



Knitterly Arts
jenniferedwards.com

Basic Knitted Scarf

designed by Jennifer Edwards
www.knitterlyarts.wordpress.com

Pattern Introduction

This pattern is for a basic knitted scarf in Garter Stitch. It offers all the possibilities one could make based on yarn weight and needle sizes. It also describes tons of scarf variations for you to make it your own! Fringing, embellishments, and making a pocket version are all featured in this pattern.



What you need

- *Yarn of your choice! I chose Nashua Handknits Creative Focus Superwash, Colors 12 & 8.
- *A Pair of Knitting Needles, either straight or round in size indicated below:

Sport/Baby Weight Yarn: size 3-5 needles.
DK Weight Yarn: size 5-7 needles.
Worsted Weight Yarn: size 7- 9 needles.
Chunky Weight Yarn: size 9-11 needles.
Bulky Weight Yarn: size 11+ needles.

- *Yarn Needle (for weaving in ends)

Stitches you need to know

Garter Stitch: Knit every row

Techniques you need to know

Cast On, Garter Stitch, Bind Off.

*For Information and How-2's on each of these, as well as the embellishments mentioned in this pattern, see my blog:

<http://drawn2knit.wordpress.com/>

Gauge is not necessary for this project. A scarf doesn't have to "fit" your neck. It's only the length you'll need to consider. Do you want a short, stubby scarf? A long, windy scarf, or something in between?

****Note:** For the scarf pictured above, I used worsted weight yarn and size 8 needles. I cast on 30 stitches and the width measures 7". That means that I knit 4 ¼ sts per inch with the yarn & needles I chose. Not everyone knits like I do...some knit more loosely, some tighter. This means that the scarf width YOU will have, might be different from mine. It's ok in this pattern. Later on, "gauge" will be very important to understand. Just be aware of this issue for now.

Abbreviations you need to know-None for this easy peasy pattern!

Special Stitches-No special stitches here!

Memory Refreshers

1. Cast on your stitches so that they slide easily along your needle. You want to be able to knit into these stitches with ease.

Tips & Tricks

1. Every few rows, count your stitches to see if you have the same amount you started with. This will aid you in keeping your scarf a rectangle and not a triangle.:)

Walkthrough

Step One: Cast On 20-30 sts. (You decide approximate width. See **Note above.)

Step Two: Knit every row until you have desired length.

Step Three: Bind Off loosely.

Step Four: Weave in ends.

That's it! Now consider if you'd like to take your scarf a little bit further, or make another in a different yarn:

Variations on a Theme (see drawn2knit.wordpress.com for How-2's on all variations!)

*Use other gauge yarns...sport weight (DK), worsted or chunky. This will significantly change the look of your scarf without changing the stitch pattern. You will need to adjust your needle size and the amount of yarn you use. See **What You Need** section above for further info. Have fun!

*Use needles two or more sizes larger than the suggested size needles for the weight yarn you have chosen. This will cause your knitted stitches to be looser, more open and lacelike.

*Make a Pocket Scarf! It's easy: Simply knit the scarf 6"-8" longer than you originally wanted. Fold up this last 6"-8" section and sew the side seams together. Instant Pocket!

*Fringe It! Add fringe to both ends of your scarf, or just ONE end! Use the same color as your knitted scarf, or add other colors for variety.

*Embellish It! Add knitted "scarf flowers", buttons, weave in ribbons, etc.

*Stripe It! Change colors of yarn whenever you'd like. I chose to change color half way through, but you might want to change color every 6-8 garter ridges, or in ANY pattern you wish! You can even change colors in a RANDOM pattern so that the stripes are all different widths! Lovely!

Its All in How You Wrap It!

Here are some pics of different ways to wrap your scarf around your neck. Same scarf, but different looks. These are only a few! There are SO many variations...I'm sure you can come up with your own versions.

