Beginner Crochet Scarf

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If you are learning to crochet, a scarf is the perfect first big project: no shaping, no counting increases, just the same stitch row after row until it is long enough. This one uses half double crochet in the back loops only, which gives neat horizontal ridges that look like knit ribbing and make the scarf soft and stretchy.

The finished scarf is about 8 in / 20 cm wide and 60 in / 152 cm long, plus the fringe.



The beginner scarf: one stitch, back loops only, simple fringe.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** beginner (chain, half double crochet, working in back loops)
- **Finished size:** about 8 x 60 in / 20 x 152 cm before fringe
- **Yarn:** worsted (aran / 4) weight, about 401 yd / 367 m, plus about 17 yd / 15 m for the fringe
- **Hook:** 5 mm (US H/8)
- **Gauge:** 14 hdc x 11 rows = 4 in / 10 cm in back loops (not critical for a scarf)
- **Time:** about 8 to 10 hours

Materials

- Worsted weight yarn: a soft acrylic or wool blend, two or three 100 g balls (about 200 yd each), depending on the brand
- 5 mm (US H/8) hook, a tapestry needle, scissors

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **ch** chain · **hdc** half double crochet · **blo** back loop only · **FO** fasten off

Before you start

- The turning chain (ch 1) does not count as a stitch. Work the first hdc into the very first stitch of the row.
- Count the stitches every few rows at first. Losing or gaining one at the edges is the most common beginner problem.

- Join a new ball at the end of a row and weave the tails into the edge later.



The first rows: the ridges appear after two or three rows.

The pattern

Scarf

Color: start with A (oatmeal).

Chain 30. Every row is the same 28 hdc.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Hdc around. (28)
- ☐ **Rnds 2–165:** Ch 1 turn, BLO hdc around. (28)

Finish: Chain 30 and work R1 into the 3rd ch from the hook (the 2 skipped chains do not count); after the last row FO and weave in; optional fringe: knot 3 strands of 10 in / 25 cm into every 3rd stitch at both ends.

Fringe (optional)

Cut 60 strands of yarn 10 in / 25 cm long. Hold 3 strands together, fold them in half, pull the fold through a stitch at the short end with your hook, then pull the ends through the loop. Repeat in every 3rd stitch along both ends and trim the fringe even.

Tips

- **Straight edges:** put a stitch marker in the last stitch of each row so you never miss it.
- **Different width:** chain any number you like; the scarf is the same 2 stitches narrower than the chain.
- **Stripes:** change color every 10 rows for a simple striped scarf.

FAQ

Why are my edges wavy?

The stitch count is changing. Count each row: it should always be 28.

Can I use thinner yarn?

Yes. With DK yarn and a 4 mm hook, chain 38 for about the same width and work more rows for the same length.

Next project: the matching ribbed crochet beanie, made with the same stitch. Learning the basics? See how to read a crochet pattern.