

Dragon Scale Keyhole Scarf

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Materials:

1 pair size 7 (4.5mm) straight needles

3 skeins worsted/aran weight yarn (I used Cascade 220 – 2 solid, 1 multi-colored)

1 darning needle

Stitch holder or waste yarn (if making a keyhole)

Guage: 18 stitches/4 inches in stockinette stitch on 4.5 nedles

Skills needed: knitting, purling, casting on, binding off, weaving in ends

Level: Beginner

Cast on 48 stitches in Color A.

This pattern is worked in series of 4 stitches:

*With Color A, begin to work pattern:

Pattern:

Row 1: Knit all stitches

Row 2: Knit 1 stitch, purl 3, repeat to end

Row 3: Knit 2 stitches, purl 2 stitches

Row 4: Knit 3 stitches, purl 1 stitch

Repeat this pattern 3 more times, making 4 repeats in 16 rows.
Change to Color B.

Work pattern 3 times, carrying Color A along one side of scarf by holding it against the side of the scarf and looping Color B around it at the beginning of the first stitch of every other row.

After 12 rows (3 pattern repeats) of Color B, Switch to Color C.
Work Pattern (4 rows) once. Change to color A.**

Repeat from * to ** as many times as desired, carrying colors of unused yarn along the side of the scarf and “hooking them in” at the beginning of every other row.

A “keyhole”, or slit in the middle of the scarf, is optional. It allows for one end of the scarf to be tucked into the other side, securing the scarf around the neck.

If you’re not making a keyhole, bind off the scarf after knitting to desired length and weave in the stray end with a darning needle.



For keyhole, knit patterned scarf to 34 inches, then,

Continue pattern across the next row, putting first 24 stitches on a holder after completing them.

Continue with scarf, but work 24 stitches back and forth, leaving the other 24 stitches on holder until worked side measures 5 – 7 inches. Then, put the stitches for the side you’ve been working on a holder, cut yarn, and pick up the stitches from the short side.

Work these to the same length as the side you've just finished, continuing in the pattern of the rest of the scarf.

Next row: Join both separate sides, and continue in scarf pattern (* to **) for desired length (mine was 17 more inches).

Bind off, and weave in all loose yarn ends (you'll have significantly more if you do the keyhole then if you do not).

Tie around neck, and ENJOY!

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