

Nanticoke Scarf

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Beyond the Pattern

Combining a bulky, chainette yarn with openwork and knobby purl bumps, Nanticoke Scarf is a warm, fluffy, gender-neutral, textured scarf that knits up quickly. The rich pattern looks complex but is actually easy to knit. The wide width allows you to fold it in half while wearing it to keep the right side of the fabric visible on each side of the scarf. Tassels are cut at the beginning, allowing you to knit until you run out of yarn. This is a great project when you don't want to add any more yarn to your stash. This pattern accompanies the Special Topics in Finishing article on Tassels and Fringe.

Sizes

One Size

Finished Measurements

8" x 78" (excluding tassels)

Materials

Plymouth Yarn VIENTO (98yds/89m, 50g/1.76oz, 70% Baby Alpaca, 30% Bamboo): 6 skeins #006

Medium Fawn

Size 10.5 (6.5mm) needles or size needed to obtain gauge

Size J-10 crochet hook (optional)

Tapestry needle

Gauge

In Open Star st, 20 sts & 16 rows = 4"/10cm, after blocking. To save time, take time to check gauge.

DESIGNER NOTE—This stitch pattern will open up and lengthen after blocking.



Abbreviations

p1so— Pass first of last 3 sts just worked over the other 2 sts and off needle.

Stitch Pattern

Open Star Stitch (multiple of 3 sts + 1)

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2 (WS): K2, *yo, k3, p1so; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: K1, *k3, p1so, yo; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3.

Rep Rows 1–4 for pat.

DESIGNER NOTE—Cut yarn for tassels first, then knit the scarf with the rest of your yarn.

TECHNICAL TIPS—Working this stitch pattern a little on the loose side will make it easier to pass the first knitted stitch over the other two. Re-count stitches occasionally to make sure an extra yarn over didn't appear.

Scarf

CO 40 sts. Work in Open Star st until scarf measures 78", or to desired length, ending with a WS row.

BO all sts kwise. Block.



Tassels (Tassels shown measure 4.5" after trimming.)

There will be 13 tassels on each end. If wrapping yarn around a 5.5" book or other object, you'll need 52 wraps. If you prefer to measure and cut with a ruler, you will need 52 pieces of yarn, each 11" in length. This allows 1" for trimming at the end to even up the tassels. Please see the Special Topics in

Finishing article, "Tassels and Fringe."

*Pull out 4 pieces of 11" pre-cut yarn and fold them in half. Along the CO edge of the scarf, look for the holes that formed when working the lace pattern. Start in the center and work outwards to each end.

With RS facing, place fold on top of the first hole. With a knitting needle or crochet hook, come up in the hole from the WS and pull the folded end about 1" through the hole. Tuck ends through loop and pull through. Tighten. One tassel made.

Rep from *, spacing tassels every hole across CO edge until 13 tassels have been attached. When you get to each edge, there may not be a hole, so position the tassel where you want it towards the corner, about one stitch in from the edge, and pull tassel through the space between two sts.

Repeat on BO edge.

Fold scarf and hang on clothes hanger or over back of chair. Dampen tassels and let dry while scarf is hanging. Once dry, trim ends of tassels so they are even across.