

Recycled Wool Scarf

Eco-friendly! Reuse! Recycle! Shop your closet or local thrift store for interesting wool sweaters, vests, and knit hats. Transform those tired wool garments into new scarves or blankets. The more sweaters you use, the larger the project can be, you're the designer! Create one of a kind gifts for loved ones from their own outgrown woolly garments.

Approximate Finished Size: 15" x 65"

Supplies Needed:

- Five – six wool sweaters

Note: Look for a variety of colors and textures when choosing wool sweaters.

Helpful Notions:

- Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler
- Fabric shears
- Edge Joining Foot
- Coordinating all-purpose thread

Instructions:

Note: Read all instructions before beginning the project.

1. Felt wool sweaters:

- Work with sweaters made with 85-100% wool.
- Felting wool requires three conditions – heat, moisture, and friction:
 - Use your home washing machine and dryer.
 - Use a hot-water wash, a cold-water rinse, and the usual amount of laundry soap.
 - Use a load setting that will allow free movement of the sweaters.
 - If a thicker, shrunk finish is desired, add the sweaters to a load of jeans or towels. The weight of the jeans or towels agitates the wool and enhances the felting process.
 - Dry sweaters in the dryer on high heat. This step tightens the felt further.
- Repeat the process one or twice more to achieve the desired felted texture.

2. Cut sweaters apart:

- After sweaters have been felted, carefully cut sweaters apart, following the seam allowances.
- Remove the ribbing, collars, buttons, etc.
- Sweater parts should lay flat.

3. Cut wool squares:

- Determine size of square to make best use of the sweater parts. For our particular scarf, we cut our sweaters into 5" squares.
- Cut a total of thirty nine squares.

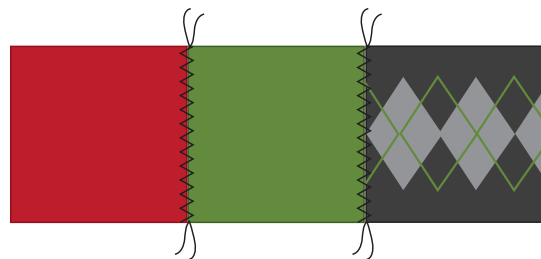
Note: Adjust the number of squares needed for the length and width of your desired scarf.

4. Arrange and assemble scarf:

- Arrange squares for your desired look:
- Layout the squares into thirteen rows of three squares in each row.



- Stitch squares into the needed number of rows:
 - Align the edges of the squares and stitch using a zigzag stitch. Add the third square, in the same manner, to complete the row.

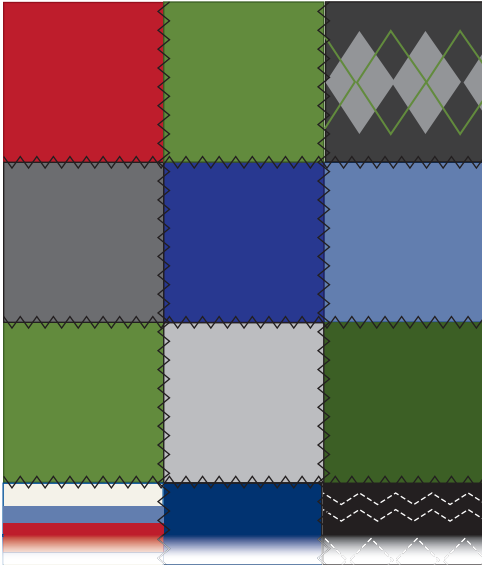


Note: Test various zigzag stitch lengths and widths to achieve a smooth, flat "seam".

- Repeat the step and stitch the remaining twelve rows.



- Stitch rows together:
 - Align the edges of the squares and match the intersections; zigzag the rows together.
 - Repeat the step and stitch the remaining rows together to complete the scarf.



Note: Continue using the steps listed by either increasing or decreasing the number of squares and rows to create a wool blanket, tote bag, pot holders, or a project of your choice.