

Scarf Around

A simple and quick steeked scarf knit lengthwise in the round.

Two yarns are used. One is a sari silk yarn; the other is worsted weight wool. Cutting through the steek and knotting the ends makes the fringe. There are no ends to weave in! This scarf would be a great way to play with steeking for the first time. Cutting open a scarf steek isn't nearly as scary as cutting a Fair Isle sweater.

This scarf was designed for the **Red Scarf Project**, which sends scarves at Valentine's Day to college students who have aged out of the foster care system. These young men and women have no support network; a gift can be just the boost they need to keep going.



See http://nownormaknits2.typepad.com/red_scarf_project_2007/ and <http://www.orphan.org/carepackages.xhtml> for more information on the **Red Scarf Project**.

Materials:

Cascade 220, 1 – 100 gram skein in color #2413 (a blue-blood red), 220 yards. This will be the Main Color (MC).
Sari silk yarn, 75-90 grams (sari silk yarn can be quite variable). This will be the contrast Color (CC).
US size 9 needles

Gauge:

16 sts x 23 rows over 4 inches x 4 inches (10 cm x 10 cm) in pattern for the specified yarns.
You can easily adapt this pattern for other weights of yarn. Use knitting needles sized to get a reasonable gauge in your chosen yarns. See the notes on the second page for tips and customizing ideas.

Cast on 274 stitches (252 scarf stitches and 22 fringe stitches).

Make a slip knot leaving a loop 9 inches long; it will become part of the fringe. Hold the slip knot as shown below and cast on using the long tail cast on. This seems weird, but it ensures that there is fringe at the cast-on edge.

I like to use stitch markers or a piece of thread to mark the stitches in groups of 20 (see below). I recount each group before placing the marker and then I can count the groups. It really helps me cast on the right number of stitches.



