



Super Simple Scarf

With Choice of Stitch Patterns

Materials

Yarn: 150 - 300 grams (about 6 - 10 oz.) for a scarf about 8" X 60". The heavier the yarn, the more you will need by weight. For a warm wooly scarf, choose a soft yarn of about knitting worsted to bulky weight. For a dressier accent scarf, cottons and rayons in finer gauges are nice.

Needles: Size appropriate to your yarn; scarves are often knitted somewhat more loosely than sweaters and hats, so a needle a size or two larger than normal will work. Any type of needle will work.

Abbreviations and Special Stitches

K = Knit

P = Purl

st or sts = stitch or stitches

rep = repeat

Gauge Swatch

Note: A gauge swatch is ALWAYS recommended, but if you know the approximate number of stitches per inch of your yarn and don't need the scarf to be an exact width, this step can be skipped.

The stitch patterns shown on the next page are nice for scarves because they look the same on both sides. Other stitch patterns can be used; patterns which are mixes of knits and purls work better than stockinette, which wants to curl on the edges even with a border. Choose a stitch pattern and cast on enough stitches in the appropriate multiple to make a swatch about 5" wide (for example, if the average gauge of your yarn is 3 1/2 sts/inch, 5 X 3.5 = 17.5 sts; round that up to 18 or 20 or whatever is an appropriate multiple for your chosen stitch pattern. If you are not sure of the approximate gauge of your yarn, THE MORE STITCHES THE BETTER.

Follow the chosen stitch pattern for 5" - 6", then bind off. Wash and dry the swatch as you plan to wash the scarf, according to the fiber type. Measure the width of the swatch carefully and divide the number of stitches you cast on by this measurement in inches. This is your gauge or stitches per inch.

Calculating the Number of Stitches to Cast On

Multiply the stitches per inch by the width you would like your scarf to be. This is your base number. Most of these patterns can be made without borders (none of them roll too much), but a garter stitch border is a nice touch. If you don't want a border, adjust the base number above up or down so it is the correct multiple for your chosen stitch pattern; cast on this number. If you do want a border, subtract 6 from the base number, then adjust the remainder up or down so it is the correct multiple. Add the 6 border stitches to this number. The total is the number to cast on. Example: I chose Checkerboard and made a swatch 18 stitches wide. After washing and drying, my swatch measured 5 1/4" wide. $18 \div 5 \frac{1}{4} = 3.42$ stitches per inch. I will round this to 3 1/2. $3 \frac{1}{2}$ stitches per inch x 8 inches (the width of my scarf) = 28 stitches. 28 minus 6 for the border = 22 stitches. Since I need a multiple of 6 for this pattern, I will round it up to 24. Add the border stitches back in for a total of 30 stitches.

Note: If you want to add fringe, it is a good idea to cut the fringe first (see "Optional Fringe", below); then you don't have to guess how much yarn to leave at the end.

Cast on the calculated number of stitches.

Scarf without border: Follow your stitch pattern for desired length. Bind off.

Note: Since the stitch patterns look the same on both sides, put a safety pin in the knitting after you turn to start the first pattern row, to help you tell on which side you work the odd rows.

Scarf with Border: Knit 6 rows (3 ridges on each side). This makes a Garter Stitch border.

Row 1: Knit the first 3 stitches, then work Row 1 of your stitch pattern until you get to the last 3 stitches on needle. Knit the last 3 stitches.

Row 2: Knit the first 3 stitches, then work Row 2 of the pattern until you get to the last 3 sts; knit the last 3 sts. Continue knitting the first 3 and last 3 stitches of every row (Garter Stitch border along the sides) while following your stitch pattern in the center, until piece measures 60" long or desired length. Finish with 6 more rows of knitting (Garter Stitch border as at the beginning). Bind off.

Optional Fringe

Decide how long you want your fringe, and how many fringes on each end. This will vary with thickness of yarn and width of scarf. Cut pieces twice as long as the desired length. For example, for my 8" wide scarf I want fringe every half inch - 17 fringes (16 plus one for the corner). Since my yarn is pretty thick, I'll only use 2 pieces of yarn in each fringe. I want them about 3" long, so I'll cut 2

pieces 6" long for each fringe. The total amount of yarn I'll need is 34 fringes X 12" or about 12 yards. Fold each fringe (however many strands you have in each bundle) in half, forming a loop. With a large crochet hook, pull the loop of strands through one corner of the scarf. With the hook still in the loop, reach down and pull the ends through the loop. Pull the ends and tighten the loops. Repeat across each end of the scarf at desired intervals.

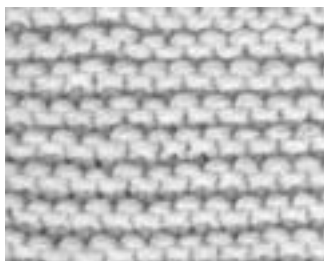
Stitch Patterns

Garter Stitch

Any number of stitches

Row 1: K across row.

Repeat this row for pattern.

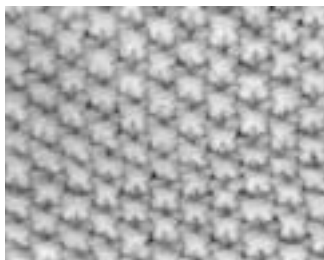


Seed Stitch

Odd number of stitches

Row 1: K1, *P1, K1*; rep from * to * to end of row.

Repeat this row for pattern.



Checkerboard

Multiple of 6 stitches

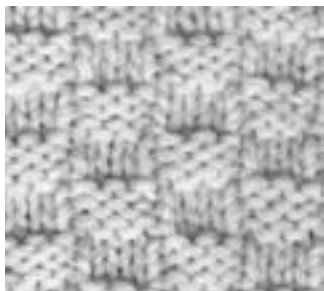
Row 1: *K3, P3*; rep from * to * to end of row.

Row 2 & 3: Repeat Row 1.

Row 4: *P3, K3*; rep from * to * to end of row.

Row 5 & 6: Repeat row 4.

Repeat these 6 rows for pattern.



Diagonal

Multiple of 6 stitches

Row 1: *K3, P3*; rep from * to * to end of row.

Row 2: K2, *P3, K3*; rep from * to * to the last 4 sts, P3, K1.

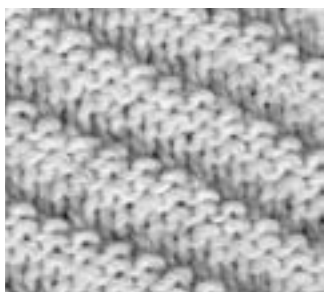
Row 3: P2, *K3, P3*; rep from * to * to last 4 sts, K3, P1.

Row 4: *P3, K3*; rep from * to * to end of row.

Row 5: K1, *P3, K3*; rep from * to * to last 5 sts, P3, K2.

Row 6: P1, *K3, P3*; rep from * to * to last 5 sts, K3, P2.

Repeat these 6 rows for pattern.



Moss Stitch

Even number of stitches

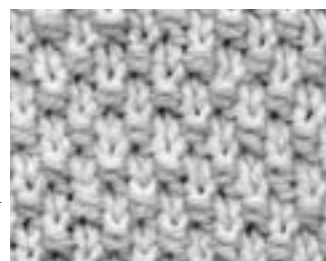
Row 1: *K1, P1*; rep from * to * to end of row.

Row 2: Repeat Row 1.

Row 3: K2, *P1, K1*; rep from * to * to end of row.

Row 4: Repeat Row 3.

Repeat these 4 rows for pattern.

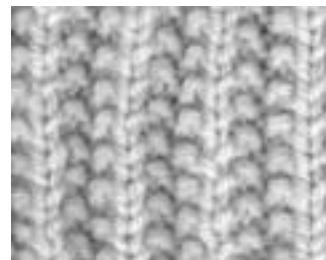


Mistake Stitch

Multiple of 4 plus 1 (e.g. 11x 4 = 44, + 1 = 45 sts.)

Row 1: *K2, P2*; rep from * to * to last st; K1.

Repeat this row for pattern.



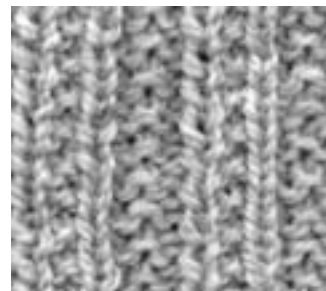
Twin Rib

Multiple of 6

Row 1: *K1, P1*; rep from * to * across.

Row 2: *K3, P3*; rep from * to * across.

Repeat these 2 rows for pattern.



Pennant Stitch

Multiple of 6

Row 1: *K1, P5*; repeat from * to * across.

Row 2: *K4, P2*; repeat from * to * across.

Row 3: *K3, P3*.

Row 4: *K2, P4*.

Row 5: *K5, P1*.

Row 6: Repeat Row 4.

Row 7: Repeat Row 3.

Row 8: Repeat Row 2.

Repeat these 8 rows for pattern.

