

Aran Plaid

— NORAH GAUGHAN —

Finished Size 43½ (50, 56½)" (110.5 [127, 143.5] cm) bust/chest circumference. Pullover shown measures 50" (127 cm).

Yarn Reynolds Saucy (100% mercerized cotton; 185 yd [169 m]/100 g): #736 taupe, 9 (11, 12) balls.

Needles Body and Sleeves—Size 7 (4.5¼mm). Ribbing—Size 5 (3.75 mm): straight and 16" (40-cm) circular (cir). Adjust needle sizes if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Markers (m); cable needle (cn); tapestry needle.

Gauge 20 sts and 28 rows = 4" (10 cm) in moss stitch on larger needles; 34 sts of center cable panel = 4½" (11.5 cm), blocked.

Stitches

Mini Cable Rib:

(multiple of 4 sts + 2)

Row 1: (RS) *P2, knit second st on needle, knit first st, slip both sts off; rep from *, end p2.

Row 2: *K2, p2; rep from *, end k2.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for pattern.

Moss Stitch:

(worked over an odd number of sts)

Row 1: (RS) *K1, p1; rep from *, end k1.

Rows 2 and 3: *P1, k1; rep from *, end p1.

Row 4: *K1, p1; rep from *, end k1.

Repeat Rows 1–4 for pattern.

Moss and Garter Pattern:

(worked over an odd number of sts)

NORAH GAUGHAN COMBINED cables, moss stitch, and garter ridges to create, in an abstract way, the look of plaid in this beautifully balanced, Aran-inspired pullover. The crisp cotton yarn, Saucy from Reynolds, provides the stitch definition required to show off the geometric way in which the different stitch patterns abut one another and, thus, create the segments of the "plaid." The twisted-stitch ribbing at the sleeves and neck edge provide a subtle but perfect frame for this well thought-out design.

Rows 1–10: Work moss sts.

Rows 11–19: Knit.

Row 20: Purl.

Rows 21–32: Work moss st.

Repeat Rows 1–32 for pattern.

Small Cable:

(worked over 8 sts)

Row 1: (RS) P2, k4, p2.

Rows 2 and 4: K2, p4, k2.

Row 3: P2, place 2 sts onto cn and hold in front, k2, k2 from cn, p2.

Repeat Rows 1–4 for pattern.

Large Cable:

(worked over 12 sts)

Rows 1, 3, and 5: (RS) P2, k8, p2.

Rows 2, 4, 6, and 8: K2, p8, k2.

Row 7: P2, place 4 sts onto cn and hold in back, k4, k4 from cn, p2.

Repeat Rows 1–8 for pattern.

Back

With smaller straight needles, CO 126 (142, 158) sts. Work mini cable rib until piece measures 2½" (6.5 cm) from beg, ending with a RS row. Change to larger needles and inc as foll: (WS) P12 (20, 28), M1, p22, M1, p4, M1, p12, M1, [p9, M1]

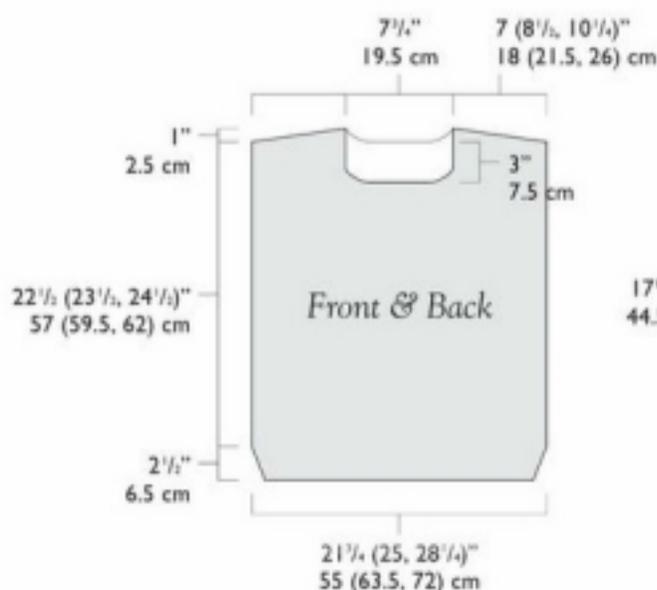
3 times, p11, M1, p4, M1, p22, M1, p12 (20, 28)—136 (152, 168) sts. **Set-up row:** (RS) Beg with Row 1 of patts and chart, work 9 (17, 25) sts in moss and garter patt, place marker (pm), 8 sts in small cable, pm, 15 sts in moss and garter patt, pm, 72 sts according to Center Panel chart, pm, 15 sts in moss and garter patt, pm, 8 sts in small cable, pm, 9 (17, 25) sts in moss and garter patt. Cont even as established until piece measures 25 (26, 27)" (63.5 [66, 68.5] cm) from beg, or desired length to shoulders, ending with a WS row. **Shape shoulders and neck:** Keeping in patt, BO 15 (17, 19) sts, work 38 (44, 50) sts, join new yarn and BO center 30 sts, work to end. BO 15 (17, 19) sts at beg of next WS row—38 (44, 50) sts each side. Working each side separately, BO 5 sts at neck edge 2 times, and at the same time, BO 14 (17, 20) sts at arm edge 2 more times.

Front

Work as for back until piece measures 22 (23, 24)" (56 [58.5, 61] cm) from beg, ending with a WS row. **Shape neck:** (RS) Work 53 (61, 69) sts as established, join new yarn and BO center 30 sts, work to end—53 (61, 69) sts each side. Working each side separately, at neck edge BO 4 sts once, 3 sts once, 2 sts once, and 1 st once, and at the same time, when piece measures same as back to shoulders, BO at arm edge 15 (17, 19) sts once, then 14 (17, 20) sts 2 times.

Sleeves

With smaller straight needles, CO 54 (58, 58) sts. Work mini cable rib until piece measures 2½" (6.5 cm) from beg, ending with a RS row. Change to larger needles and purl 1 row, inc 8 sts evenly spaced—62 (66, 66) sts. **Set-up row:** (RS) Beg with

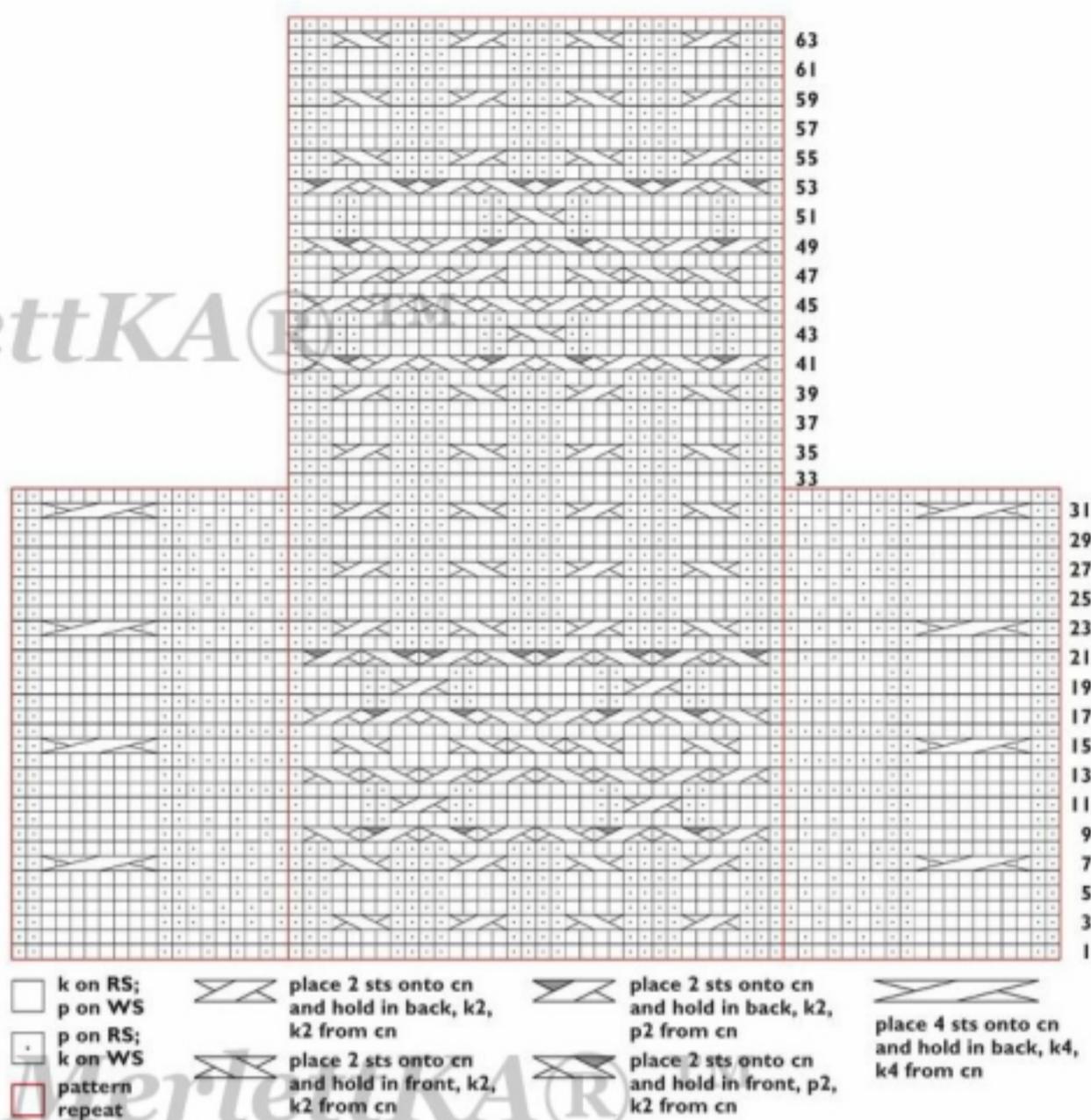


Row 1 of patts, work 2 (4, 4) sts in moss and garter patt, pm, 8 sts in small cable, pm, 15 sts in moss and garter patt, pm, 12 sts in large cable, pm, 15 sts in moss and garter patt, pm, 8 sts in small cable patt, pm, 2 (4, 4) sts in moss and garter patt. Cont as established, inc 1 st each end of needle every 4 rows 12 (17, 27) times, then every 6 rows 11 (9, 4) times, working new sts into moss and garter patt—108 (118, 128) sts. Cont even until piece measures 20 (21, 22)" (51 [53.5, 56] cm) from beg. BO all sts.

Finishing

With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew right shoulder seam. **Neckband:** With cir needle and RS facing, pick up and knit 106 sts around neck opening. Do not join. Work mini cable rib for 1" (2.5 cm). BO all sts loosely in patt. Sew left shoulder and neckband seam. Sew sleeves into armholes. Sew sleeve and side seams. Weave in loose ends. Block lightly to measurements. ∞

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- k on RS; p on WS
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- pattern repeat
- ⚡ place 2 sts onto cn and hold in back, k2, k2 from cn
- ⚡ place 2 sts onto cn and hold in front, k2, k2 from cn
- ⚡ place 2 sts onto cn and hold in back, k2, p2 from cn
- ⚡ place 2 sts onto cn and hold in front, p2, k2 from cn
- ⚡ place 4 sts onto cn and hold in back, k4, k4 from cn

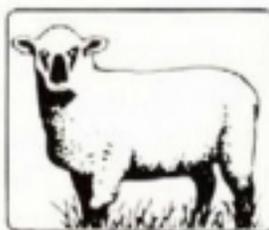
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