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LEVEL	BEGINNER	INTERMEDIATE
	EASY	EXPERIENCED



Garter Stitch Scarf

LEARN HOW TO: CAST ON, KNIT STITCH, CHANGE BALLS OF YARN,
BIND OFF, AND BLOCK THE FINISHED SCARF.

Materials



YARN Any worsted weight wool; we recommend BC Garn Northern Lights, Erika Knight Vintage Wool or Jorstad Creek Arranmore. In your beginner kit, we've included enough yarn to make a 65" long scarf. If you're not using one of our kits, you will need at least 320 m (350 yds) of yarn.

Yarn amounts given are based on average requirements and are approximate.

NEEDLES + NOTIONS

Size 5.5 mm straight needles (or US size 9)
Tapestry needle for sewing in the ends
Scissors (not included in the kit)

GAUGE

3.75 stitches to the inch, although matching gauge exactly isn't necessary for this project.

FINISHED DIMENSIONS

7 ½ - 8" width, 65" length (or the length of your choice)

Video Tutorials



VIDEO TUTORIALS ONLINE

This pattern is written in Row House's Video Tutorial format. That means there is a video tutorial to help you every step of the way. Check out this design online to be able to click the video links in the pdf. Any time you see the symbol **RH** that means there is a video online to help.

GLOSSARY

BO: bind off

CO: cast on

K: knit

Getting Started



ROW HOUSE PRO TIP *When you are starting a new row, make sure you hold the yarn underneath and to the back of the needle, and make sure that you don't accidentally create a new stitch by knitting into both sides of the loop of the first stitch from the row below. Don't worry if the knitting looks loose just under the first stitch, as this will resolve itself once you start the next row.* **RH**

Make a slipknot. **RH**

Using knitted cast-on, cast on (“CO”) 30 stitches. **RH**

ROW 1: Knit (“K”) every stitch to the end of the row **RH**

Continue to knit every row. Knitting every row is called a “garter stitch” pattern **RH**

HOW MUCH DO I KNIT? First, figure out how long you want your scarf to be. To do this, we recommend that you use a measuring tape to measure the length of a scarf that you like (or that the person you are making the scarf for likes).

It's likely that you will need to use more than one skein to get the length you want. When you are nearing the end of your first skein, knit until you have a 6 inch tail left, then join your second skein and continue.

Next Steps

CHANGING BALLS OF YARN *You can do this anywhere along your row, although you might find it easier a little bit away from the edge. Take a 6 inch tail of the second ball of yarn, and hold that end in your left hand behind the work. Hold the new and old yarns together in your right hand and knit one stitch, then drop the old yarn and continue knitting with the new yarn only. This is how you add in a new ball of yarn. RH*

You'll have two 6 inch tails of yarn hanging (one from the old ball and one from the new ball), which you'll weave in later.

Knit ("K") with the second ball of yarn to 6 inches less than the desired length (so, if you want it to be 65 inches long, then knit 59 inches). Measure the length without stretching the scarf.

WHY AM I STOPPING 6 INCHES SHORT?

Knitted fabric stretches, and there's a process called "blocking" - see below - that will relax and stretch wool (and many other natural fibers). Based on our experience, this scarf will stretch about 6 inches in length during the blocking process and still maintain the right kind of feel (if you stretch it a lot, it can start to look and feel a bit weird).

ALMOST DONE Then on the next row, bind off ("BO") all stitches. RH

Weave in ends of all yarn using a tapestry needle - both ends of the scarf, and any yarn changes in the middle of the scarf. You can see examples of how to weave in yarn ends here. RH



Finishing

BLOCKING

Finally, you have to “block” the scarf. This means that you wet the yarn and relax it a little bit, which will also help even out your stitches. Because you’re knitting with wool, the yarn will stretch, so you want to gently lay it out so that you don’t stretch it too much, just enough that the scarf is as long as your desired measurements.

HOW DO I BLOCK?

Let the scarf sit in cool water for around 30 minutes. Gently drain the water. You can gently roll the scarf in a towel to remove excess water, or you can let it sit in the sink and drain for an hour or so. Make sure that you handle the wet fabric gently and don’t wring it out. Once you have removed the excess water, lay the scarf out on fresh towels or on a blocking board (you need a surface that will allow the water to drain from the wool), and arrange the scarf in a rectangle of the measurements that you desire - keeping the rows even.

Let it dry before picking it up again. RH

CONGRATULATIONS!

Once it is dry, you are done. Stand back and admire your work. You are a knitter.

We want to see your scarf, so please post a photo on Instagram and use the tag #rowhouseknits.