



Scarves are still the hottest thing around!

### The Basic Big Needle

Using 75-80 yards of almost any novelty yarn: eyelash, furry, multicolored, textured, or any combination, cast on 8 stitches with size 17 or 19 needles, and knit every row until your scarf is around 5 feet long, or as long as you want it to be, then cast off. It couldn't be simpler!

### Mesh Scarf

Check out the samples of this scarf in the store in *Segue*, a multicolored synthetic ribbon yarn with the feel of silk, and *Noro's Lotus*, a wool blend textured chain stitch yarn with a silky thread running up the center, which stripes as you knit it. Cast an odd number of stitches, and then work every row as follows:

Knit 1, (yarn over, knit 2 together) to the end. If you want to fringe it, cut the fringes first! This scarf has a very open, lacy look, and works up best in multicolored, textured yarns that are not fuzzy or hairy.

### Snake Scarf

Pick one furry/hairy yarn and one coordinating textured yarn to knit together. Using size 13 needles, cast on 10 stitches, and knit 1 row, purl 1 row, and let it curl! The orange sample scarf in the store is over 10 feet long, including the fringe, and it took 200 yards of each yarn.

## Basic Scarf

Don't let the novelty yarns have all the fun! Use one of the richly colored Jo Sharp Silkroad Aran Tweeds, or Manos in a solid or multicolor, or any one of the beautiful basic yarns along the wall of the store. Go very basic with garter stitch (knit every row), or textured with seed stitch (cast on an odd number of stitches, then knit 1, purl 1 across every row), or very textured with basketweave (cast on a multiple of 8 stitches, then for the first 4 rows, work knit 4, purl 4 across the row; then for rows 5 through 8, work purl 4, knit 4 across the row).

One of the beauties of these scarves is that they are unisex; they look great on both men & women!

Use the chart below to get an idea of what needle size to use. For a scarf, I always recommend using a needle one or two sizes larger than what the yarn calls for, the scarf drapes better, you use less yarn, and it knits up faster!

## How to Make Fringe

You can fringe any scarf very simply. The first thing to know is *always cut your fringe first!* This ensures that you'll always have enough yarn for the fringe. To calculate how long to cut the pieces, multiply the finished length of the fringe times two, then add 1" for the knot. (So if you want them to be 8" long, cut your yarn into 17" pieces:  $(8 \times 2 + 1 = 17)$ .) Cut twice as many pieces as cast on stitches, and put one in each stitch at each end. To add the fringe, fold each piece in half, insert crochet hook in edge from the back, pull the loop of the fringe through, then pull the ends through the loop and tighten. I usually cut the fringe from the same yarn as the scarf, but experiment, have fun with it!

## Yarn Chart

Yarn	Sts. per Inch	Needle Size (US Sizes)
Fingering	6 ½ – 7 ½	2 – 4
Sport/DK	5 ½ – 6	5 – 6
Worsted	5	7
Aran	4 – 4 ½	8 – 9
Bulky	3 – 3 ½	10 – 10 ½
Chunky/Super Bulky	2 ½ & up	11 & up