


Knit a Skinny Scarf

Now use your knitting know-how and the pattern below to make a skinny striped scarf!

Measurements: 4" (10 cm) wide by 60" (152 cm) long

Materials: 1.75-oz. or 50 gms COLOR A medium-weight yarn  ;
1.75-oz. or 50 gms COLOR B medium-weight yarn; size 5 mm (U.S. size 8) knitting
needles or match the needle size recommended on the yarn label; yarn needle for
weaving in yarn ends

Gauge: 16 stitches and 26 rows = 4"

Instructions:

1. Cast on 16 stitches using COLOR A. Recount your stitches when you finish the row.
2. Knit 16 rows. At the end of row 16, cut COLOR A, leaving a 6" tail of yarn, and pick up yarn COLOR B.
3. Insert your right-hand needle from front to back through the first stitch on your left-hand needle. Wrap COLOR B yarn around the right-hand needle, leaving another 6" tail of yarn, and pull through a loop. Then complete the stitch as usual and continue knitting with COLOR B. Make sure that you're not knitting COLOR A's tail in with the new yarn.
4. Knit rows 17–32. At the end of row 32, cut COLOR B, leaving a 6" tail of yarn. Then at the beginning of row 33, change to COLOR A as described in step 3 above.
5. Continue alternating COLOR A and COLOR B every 16 rows, until the scarf is the length you prefer.
6. Bind off all stitches knitwise.
7. Finish your scarf by threading the ends of yarn through the eye of the yarn needle, then weaving the ends through the stitches along the edge of your scarf.

Knit Tip:

If stripes aren't your favorite, use a solid color, but remember, you'll need at least 3.5 ounces or 100 grams of yarn to complete the scarf.

Knitting Lingo

Like text messaging, knitting patterns use their own language of abbreviations. Most knitting books and magazines have a key to explain what they mean. Here are a few definitions to get you started.

BO: bind off	LH: left-hand needle
CA: color A	lp(s): loop(s)
CB: color B	MC: main color
CC: contrasting color	p: purl
CO: cast on	RH: right-hand needle
dec: decrease(ing)	RS: right side
inc: increase(ing)	st(s): stitch(es)
in(s) or ": inch(es)	tog: together
k: knit	WS: wrong side
k2tog: knit two stitches together	YRN: yarn round needle



Celebrity Sightings

From the characters on *Gossip Girl* to real-life celebrities, the skinny scarf has become a must-wear item. Drew Barrymore, Victoria Beckham, Lourdes Leon, and Jessica Alba have all been spotted wearing striped scarves like the one featured in this pattern.