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RICO
DESIGN

Essentials Soft Merino aran

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FAIR ISLE SWEATER ★★☆

MEASUREMENTS

	S/M	L/XL
Actual Measurement	100 cm 39½ in	112 cm 44 in
Full Length	68 cm 26¾ in	68 cm 26¾ in
Sleeve Length	50 cm 19¾ in	50 cm 19¾ in

MATERIALS

Rico Essentials

Soft Merino aran

A: shade 093 (grey)	8	9
B: shade 020 (light grey)	3	3
C: shade 090 (black)	2	2
D: shade 060 (natural)	2	2

Level of difficulty

★☆☆	=	easy
★★☆	=	intermediate
★★★	=	advanced



= suitable for beginners

TENSION

18 sts and 24 rows to 10 cm (4 in) over rows of stocking stitch using 5 mm needles or the size required to give the correct tension.

Check your tension – if fewer stitches use thinner needles, if more stitches use thicker needles.

50 g
balls

NEEDLES

4½ mm (UK 7 – USA 7) Rico knitting needles
 5 mm (UK 6 – USA 8) Rico knitting needles
 4½ mm (UK 7 – USA 7) Rico circular needle (40 cm, 16 in)
 5 mm (UK 6 – USA 8) Rico circular needles (60 cm, 24 in)
 5 mm (UK 6 – USA 8) Rico circular needles (80 cm, 32 in)
 Stitch holders
 Coloured markers

It is essential to work to the stated tension to ensure the correct size of garment.

ABBREVIATIONS

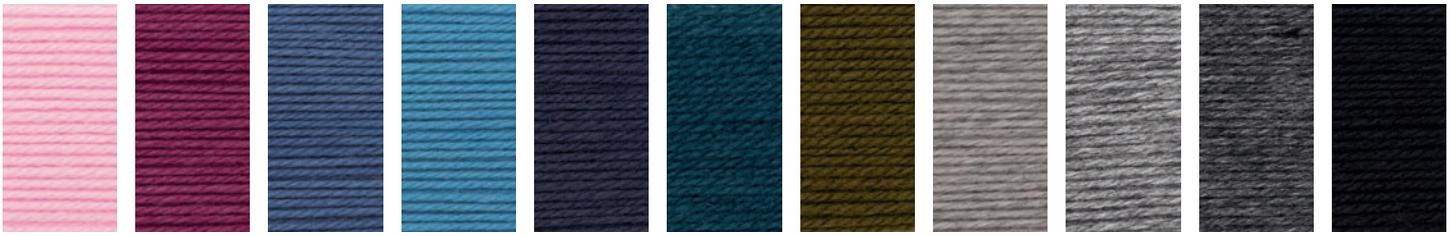
alt	alternate	skpo	slip next st, k1, pass slipped st over st just knitted
beg	beginning	st	stitch
cm	centimetre	st st	stocking stitch
cont	continue	tog	together
dec	decrease	ws	wrong side
in	inch		
inc	increase		
k	knit		
p	purl		
patt	pattern		
rem	remaining		
rep	rep		
rnd	round		
rs	right side		

Notes

The yarn amounts stated are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Where only one figure is given this applies to all sizes. Where the figure 0 appears, no sts, times or rows are worked for this size. After casting off one stitch will remain on the right hand needle which is not included in the instructions that follow.

IMPORTANT – To ensure accuracy only RICO YARNS should be used. No responsibility will be taken for the result of using any other yarns.

Circle the size you wish to make.



BACK

Using 4½ mm needles, yarn A and thumb method cast on 98[110] sts.

1st row. K1, *k1, p1, rep from * to last st, k1.

This row forms **1x1 rib** with edge sts.

Work 9 more rows in rib with edge sts, ending with a ws row.

Change to 5 mm needles.

1st row. Knit.

2nd row. K1, purl to last st, k1.

These 2 rows form **st st** (stocking stitch) with edge sts.

Work 2 more rows in st st, ending with a ws row.

Begin working from chart A in Fair Isle patt as follows:

1st row. K1 (edge st, these are always worked in adjacent colour), knit to last st, reading patt row 1 right to left, rep the 6 st motif 16[18] times, k1 (edge st).

2nd row. K1 (edge st), purl to last st, reading patt row 2 left to right, k1 (edge st).

This sets Fair Isle patt. Cont in Fair Isle patt, working all 14 rows of Chart A. Twist yarns together on ws where they meet, to avoid holes forming.

Cont with yarn A only until work measures 41 cm, leave sts on a stitch holder.

FRONT

Work as given for Back.

SLEEVES (Both alike)

Using 4½ mm needles and thumb method cast on 56 sts.

Work 10 rows in rib with edge sts as given for Back, ending with ws row.

Change to 5 mm needles and work 4 rows in st st with edge sts as given for Back.

Begin working from Chart A in Fair Isle patt as given for Back, rep the 6 st motif 9 times.

After 14 rows have been completed cont with yarn A until work measures 15 cm, 6 in, ending with a ws row.

Inc 1 st at each end of next and every foll 6th row to 74 sts.

Cont straight until work measures 50 cm, 19¾ in. Leave sts on a stitch holder.

YOKE

Join sleeves and body as follows:

Slip sts onto a 5 mm circular knitting needle (80 cm, 32 in, - change to 60 cm, 24 in, when necessary) as follows: 74 sts (from 1st sleeve), place marker, 99[112] (from Front), place marker, 74 sts (from 2nd sleeve), place marker, 99[112] sts (from Back), join to a rnd, place marker for start of rnd. 346[372] sts.

Cont in st st in the rnd (all rnds are knit).

Next rnd. Using yarn A knit to 1 st before 1st marker, k2tog[k2], remove marker, knit to 1 st before 2nd marker, k2tog, remove marker, knit to 1 st before 3rd marker, k2tog, remove marker, knit to 1 st before last marker, k2tog, slipping marker as

you reach it. 342[369] sts.

Cont in Fair Isle patt from chart B, rep motif across rnds and reading all rows of chart from right to left. Work 23 rnds.

24th rnd (dec). (K8, k2tog (last and first st of patt rep)) 38[41] times, slipping marker as you reach it. 304[328] sts.

Work 3 more rnds in Fair Isle patt as established.

28th rnd (dec). Dec 4 sts evenly across rnd.

300[324] sts.

Cont in Fair Isle patt from chart C, rep motif across rnds and reading all rows of chart from right to left. Work 5 rnds.

Rnd 6 (dec). *K2tog (1st and 2nd st of patt rep), k4, rep from * to end. 250[270] sts.

Work 10 rnds in Fair Isle patt as established.

Rnd 17 (dec.) *K1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, rep from * to last 5[4] sts, k1, k2tog, k2[1]. 179[193] sts.

Rnd 18 (dec.) Dec 3[1] sts evenly across rnd.

176[192] sts.

Cont in Fair Isle patt from chart D, rep motif across rnds and reading all rows of chart from right to left. Work 8 rnds.

Rnd 9. Dec 14[24] sts evenly across rnd.

162[168] sts.

Cont in Fair Isle patt from chart E, rep motif across rnds and reading all rows of chart from right to left.

Work all 10 rnds without dec.

Cont using yarn D only.

Next rnd. *K1, k2tog, rep from * to end.

108[112] sts.

Work 1 row without dec.

Neck Border

Change to 4½ mm circular needle and yarn A.

Next row. *K1, p1, rep from * to end.

This row forms **1x1 rib** in the round.

Work in rib until Neck Border measures 5 cm, 2 in.

Cast off **loosely**.

TO MAKE UP

Join side and sleeve seams. Pin out sweater to the measurement given. Cover with clean, damp tea towels and leave until dry. See ball band for washing and further care instructions.

- yarn A
- yarn B
- yarn C
- yarn D

Chart A

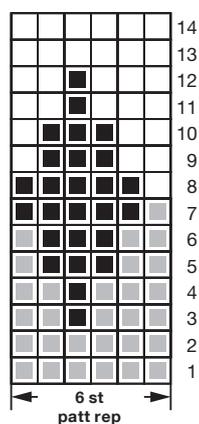


Chart B

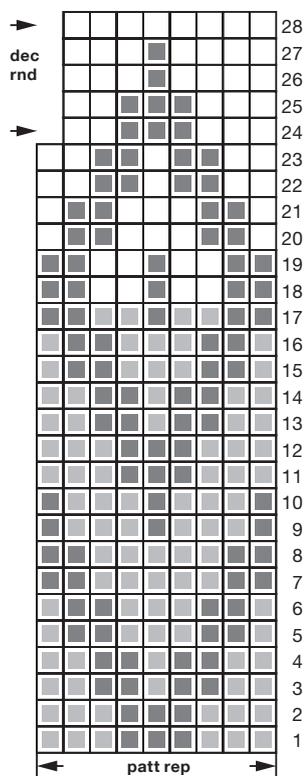


Chart C

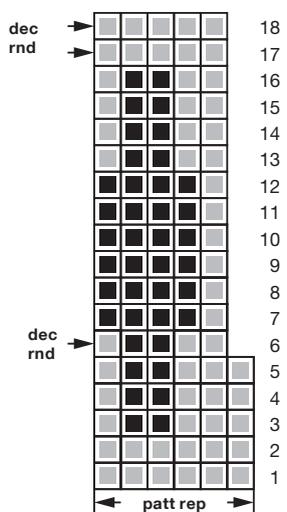


Chart D

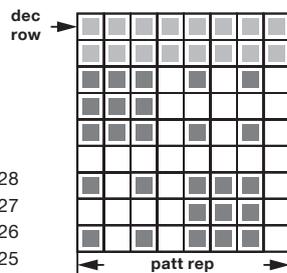


Chart E

