

Magic No-Tie Scarf

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This pattern is my memory of a favorite scarf I had when I was 6 years old. I don't remember having it after we left New Hampshire when I was eight. Wanting one for myself and the children when we started cross-country skiing in the mid 80's, this is what I came up with using just one skein of yarn.



3 oz. 4 ply Worsted Weight Yarn

Size US 10 Knitting Needles or any size that will give you the gage

Gage: 4 stitches per inch, 8 rows (4 ridges) per inch

Note: I can get a scarf out of 2.5 oz of yarn using stitch count in parentheses.

1. Cast on 3 stitches.
2. Knit one row.
3. Increase at the beginning of each row in the second stitch until there are 24 (22) stitches.
4. Knit even for 20 (16) rows. (I like to place a marker or a safety pin after the increase rows.)
5. Remove every other stitch and place them on a stitch-holder. First stitch goes on knitting needle, second stitch on stitch holder until 12 (11) stitches are on each.
6. Work knit one, purl one (ribbing) for 10 (8) rows.
7. Cut yarn, leaving a 6-inch tail.
8. Transfer stitches on stitch-holder to knitting needle and put ribbing rows on stitch-holder.
9. Tie yarn to first stitch, leaving a 6-inch tail. Work knit one, purl one (ribbing) for 10 (8) rows with new stitches on knitting needle.
10. Transfer all stitches to knitting needles, taking one from knitting needle, one from stitch holder. Tie yarn to tail at knitting needle.
11. Knit even for 120 (116) rows or count ridges 60 (58). I like to use a marker or safety pin to mark every time I finish 30 (29) rows.
12. Separate stitches and repeat ribbing rows, steps 5-9.
13. Place all stitches on knitting needle, repeat step 10.
14. Knit even for 20 (16) rows.
15. Decrease at the beginning of each row, knitting 2nd and 3rd stitches together.
16. Bind off when 3 stitches remain.
17. Use a large needle-point needle to hide yarn tails in stitches.

To "tie" scarf, insert one end in space made between ribbing rows.

