



Aran Pocket Shawl

Women on the Aran Islands often wear woven plaid shawls from Scotland. The basket weave pattern and the pockets on this shawl are based on a modern Scottish woven plaid shawl.

Finished Size About 87" (221 cm) long and 22" (56 cm) wide.

Yarn Black Water Abbey Yarn (100% wool; 220 yd [201 m]/4 oz): bluestack, 7 skeins.

Needles Size 8 (5 mm): 24" (60-cm) circular. Size 7 (4.5 mm): 24" (60-cm) circular. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Stitch markers; tapestry needle.

Gauge 16 sts and 24 rows = 4" (10 cm) in St st **on larger needles.**

Note: Slip markers on all rows.

Stitches

Seed stitch (on an even # of sts)

Row 1: *K1, p1; repeat from * to end.

Row 2: *P1, k1; repeat from * to end.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for pattern.

Pattern stitch (multiple of 14 sts plus 2)

Rows 1, 3, and 5: K2, *(p1, k1) 2 times, p1, k2; repeat from *.

Rows 2, 4, and 6: *P3, (k1, p1) 2 times; repeat from *, end last repeat p3 **instead of p1.**

Row 7: K2, *p12, k2; repeat from *.

Row 8: Knit the knits and purl the purls as they appear.

Row 9: Knit.

Rows 10, 12, and 14: *P2, (k1, p1) 2 times, k1; repeat from *, end p2.

Rows 11, 13, and 15: K2, *(k1, p1) 2 times, k3; repeat from *.

Row 16: *K7, p2, k5; repeat from * end last repeat k7.

Row 17: Knit the knits and purl the purls as they appear.

Row 18: Purl.

Repeat rows 1–18 for pattern.

Shawl

With smaller needle, cast on 86 sts loosely (see page 11).

Work 7 rows seed stitch. **Change to larger needle.** Maintain the seed stitch borders on the first and last 7 sts of each row. The pattern stitch, which may be worked from the written instructions or the chart, is worked on the 72 sts between the markers.