

Instructions for Aran designs

Measurements: one size to fit 40 cm/15½ in cushion pad. **Materials:** each cushion: 4 x 50 g (116 m) balls Sirdar Sovereign DK in Ivory; pair 4 mm/No 8 needles; cable needle; 30 cm/12 in nylon zip fastener; 40 cm/15½ in cushion pad. The cost of yarn for each cushion is £4.60; see Prima directory for stockist details.

Tension: 22 sts and 30 rows to 10 cm over st-st using 4 mm needles. Always check your tension carefully.

Abbreviations: cn – cable needle; K – knit; P – purl; patt – pattern; RS – right side; sl – slip; st(s) – stitch(es); st-st – stocking stitch; WS – wrong side.

Cable abbreviations: C4B – sl 1 st to cn and hold at back, K 2, P 1 from cn; C3F – sl next 2 sts to cn and hold at front, P 1, K 2 from cn; C4B – sl next 2 sts to cn and hold at back, K 2, K 2 from cn; C4F – as C4B but hold cn at front; C5F – sl 3 sts to cn and hold at front, K 2, sl P st to left hand needle and P it, K 2 from cn; C6F – sl next 3 sts to cn and hold at front, K 3, then K 3 from cn; T2L – pass needle behind first st, K second st, K first st, sl both sts off needle; T2R – pass needle in front of first st, K second st, K first st, sl both sts off needle.

Cable patterns

Pattern A

1st and 3rd rows: (WS) K 8, [P 6, K 7] to last st, K 1. **2nd row:** P 8, [C4F, P 7] to last st, P 1. **4th and 6th rows:** P 3; K 3, P 2, [K 6, P 2, K 3, P 2] to last st, P 1. **5th row:** K 3, P 3, K 2, [P 6, K 2, P 3, K 2] to last st, K 1. These 6 rows form Patt A.

Pattern B

1st and 3rd rows: (WS)

P. 2nd row: [T2R, T2L] to end. **4th row:** [T2L, T2R] to end. These 4 rows form Patt B.

Pattern C

1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th rows: (WS) P 2, [K 2, P 8, K 2, P 2] to end. **2nd row:** K 2, [P 2, C4B, C4F, P 2, K 2] to end. **4th and 8th rows:** K 2, [P 2, K 8, P 2, K 2] to end. **6th row:** K 2, [P 2, C4F, C4B, P 2, K 2] to end. These 8 rows form Patt C.

Pattern D

1st and 3rd rows: (WS) [K 8, P 2, K 1, P 2, K 7] to end. **2nd row:** [P 7, C5F, P 8] to end. **4th row:** [P 6, C3B, K 1, C3F, P 7] to end. **5th and all remaining WS rows:** K the K sts and P the P sts. **6th row:** [P 5, C3B, K 1, P 1, K 1, C3F, P 6] to end. **8th row:** [P 4, C3B, *K 1, P 1* twice, K 1, C3F, P 5] to end. **10th row:** [P 3, C3B, *K 1, P 1* 3 times, K 1, C3F, P 4] to end. **12th row:** [P 2, C3B, *K 1, P 1* 4 times, K 1, C3F, P 3] to end. **14th row:** [P 2, C3F, *P 1, K 1* 4 times, P 1, C3B, P 3] to end. **16th row:** [P 3, C3F, *P 1, K 1* 3 times, P 1, C3B, P 4] to end. **18th row:** [P 4, C3F, *P 1, K 1* twice, P 1, C3B, P 5] to end. **20th row:** [P 5, C3F, P 1, K 1, P 1, C3B, P 6] to end. **22nd row:** [P 6, C3F, P 1, C3B, P 7] to end. **24th row:** as 2nd row. These 24 rows form Patt D.

CUSHION BACKS

Cast on 88 sts and work 120 rows in st-st. Cast off.

CUSHION 1 FRONT

Cast on 100 sts. Work 24 rows Patt B, P 2 rows, 24 rows Patt A, P 2 rows, 24 rows Patt D, P 2 rows, 24 rows Patt A, P 2 rows, 24 rows Patt B. Cast off.

CUSHION 2 FRONT

Cast on 100 sts. Work 24 rows Patt C, P 2 rows, 24 rows Patt D, P 2 rows, 24

How to cable



C4F – 2 sts are held on cable needle at front



C4B – 2 sts are held on cable needle at back

rows Patt B, P 2 rows, 24 rows Patt D, P 2 rows, 24 rows Patt C. Cast off.

CUSHION 3 FRONT

Cast on 100 sts. Work 24 rows Patt D, P 2 rows, 24 rows Patt C, P 2 rows, 24 rows Patt A, P 2 rows, 24 rows Patt C, P 2 rows, 24 rows Patt D. Cast off.

CUSHION 4 FRONT

Cast on 100 sts. Work 24 rows Patt A, P 2 rows, 24 rows Patt B, P 2 rows, 24 rows Patt C, P 2 rows, 24 rows Patt B, P 2 rows, 24 rows Patt A. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Press cushion backs according to instructions on ball band. Join back to front along one seam, leaving 30 cm open, insert zip in opening. Join remaining 3 sides.

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Make these Aran cushions, in our four exquisite designs, to add a timeless quality to your home. They look just as nice in a pretty cottage style bedroom, too.

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Double knitting wool is used for our cushions. To clean: machine or hand wash in lukewarm water. When dry lightly press with a warm iron under a dry cloth. Dry cleaning is not advisable as it flattens the texture.