Aran Afghan
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Materials: Red Heart ChunkyYarn (9 - 10 skeins)
Crochet hook size N
Ch 101
Row 1: Sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; ch 1, turn. (100 sc)
Row 2: Sc in each sc across; ch 1, turn. (100 sc)
Row 3: (Cables) Sc in the first sc, * ch 3, skip next sc, sc in the next sc, turn, sc in each of the 3 ch's; turn sc in the skipped sc behind the cable* Repeat from * to * 48 times, sc in the last sc; ch 1, turn. (49 cables)
Rows 4-5: Repeat row 2.
Row 6: Sc in the first sc, (insert hook in the same st as the last st and pull up a loop, insert hook in the next st and pull up a loop, yo and pull through all 3 remaining loops on hook) across; ch 1, turn.
Row 7: Repeat row 2
Row 8: Repeat row 6
Rows 9-10: Repeat row 2
Row 11: Repeat row 3
Row 12: Repeat row 2
Row 13: 2 sc in the first sc, sc in each of the next 98 sc, 2 sc in the last sc, ch 2, turn. (102 sc)
Row 14: Fpdc around the post of the 2nd sc; fpdc around the post of each remaining sc across; ch 1, turn. (101 fpdc) [To work fpdc - yo, insert hook around the post of the stitch below from front to back to front and pull up a

loop; (yo and pull through 2 loops on hook) twice]

Row 15: Sc in the first dc, (ch 5, skip next 3 dc, sc in the next dc) 24 times, ch 5, skip next 3 dc, sc in the top of the turning ch 3; ch 1, turn. (25 ch 5 loops)

Row 16: Working in front of the chain loops of row 15, sc in the first sc, (dc in each of the next 3 unworked dc on row 14, sc in the next sc on row 15) 25 times, ch 1, turn.

Row 17: Sc in the first sc, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the next dc by inserting hook under the next ch 5 loop and into the next dc, (ch 5, skip next 3 sts, sc in the next dc by inserting hook under the next ch 5 loop and into the next dc) 24 times, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the last sc; ch 1, turn.

Row 18: Working in front of the chain loops of the last row, sc in the first sc, dc in the next unworked st on row 16, sc in the next sc on row 17, (dc in each of the next 3 unworked sts on row 16, sc in the next sc on row 17) 24 times, dc in the next unworked st on row 16, sc in the last sc; ch 1, turn.

Row 19: Sc in the first sc by inserting hook under the first ch 3 loop and into the first sc, then complete sc, (ch 5, skip next 3 sts, sc in the next dc by inserting hook under the next ch 5 loop and into the next dc) 24 times, ch 5, sc in the last sc by inserting the hook under the last ch 3 loop and into the last sc, then complete sc; ch 1, turn.

Row 20: Working in front of the chain loops of row 19, sc in the first sc, (dc in each of the next 3 unworked sts on row 18, sc in the next sc on row 19) 25 times, ch 1, turn.

Rows 21-36 : (Repeat rows 17-20) 4 times.

Row 37: Repeat row 17.

Row 38: Repeat row 18; ch 2, turn.

Row 39: Yo, insert hook under ch 3 loop and into the first sc then complete as a normal dc; (dc in each of the next 3 sts, yo, insert hook under next ch 5 loop and into next dc then complete as normal dc) 24 times, dc in each of the next 3 sts, yo, insert hook under ch 3 loop and into the last sc then complete as a normal dc; ch 1, turn.

Row 40: Sc in each sc across; ch 1, turn. (101 sc)

Row 41: Bpsc around the post of the second sc, and around the post of each remaining sc across; ch 1, turn. (100 bpsc)

Rows 42-44: Repeat rows 2-4; ch 6 at the end of row 44.

Note: Row 45 is actually 100 rows of horizonal ribbing worked on 5 stitches and attached with sc's to row 44.

Row 45: Sc in the second ch from hook and in each of the next 4 ch's; sc in the first sc on row 44, sc in the next sc on row 44; turn, skip 2 sc, sc in the back loop only of the next 5 sc, *ch 1, turn; sc in the back loop only of the next 5 sc, sc through both loops of each of the next 2 sc 's on row 44; turn, skip 2 sc, sc in the back loop only of the next 5 sc.* Repeat from * to * 48 times; ch 1, do not turn (wrong side should be facing you.) (100 rows of ribbing)

Row 46: Sc in the side of each row of ribbing; ch 1, turn.

Rows 47-48: Repeat rows 3-4.
Row 49: Sc in each sc across; ch 1, turn. (100 sc)
Row 50: Fpsc around the post of the 2nd sc, fpsc around the post of each remaining sc across; ch 1, turn. (99 fpsc)
Row 51: Sc in each st across; ch 1, turn. (99 sc)
Row 52: Sc in the first sc, trc in the next sc, (sc in each of the next 3 sc, trc in the next sc) 24 times, sc in the last sc; ch 1, turn. (99 sts)
Row 53: Repeat row 51
Row 54: Sc in each of the first 3 sc, trc in the next sc, (sc in each of the next 3 sc, trc in the next sc) 23 times, sc in each of the last 3 sc; ch 1, turn. (99 sts)
Rows 55-66: (Repeat rows 51-54) 3 times (Pattern note: Row 60 is the center of the afghan.)
Rows 67-68: Repeat rows 51-52
Row 69: 2 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 97 sts, 2 sc in the last st; ch 1, turn. (101 sc)
Rows 70-78: Repeat rows 40-48
Rows 79-107: Repeat rows 13-41
Rows 108-118: Repeat rows 2-12
Row 119: Sc in each sc across (100 sc); do not fasten off.
Use either of these edgings...your choice!
Edging #1 - Stout Fringe (crocheted)
Row 1: Do not turn; sc evenly across the sides of rows 119-1 at one end of the afghan; turn.
Row 2: Ch 13 (or the length you'd like for your fringe), sl st in the 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch, sc in the first sc on row 1, *ch 13, sl st in the 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, sc in the next sc on row 1*. Repeat from * to * across. Fasten off.
Other end: With right side of the afghan facing you, attach yarn with a sc in the side of row 1 of the body of the afghan; sc evenly across the sides of rows 2-119, then repeat row 2 of edging. Fasten off.
Optional: For additional stability, with the right side of the afghan facing you, you can sl st in each st of row 119; fasten off. Repeat in the free loops of the foundation ch on row 1. Fasten off. Weave in ends.
Edging #2 - Ribbing
Row 1: Do not turn; sc evenly across the sides of rows 119-1 at one end of the afghan; ch 9 (or the length you'd like for edging), turn.
Row 2: Sc in the second ch from hook and in each of the next 7 ch's; sc in the first sc on row 1, sc in the next sc on row 1; turn, skip 2 sc, sc in the back loop only of the next 8 sc, *ch 1, turn; sc in the back loop only of the next 8 sc, sc through both loops of each of the next 2 sc 's on row 1; turn, skip 2 sc, sc in the back loop only of the next 8 sc.* Repeat from * to * across. Fasten off.
Other end: With right side of the afghan facing you, attach yarn with a sc in the side of row 1 of the body of the afghan; sc evenly across the sides of rows 2-119, then repeat row 2 of edging. Fasten off.

Optional: For additional stability, with the wrong side of the afghan facing you, you can sl st loosely around the outside of the entire afghan.