

Triple Braid



Pattern Name: Triple Braided Diamonds Turtleneck by Ann McCauley

Source: *The Pleasures of Knitting*

Yarn: Quince and Co. Lark in Chantrelle, 13.5 skeins, 676 g

Tags: seamless, in-the-round, bottom-up, grafting, adapted

Started: June 2013

Finished: July 2014

Changes to the Pattern

I changed it from set-in sleeves to raglan and made the crew neck narrow and deep instead of wide and shallow.

Since I consider Aran patterns separated with reverse stockinette to basically be ribbing with very fancy knit stitches, I eliminated the designed bottom border and simply ran the patterns all the way to the bottom edge and cuffs.

I did change where the main patterns started. I started both the diamond motif and the central triple braid halfway up the designed row repeat, since both of them had their row ones running right through the middle of all the crossings, which wouldn't have looked good at the bottom edge.

Notes

Prepping to weave the underarm: The sleeve (upper needle) was reverse stockinette, while the body (lower needle) was the body.



The safety pins are how I figured out where to do some K2togs while weaving (yep, I'm insane) so that I'd have the same number of stitches on both sides.





I only wore it for the first time yesterday, even though I completed it in June 2014 (don't know why I didn't wear it last winter...).

I am totally thrilled with the fit!

An Update

And then I washed it. And the fit, not so great anymore, because the circumference grew a full ten percent. And then I realize that I had, in my eagerness, neglected to wash the swatch before I cast on. Bother.

Of course, I've, er, grown a bit myself, so the fit isn't **too** loose, but it's looser than I'd like.

Still deciding whether or not to frog, because I used the leftover yarn to do all the samples and swatches for the charting book. When I had to redo a couple of them, the yarn absolutely refused to work up nicely while it was still kinked. So if I frog the sweater, I'm going to have to dekind all the yarn before I could reknit it. Yeah, I'm eager to do that.