

# Deborah's Not-So-Traditional Aran Sweater

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Credits:

Suggestion for cable to be knitted up the neckband: Toni Toland  
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**Finished size:** 42" chest, 16" sleeves

## Materials:

8 skeins of Cascade 220, 100% Peruvian Highland Wool, color 8505

US size 8 (5mm ) straight needles or the size to obtain the gauge

US size 7 (4.5mm) straight needles

US size 6 (4mm) straight needles

US size 6 (4mm) 16" circular needle

2 stitch holders

cable needle (cn)

8 stitch markers

yarn needle



Gauge: Main cable, sts 9 – 44, rows 1 – 42: 4¾" ¾ by 6"

OR Lazy Knitter's gauge: in stockinette stitch: 19 sts x 26 sts = 4" x 4"

## Abbreviations:

BO: Bind Off

Cn: Cable needle

M1L: With left hand needle, pick up the strand between the needles from front to back. Knit in back loop.

M1P: With lefthand needle, pick up strand between the needles from back to front. Purl in front loop.

M1R: With left hand needle, pick up the strand between the needles from front to back. Knit in front loop.

K: Knit

KSP: Knit the stitch and return it to the left needle purlwise (to ensure the stitch is correctly mounted). Pass the next stitch on the left needle over the stitch just knit. Return the stitch by slipping it purlwise to the right needle.

K2tog: Knit two stitches together.

P: Purl

P2tog: Purl 2 together

P2tog tbl: Purl 2 together through back loops

PM: place marker

PSSO: Pass slip stitch over

RS Right side

Sl slip

Sl m Slip marker

SSK Slip as to knit, slip as to knit, knit the two stitches through the back loops.

St(s) Stitch(es)

Tog together

WS wrong side

YO yarn over

**Notes:**

- Two of the cables in Chart B are worked on the *purl* rows. Be sure to work Row 9 of Chart B from left to right.
- The neckband can be worked after several inches of the front and back are finished. Work the neckband before trying on the sweater to determine sleeve and body length.
- The pattern is for 16" sleeves. To length the sleeves, add a two or three rows of straight knitting at the beginning and ending of the sleeves.
- The first and last stitches of each piece are knit in stockinette stitch and make up the selvages.
- There are a total of 52 stitches decreased.

**Saddles (knit 2):**

Using a provision cast-on method, cast on 14 sts.

Row 1 (wrong side): K2, Chart B, k2.

Row 2 (right side): P2, Chart B, P2.

Continue working Chart B for 7" keeping the first and last 2 sts in reverse stockinette.

End after knitting a wrong side row. Place stitches on holders.

**Back**

Beginning at the edge with live stitches and right side facing, pick up and knit 41 stitches on the first saddle; using a provisional cast-on, cast-on 44 stitches; beginning at the cast-on edge of the second saddle and with right side facing, pick up and knit 41 stitches. (126 sts)

Row 1 (wrong side): (K1, p1) twice, k1, pm, k2, p8, k2, pm, Chart B, pm, k2, p8, k2, pm, p5, k2, p3, k1, p3, k7, p6, k7, p3, k1, p3, k2, p5, pm, k2, p8, k2, pm, Chart B, pm, k2, p8, k2, pm, (k1, p1) twice, k1.

Row 2 (right side): (K1, p1) twice, k1, p2, (sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, k2, M1L, k3 sts from cn), k3 p2, k10, p2, k3 (sl 2 sts to cn and hold in back, k3, k1 from cn, M1L, k1 from cn), p2, k3, M1L, k2, p2, k3, p1, M1P, k3, p7,k6, p7, k3, M1P, p1, k3, p2, k2, M1R, k3, p2, k3 (sl 2 sts to cn and hold in back, k3, k1 from cn, M1R, k1 from cn), p2, k10, p2, (sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, k2, M1R, k3 sts from cn), k3, k1, (p1, k1) twice.

Row 3: (K1, p1) twice, k1, work Charts C, B, D, A, D, B, C, k1, (p1, k1) twice.

Continue in pattern until 9" from the center of the saddle, ending after working a wrong side row.

Next row: Using a cable cast on, cast on 1 st. K1, work in pattern across row, cast on 1 st at the end of row.

Mark this row with a pin on each side.

Next row: P1, work in pattern to last st, p1.

Continue until 20" or desired length from top of back, keeping the first and last stitches in stockinette stitch.

These are selvedge stitches to be used when seaming the sweater. Do NOT bind off after working the last wrong side row.

Move the stitches to the medium-size needle.

*Begin Sideways Bind off:*

Using a knitted cast-on, cast on 12 sts.

Row 1: P1, k9, p1, p3tog. (You will be purling 1 border st tog with 2 body sts.) TURN

Row 2: K1 tbl, k1, p9, k1. TURN

Row 3: P1, work Chart F beginning with Row 2, p1, p3tog. TURN

Row 4: Repeat Row 2. TURN

Row 5: P1, Chart F, p1, p3tog. TURN

Repeat Rows 4 and 5 until all body stitches are worked and 12 sts remain.

Bind-off in pattern.

## Left Front

With right side facing and beginning at the neck edge of the left saddle, pick up and knit 41 sts.

Row 1 (wrong side): (P1, k1) twice, p1, pm, k2, p8, k2, pm, Chart B, pm, k2, p8, k2, pm, p2.

Row 2: K1, M1L, k1, p2, k3, (sl 2 sts to cn and hold in back, k3, k1 from cn, M1R, k1 from cn), p2, Chart B, p2, (sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, k2, M1R, k3 sts from cn), k3, p3, (k1, p1) twice. (44 sts)

Row 3: (P1, k1) twice, p1, Chart C, Chart B, Chart D, p2, M1P, p1. (45 sts)

Row 4: K1, M1L, k3, Chart D, Chart B, Chart C, p1, (k1, p1) twice. (46 sts)

Row 5: (P1, k1) twice, p1, Chart C, Chart B, Chart D, p4, M1P, p1. (47 sts)

Row 6: P1, M1L, k5, Chart D, Chart B, Chart C, p1, (k1, p1) twice. (48 sts)

Row 7: (P1, k1) twice, p1, Chart C, Chart B, Chart D, p6, M1R, k1. (49 sts)

Row 8: P1, M1P, p1, k6, Chart D, Chart B, Chart C, p1, (k1, p1) twice. (50 sts)

Row 9: (P1, k1) twice, p1, Chart C, Chart B, Chart D, p6, k1, M1R, k1, M1P, p1. (52 sts)

Row 10: P1, M1R, p4, C6B, Chart D, Chart B, Chart C, p1, (k1, p1) twice. (53 sts)

Row 11: (P1, k1) twice, p1, Chart C, Chart B, Chart D, p6, k4, p1, M1P, p1. (54 sts)

Cut the yarn and place the stitches on a holder.

## Right Front (a repeat of the Left front reversing all shaping)

With right side facing and beginning at the shoulder edge of the right saddle, pick up and knit 41 sts.

Row 1 (wrong side): P2, pm, k2, p8, k2, pm, Chart B, pm, k2, p8, k2, pm, p1, (k1, p1) twice.

Row 2: (P1, k1) twice, p1, p2, (sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, k1, M1R, k1), k3 from cn, k3, p2, Chart B, p2, k3, (sl 2 sts to cn and hold in back, k3, k1 from cn, M1R, k1 sts from cn), p2, k1, M1R, k1. (44 sts)

Row 3: P1, M1P, p2, Chart D, Chart B. Chart C, p1, (k1, p1) twice. (45 sts)

Row 4: (P1, k1) twice, p1, Chart C, Chart B, Chart D, k3, M1R, p1. (46 sts)

Row 5: K1, M1P, p4, Chart D, Chart B. Chart C, p1, (k1, p1) twice. (47 sts)

Row 6: (P1, k1) twice, p1, Chart C, Chart B, Chart D, k5, M1R, p1. (48 sts)

Row 7: K1, M1L, p6, Chart D, Chart B. Chart C, p1, (k1, p1) twice. (49 sts)

Row 8: (P1, k1) twice, p1, Chart C, Chart B, Chart D, k6, p1, M1P, k1. (50 sts)

Row 9: P1, M1P, k1, M1R, k1, p6, Chart D, Chart B. Chart C, p1, (k1, p1) twice. (52 sts)

Row 10: (P1, k1) twice, p1, Chart C, Chart B, Chart D, C6F, p4, M1L, p1. (53 sts)

Row 11: P1, M1P, p1, k4, p6, Chart D, Chart B. Chart C, p1, (k1, p1) twice. (54 sts)

Row 12 (joining row): (K1, p1) twice, k1, Chart C, Chart B, Chart D, k6, p4, k3, provisionally cast on 22 sts; on left side, k3, p4, k6, Chart D, Chart B, Chart C, k1, (p1, k1) twice. (130 sts)

Row 13: (K1, p1) twice, Chart C, Chart B, Chart D, p6, k3, M1R, k1, p8, k12, p8, k1, M1L, k3, p6, Chart D, Chart B. Chart C, k1, (p1, k1) twice. (132 sts)

Row 14: (K1, p1) twice, k1, Chart C, Chart B, Chart D, k6, p5, k5, 3FC, p6, 3BC, k5, p5, k6, Chart D, Chart B, Chart C, k1, (p1, k1) twice.

Row 15: (K1, p1) twice, Chart C, Chart B, Chart D, p6, k5, p3, M1P, p2, k3, p3, k6, p3, k3, p2, M1P, p3, k5, p6, Chart D, Chart B. Chart C, k1, (p1, k1) twice. (134 sts)

Row 16: (K1, p1) twice, k1, Chart C, Chart B, Chart D, Chart A, Chart D, Chart B, Chart C, k1, (p1, k1) twice.

Continue in pattern until 9" from the center of the saddle, ending after working a wrong side row.

Next row: Using a cable cast on, cast on 1 st. K1, work in pattern across row, cast on 1 st at the end of row.

Mark this row with a pin on each side.

Next row: P1, work in pattern to last st, p1.

Continue until the same length of the back, keeping the first and last stitches in stockinette stitch. End with the same row as the back. Do NOT bind off. Repeat the Sideways Bind-off as for the back.

## **Sleeves** (repeat directions twice) See Notes

Cast on 1 st; with right side facing and beginning to the left of the pin, pick up and knit 43 sts; work Chart B from the stitch holder; pick up and knit 43 sts, cast on 1 st. (102 sts)

Row 1 (wrong side): P2, (k1, p1) 16 times, k2, p4, M1P, p4, k2, Chart B, k2, p4, M1P, p4, k3, (p1, k1) 16 times, p1. (104 sts)

Row 2: K2, (p1, k1) 16 times, Chart C beginning with Row 2 of chart, Chart B, Chart D beginning with Row 2 of chart, (p1, k1) 16 times, p1, k1.

Row 3: P2, (k1, p1) 16 times, Chart D, Chart , Chart C, (k1, p1) 16 times, k1, p1.

Row 4: K2, (p1, k1) 16 times, Chart C, Chart B, Chart D, (p1, k1) 16 times, p1, k1.

Row 5: Repeat Row 3.

Row 6: K1, p2tog, continue in pattern to the last 3 sts, ssk, k1. (102 sts)

Rows 7 – 9: Work in pattern, keeping the filler stitches in seed stitch.

Row 10: K1, k2tog, continue in pattern to the last 3 sts, p2tog, k1. (100 sts)

Rows 11 – 13: Work in pattern, keeping the filler stitches in seed stitch.

Row 14: Repeat Row 6. (98 sts)

All non-decrease rows: Work in pattern, keeping the filler stitches in seed stitch and the first and last stitches in stockinette stitch.

Row 18: Repeat Row 10. (96 sts)

Row 22: Repeat Row 6. (94 sts)

Row 26: Repeat Row 10. (92 sts)

Row 30: Repeat Row 6. (90 sts)

Row 34: Repeat Row 10. (88 sts)

Row 38: Repeat Row 6. (86 sts)

Row 42: Repeat Row 10. (84 sts)

Row 46: Repeat Row 6. (82 sts)

Row 50: Repeat Row 10. (80 sts)

Row 54: Repeat Row 6. (78 sts)

Row 58: Repeat Row 10. (76 sts)

Row 62: Repeat Row 6. (74 sts)

Row 66: Repeat Row 10. (72 sts)

Row 70: Repeat Row 6. (70 sts)

Row 74: Repeat Row 10. (68 sts)

Row 78: Repeat Row 6. (66 sts)

Row 82: Repeat Row 10. (64 sts)

Row 86: Repeat Row 6. (62 sts)

Row 90: Repeat Row 10. (60 sts)

Row 94: Repeat Row 6. (58 sts)

Row 98: Repeat Row 10. (56 sts)

Row 102: Repeat Row 6. (54 sts)

Row 106: Repeat Row 10. (52 sts)

Rows 107 – 111: Work in pattern, keeping the filler stitches in seed stitch.

Do NOT bind off. Repeat the Sideways Bind-off as for the back.

## **Neckband**

Place the 44 sts of the back on a needle. With right side facing and smaller needles, \*(k2, p2) twice, k2tog, k1, (p2, k2) 6 times, p2 tog, p1, k2, p2, . (Decreased 2 sts to 42.)

Place the 14 sts of the left saddle on a needle. Continuing the neckband, p2, k10, p2.

Along left neck edge, pick up and (k2, p2) twice, k2, p1. (11 sts)

Place the 22 neck stitches on a needle. Continuing the neckband, (p1, k1, k2 tog, p2, k2, p2, k2, p2, k2, p2, ssk, k1, p1. (Decreased 2 sts to 20.)

Along the right neck edge, p1, (k2, p2) twice, k2. (11 sts)

Place the 14 sts of the right saddle on a needle. Continuing the neckband, p2, k10, k2.

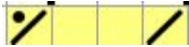
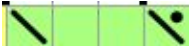




You have 112 sts for the neckband.

Work the neckband in k2, p2 ribbing and follow Chart E beginning with Row 11 for the 10 knit stitches for 3".





Using a stretchy bind-off similar to Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind-Off. Follow and loosely sew to the inside.

## Symbols

### Chart A

	1BC	Sl 1 st to cn and hold in back of work, k next 3 sts, p st on cn.
	1FC	Sl 3 st to cn and hold in front of work, p next st, k3 st on cn.
	2FC	Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, p2, k3 from cn.
	2BC	Sl 2 sts to cn and hold in back, k3, p2 from cn.
	3BC	Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in back, k3, p3 from cn.
	3FC	Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, p3, k3 from cn.

### Charts B and E

	2-3FC	Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in back, k2, k3 sts from cn.
	2-3BC	Sl 2 sts to cn and hold in front, k3, k2 sts from cn.
	2-3FCP	Sl 2 sts to cn and hold in back (to the rs), p3, p2 from cn.
	2-3BCP	Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front (to the ws), p2, p3 from cn.

### Charts A, D and F



	C6B	Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in back, k3, k3 sts from cn.
	C6F	Sl 3 sts to cn and hold in front, k3, k3 sts from cn.

Chart A

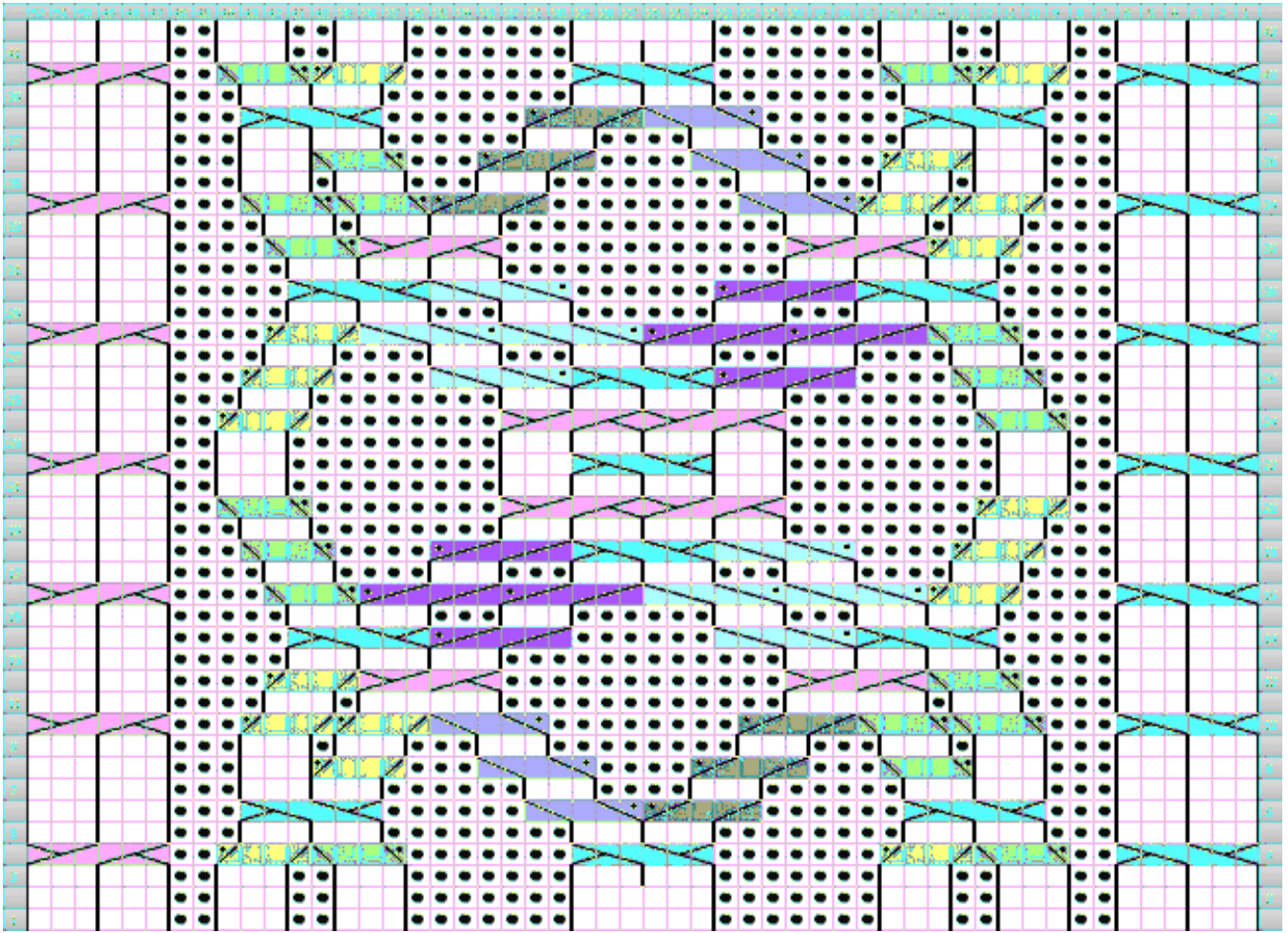


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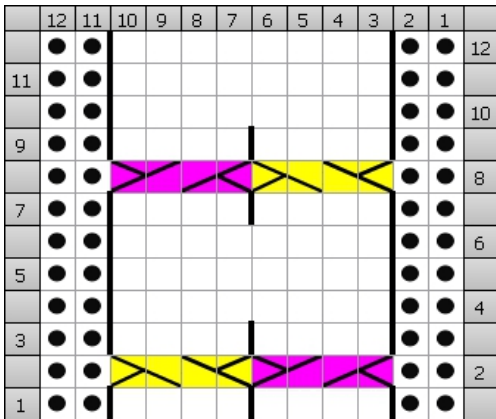


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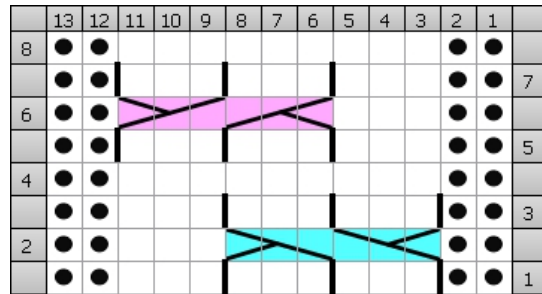


Chart D

