished chest circumference:

- 112 (120.5, 132, 140.5, 152, 160.5, 172, 180.5, 192) cm
- 44¾ (48¼, 52%, 56¼, 60¾, 64¼, 68¾, 72¼, 76¾)"

Designed to be worn with 30-35 cm / 12-14" positive ease around the chest.

To choose the most appropriate size, measure the wearer's chest and add the preferred ease. Or measure the circumference of an already-owned sweater that fits well. Then find the closest finished chest circumference.

Yarn

Worsted weight, allow approximately:

- 1630 (1690, 1780, 1870, 1900, 1960, 2060, 2090, 2170) m
- 1790 (1850, 1940, 2040, 2080, 2140, 2250, 2280, 2370) yds

Yarn used in sample (size 2) is 9 skeins of Studio Donegal Soft Donegal (100% Merino wool; 190 m [208 yds] / 100 g) in colourway Cream (5507).

## Gauge

**14 sts & 24 rows** = 10 cm / 4" in Stockinette st in the round and flat, after blocking.

- Cable A repeat: 8 cm /  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " in width
- Cable B repeat: 10.5 cm /  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " in width

Remember to make a swatch and ensure you get the required gauge. Adjust the needle size if your gauge differs from the one stated above. Otherwise, you risk that your finished garment will not fit right. Block your swatch as you plan to block your sweater, and let it fully dry before measuring the gauge.

## Suggested needles

- 4.5 mm (US 7) circulars 60-100 cm / 24-40" long
- 4 mm (US 6) circulars and/or DPNs for small circumference knitting

## Notions

Stitch markers, row counter, scissors, tape measure, stitch holders or waste yarn, spare DPN/circular needle in smaller size, tapestry needle, at least 2 locking stitch markers.

## Techniques used

Knit increases and decreases, cables, Backwards loop cast-on, Cable cast-on, Tubular bind-off.

## Notes

The sweater is worked seamlessly from the top down. It begins by casting on back stitches and working them straight down to the underarm. Along the back shoulders, stitches are picked up to form each front shoulder. These fronts are worked separately with increases shaping the front neckline, down to the underarm. Next, the fronts and back are joined and worked in one piece until both fronts are joined at the center. Moving on, the back and front are worked separately with added i-cord edges down to the hem which is finished in 2x2 rib, resulting in two large slits at the sides. Sleeves are created by picking up stitches along the armholes and working them in the round with decreases down to the cuffs. For the collar, stitches are picked up along the neckline and worked in a 2x2 rib to the desired height. To finish the collar, stitches for collar edge bands are picked up along the front neck opening and collar edges, and each band is worked separately to match the width of the front opening. Finally, each edge band is sewn onto the base of the neck opening using mattress stitch.

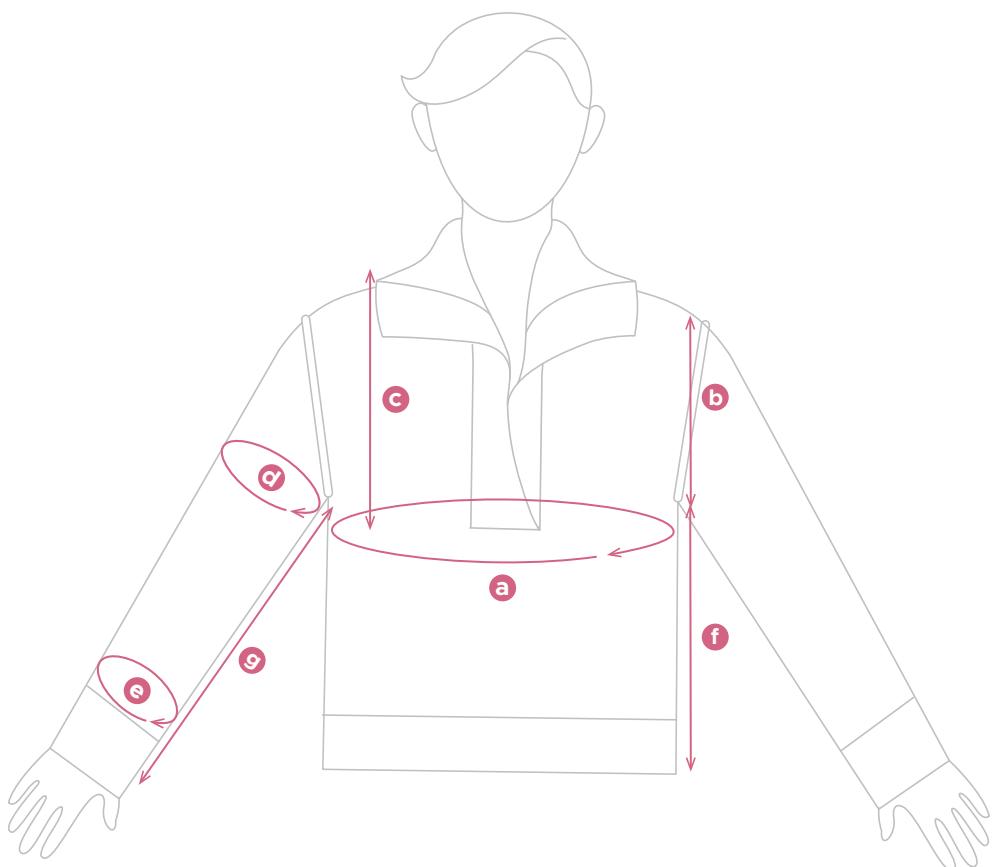
## SCHEMATICS

## Finished measurements

Intended positive ease: 30-35 cm / 12-14"

cm		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>a</b>	Chest circumference	112	120.5	132	140.5	152	160.5	172	180.5	192
<b>b</b>	Armhole depth	24	24	25	26.5	26.5	27.5	29	30	31
<b>c</b>	Neck depth	34	34	35	36.5	36.5	37.5	39	40	41
<b>d</b>	Upper arm circumference	52	52	53.5	57.5	60.5	63.5	69	72	76
<b>e</b>	Wrist circumference	31.5	34.5	34.5	34.5	37	37	37	40	40
<b>f</b>	Front length from underarm	37.5 (adjustable)								
<b>g</b>	Sleeve length from underarm	49	49	48.5	46.5	46.5	45.5	45.5	45.5	45.5

in	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
a	Chest circumference	44¾	48¼	52¼	56¼	60¾	64¼	68¾	72¼	76¾
b	Armhole depth	9¾	9¾	10	10¾	10¾	11	11¾	12	12¾
c	Neck depth	13¾	13¾	14	14¾	14¾	15	15¾	16	16¾
d	Upper arm circumference	21	21	21½	23¼	24¼	25½	27¾	29	30½
e	Wrist circumference	12½	13¾	13¾	13¾	14¾	14¾	14¾	16	16
f	Front length from underarm	15								
g	Sleeve length from underarm	19½	19½	19½	18½	18½	18¼	18¼	18¼	

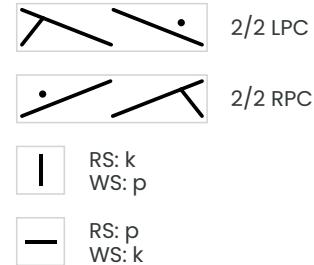
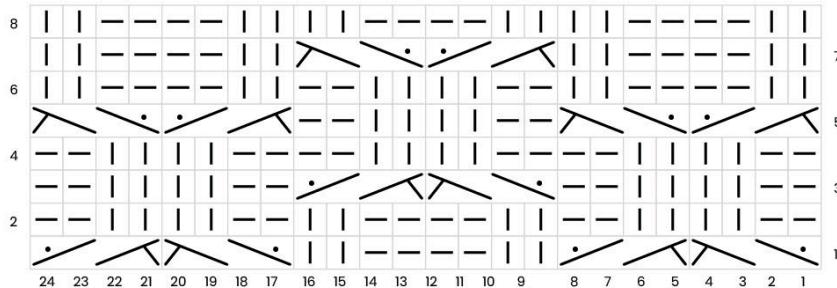








## Cable B



### Written instructions (flat)

**Row 1 (RS):** 2/2 LPC, 2/2 RPC, k2, p4, k2, 2/2 LPC, 2/2 RPC.  
**Row 2 (WS):** K2, p4, k2, p2, k4, p2, k2, p4, k2.  
**Row 3:** P2, k4, p2, 2/2 LPC, 2/2 RPC, p2, k4, p2.  
**Row 4:** [K2, p4, k2] x3.  
**Row 5:** 2/2 RPC, 2/2 LPC, p2, k4, p2, 2/2 RPC, 2/2 LPC.  
**Row 6:** P2, k4, p2, k2, p4, k2, p2, k4, p2.  
**Row 7:** K2, p4, k2, 2/2 RPC, 2/2 LPC, k2, p4, k2.  
**Row 8:** [P2, k4, p2] x3.

### Written instructions (in the round)

**Round 1:** 2/2 LPC, 2/2 RPC, k2, p4, k2, 2/2 LPC, 2/2 RPC.  
**Round 2:** P2, k4, p2, k2, p4, k2, p2, k4, p2.  
**Round 3:** P2, k4, p2, 2/2 LPC, 2/2 RPC, p2, k4, p2.  
**Round 4:** [P2, k4, p2] x3.  
**Round 5:** 2/2 RPC, 2/2 LPC, p2, k4, p2, 2/2 RPC, 2/2 LPC.  
**Round 6:** K2, p4, k2, p2, k4, p2, k2, p4, k2.  
**Round 7:** K2, p4, k2, 2/2 RPC, 2/2 LPC, k2, p4, k2.  
**Round 8:** [K2, p4, k2] x3.





**Row 2 (WS):** K1, slm, starting with st number 4 of chart repeat, Cable B across 4 sts, slm, knit to m, slm, Cable A, slm, knit to m, slm, Cable B, slm, knit to end of row.

Repeat Rows 1-2 for a further 28 (28, 30, 30, 26, 28, 28, 26, 26) **rows** or until the front matches the length of the back (before the armhole increases).

Sizes 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

The following increases shape the armholes.

**Increase row (RS):** P1, m1p, purl to m, slm, Cable B, slm, purl to m, slm, Cable A, slm, purl to m, slm, Cable B across 4 sts, slm, p1. *1 st increased.*

**Row 2 (ws):** As Row 2 from before the Increase row.

Repeat the last 2 rows a further  $\sim (1, 1, 2, 4, 5)$  times  $\sim (71, 73, 76, 78, 81)$  sts

All sizes

Place all sts on holder and break yarn.

Left Front

With larger needles and RS facing, begin at the neck edge of the left back shoulder near the locking m, pick up and knit 53 (56, 58, 61, 61, 63, 65, 65, 65) sts along the back cast-on edge. Remove the locking m.

**Setup row (WS):** K4 (7, 9, 12, 12, 14, 16, 16, 16), place m, work Row 8 of Cable B across 24 sts, place m, k1, place m, work Row 24 of Cable A across 24 sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** Cable A, slm, purl to m, slm, Cable B, slm, purl to end of row.

**Row 2 (WS):** Knit to m, slm, purl to m, slm, Cable B, slm, purl to end.

Repeat the last 2 rows for a further 20 (20, 16, 20, 20, 20, 22, 22, 18) **rows**.



- [knit to m, slm, Cable B, slm, knit to m, slm, Cable A, slm] x2, knit to m, slm, Cable B, slm,
- knit to m, slm, Cable B, slm, knit to m, slm, Cable A, slm, knit to m, slm, Cable B across 4 sts, slm, kl.

### Row 1 (RS):

- P1, slm, starting with st number 21 of chart repeat, Cable B across 4 sts to m, slm, purl to m, slm, Cable A, slm, purl to m, slm, Cable B, slm,
- [purl to m, slm, Cable B, slm, purl to m, slm, Cable A, slm] x2, purl to m, slm, Cable B, slm,
- purl to m, slm, Cable B, slm, purl to m, slm, Cable A, slm, purl to m, slm, Cable B across 4 sts, slm, p1.

**Row 2 (ws):** Repeat WS row.

Rows 1-2 set the pattern. Continue in pattern until the body measures 10 cm / 4" from the underarm. Break yarn.

**Note:** The body will not be joined in the round as the the joining of the fronts is done at the same time as starting the slits on the side.

## Front

Make note of chart row last worked as front and back will be worked separately from this point forward.

## Mark the centres of the underarm

With WS facing, transfer the Right Front 59 (62, 66, 69, 73, 76, 80, 83, 87) sts and any encountered m onto the RH (or active) needle without working, as if you were joining the fronts in the round, so that you could begin the next row at the centre of the right underarm. Turn work to face RS. Place m on RH (or active) needle to mark the right side, join yarn.

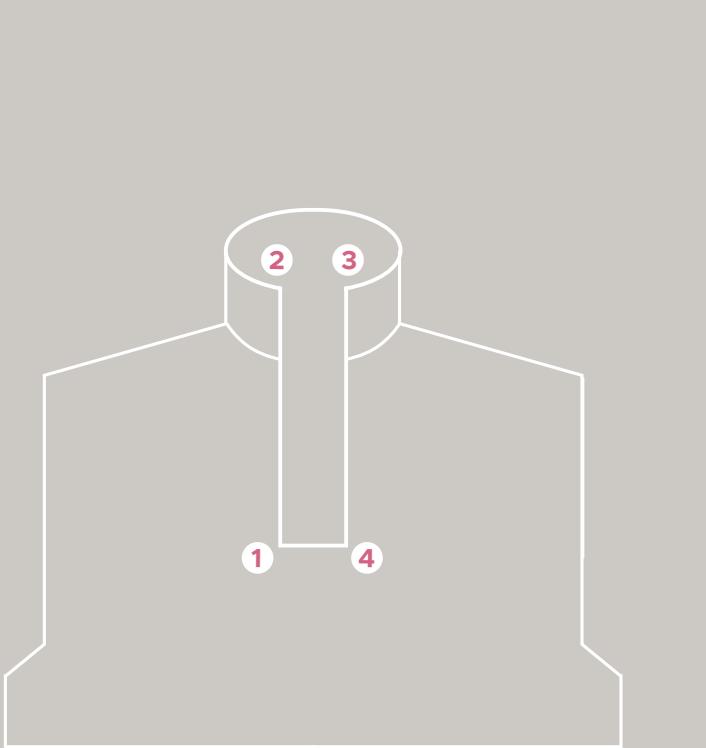
See demo of *Front setup*, including Join row (RS).

**Join row (RS):** Using Cable cast-on (see *Techniques*), CO 3 sts, k3, purl to m, slm, Cable B, slm, purl to m, Cable A, slm, purl to m, slm, Cable B across 4 sts, remove m, k1, using Backwards loop cast-on (see *Techniques*), CO 14 sts, join the Left Front and continue: k1, remove m, starting with st number 21 of chart repeat, Cable B across 4 sts to m, slm, purl to m, slm, Cable A, slm, purl to m, slm, Cable B, slm, p4 (7, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 28), using Backwards loop cast-on (see *Techniques*), CO 3 sts, turn work. Place m on RH (or active) needle to mark the left side. 138 (144, 152, 158, 166, 172, 180, 186, 194) sts for the Front.

\*After transferring sts to join the fronts. Note that the sample has the collar already added.







\* Pick-up reference points



**Setup row (WS):** (Decrease every 4th st) [p2tog, p2] to end of row skipping or adding decreases as required to end up with a stitch count that is a multiple of 4. Approximately 76 (76, 76, 80, 80, 80, 80, 84) sts.

Work 4 rows in Stockinette st.

**Next row (RS):** Form a welt by knitting 1 live st together with 1 picked-up st from 6 rows below: follow the stitch column down 5 rows and pick up a purl bump on the WS of the work. (See [Forming a welt](#) demo)

It should be easy to spot the row for picking up sts as some of the bumps will have two per stitch due to the p2tog. For working them together with the live st, it doesn't matter if both or just one are picked up.

**Next row (WS):** S1l, [p2, k2] to 3 sts before end of row, p3.

**Row 1 (RS):** S1l, [k2, p2] to 3 sts before end of row, k3.

**Row 2 (WS):** S1l, [p2, k2] to 3 sts before end of row, p3.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until the edge band is 5 cm / 2" wide when measured from the top of the welt. Bind off using Tubular bind-off for 2x2 Rib (see [Techniques](#)).

### Left collar edge band

**Pick-up row 1 (RS):** With smaller needles and RS facing, begin at the top of the collar of the left front. See (3) in the pick-up reference points image. Join yarn, pick up and knit approximately 102 (102, 104, 104, 104, 108, 108, 108, 112) sts, 1 st for every row picking up sts between the selvedge and second st, along the collar edge and then along the neck edge of the Left Front all the way to the corner of the Front cast-on (joining both fronts) and the Left Front neck edge. See (4) in the pick-up reference points image. Repeat instructions for the Right Collar Edge band, starting with the Setup row (WS).

## Sleeves

Sleeves are worked by picking up stitches around the armhole and then top-down in the round to the desired length. This pattern instructs to pick up a stitch for every row along the armhole edge, followed by a round where the stitch count is adjusted (reduced) instead of skipping rows in the pick-up round. This creates a neater "seam" without that ragged look caused by the skipped rows.

Repeat the below instructions for both sleeves.

**Pick-up round:** With larger needles and RS facing, begin in the middle of the underarm, pick up and knit 0 (0, 0, 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) sts along the underarm cast-on edge, then pick up and knit 58 (58, 60, 64, 64, 66, 70, 72, 74) sts around the armhole to top of shoulder, picking up between the selvedge st and second st and picking up one st for every row. Place m for top of shoulder, pick up and knit 58 (58, 60, 64, 64, 66, 70, 72, 74) sts to underarm cast-on, place m, pick up and knit 0 (0, 0, 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) to the middle of the underarm, place m for BOR and join to work in the round. *116 (116, 120, 128, 132, 138, 148, 154, 160)* sts.

If you don't get the correct stitch count in the pick-up round, you can adjust by adding or removing decreases in the next round to get the required count.

**Next round:** K0 (0, 0, 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), [k2tog, k1] to 1 (1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2) sts before top of shoulder m, knit to m if sts left, slm, k1 (1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2), [k2tog, k1] to 0 (0, 0, 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) before BOR, knit to BOR if sts left. 78 (78, 80, 86, 90, 94, 102, 106, 112) sts.

Knit 4 rounds. AT THE SAME TIME, remove top of shoulder m.

**Next round:** Form a welt by knitting 1 live st together with 1 picked-up st from 6 rows below: follow the stitch column down 5 rows and pick up a purl bump on the WS of the work. (See *Forming a welt* demo).

### Cable setup round:

- P15 (15, 16, 19, 21, 23, 27, 29, 32), place m,
- k2, [m1p, p2, m1p, k2, m1L, k1] x2, m1p, p2, m1p, k2, place m,
- p1, place m,
- m1p, k2, m1p, p1, k2, [m1p, p1, m1L, k1] x3, m1p, p1, k2, m1p, place m,
- p1, place m,
- k2, [m1p, p2, m1p, k2, m1L, k1] x2, m1p, p2, m1p, k2, place m,
- purl to BOR. 104 (104, 106, 112, 116, 120, 128, 132, 138) sts.

**Pattern round:** Purl to m, Cable B, slm, p1, slm, Cable A, slm, p1, slm, Cable B, slm, purl to BOR.

The previous round sets the pattern. Continue in pattern for a further 2 (4, 2, 5, 5, 2, 4, 2, 2) rounds.

**Decrease round:** P2tog, work in established pattern to 2 sts before BOR, p2tog. 2 sts decreased.

Continue in an established pattern repeating Decrease round every 5th (5th, 5th, 4th, 4th, 4th, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd) round a further 13 (13, 13, 13, 12, 10, 12, 12, 4) **times**. 76 (76, 78, 84, 90, 98, 102, 106, 128) sts.

Continue in the established pattern, repeating Decrease round every 2nd round for a further 15 (14, 14, 17, 19, 23, 24, 25, 35) **times** or stop 7.5 cm / 3" short of your desired length 46 (48, 50, 50, 52, 52, 54, 56, 58) sts if all decreases are completed.

**NOTE:** When decreases reach Cable B, remove the m. Then work decreases across the Cable B sts. Ensure you move the chart starting stitch to align the cables with the pattern. Whenever there are not enough sts to work a full cable, simply work the sts in pattern as worked in the previous round: knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts.

## Cuff

Change to smaller needles.

Sizes 1, 3, 4, 7, 9

**Next round:** K2tog, knit to 2 sts before BOR, k2tog, 2 sts decreased.

Sizes 2, 5, 6, 7

**Next round:** Knit to BOR.

All sizes

**Next round:** [K2, p2] to BOR.

The previous round sets the pattern. Continue in pattern until the Cuff measures 7.5 cm / 3". Bind off all stitches using Tubular bind-off for 2x2 rib (see *Techniques*).

## FINISHING

Sew the collar edge bands to the base of the neck opening using mattress stitch ([Mattress stitch demo](#)). Weave in the ends and block to measurements.

We can't wait to see your finished object, and if you share it on social media, tag it with **#texosweater** and **@zane tekknits**.

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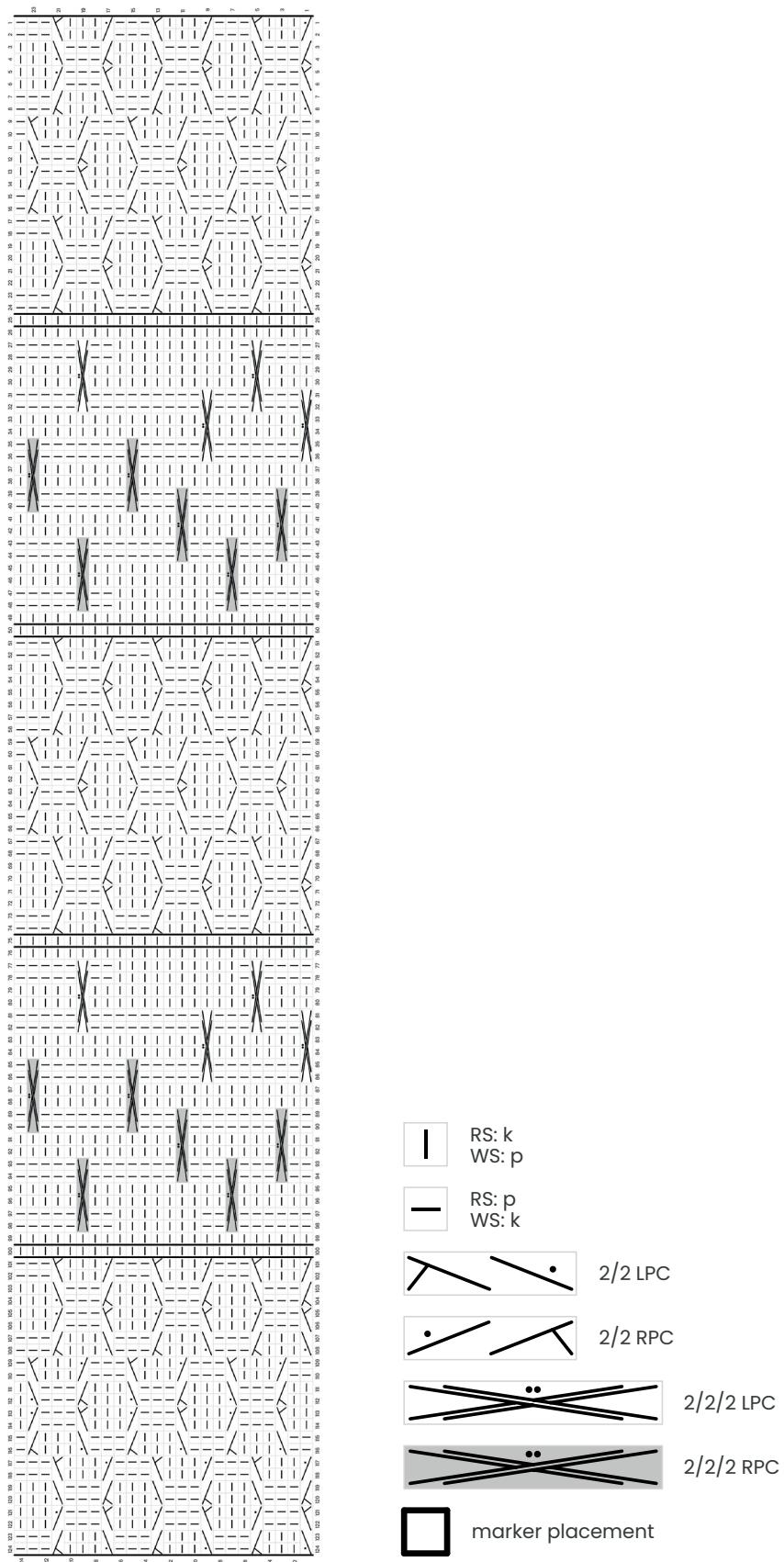
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## APPENDIX 1

## Cable placement chart (rotated)

Access a larger chart here: <https://go.zaneteknits.com/chart-texo-full>



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