

Drop Stitch Bead-fringed Wrap/Scarf



This small wrap is so handy, it has become one of my favorites. It hangs as a decorative scarf ready to quickly convert to an air-conditioning shield as needed. The beaded self-fringe adds just enough weight to allow it to cling to the shoulders. It is knit using a simple dropped stitch pattern that will, given the chance, merrily unravel into oblivion. (I speak from experience.) Therefore, I heartily recommend that you begin by completing the mini version. Work at least through the bind off for the stitch dropping and self-fringing experience.

Materials: Cherry Tree Hill Supersock yarn. One skein has 420 yards. You will use about 200 yards for this scarf. Alternately any sport or fingering weight yarn will work well.

#10-11 needles; circulars preferred, but not required.

Mixed glass beads (lots – I did not count but estimate about 400.)

Finished measurement: Roughly 15" x 50" including fringe.

Mini Wrap/Scarf (perfect for an 18" doll)

Use the LONG TAIL cast on. This is not negotiable! You need this cast on to allow the dropped stitches to stretch but not become completely unraveled. This pattern is a multiple of 10 + 14. Cast on 44 stitches.

Pattern Row: Knit 7, place marker, *knit 5, purl 5* repeat to last 7 stitches, place marker, knit 7.

Repeat pattern row for 3" to 4" or desired width.

Bind off row: Bind off very loosely in pattern – use a larger needle if desired. Begin by dropping the first 4 stitches from the left needle. (Yes, just let them drop off. These will become the fringe.) Let them unravel so that the working yarn is positioned to knit the next stitch (5th stitch). Bind off the next 6 stitches, removing the marker as you come to it. (These are the last 3 of the garter edge and 3 of the first K5 grouping.) Drop the next stitch (5th of the group), let it drop down several rows then pick up the top bar with the left needle and knit into it loosely and without a twist. Bind off 5 sts (the drop plus 4 from next group) and drop the 5th. Continue thusly to last group before the final marker. Bind off 8 (all 5 of the group plus three edge stitches). Cut yarn and drop the last 4 stitches. (There will be 5 dropped stitches within the scarf the 4 dropped fringe stitches on each edge.)



Finishing: You are now ready to unzip the dropped stitches. As you unravel the fringe, tie an overhand knot near the knit edge of each loop to secure. Weave in beginning and ending yarn tails.

Beading: Cut a 5" length of thin wire and bend to a V shape. Place a fringe loop onto the V, hold the wire ends together and thread several beads onto the wire and up onto the fringe. Remove wire & tie an overhand knot to lock beads in place.

Blocking: Drape over a plastic hanger and spritz with water. Let the beads do their thing. It will relax as it dries.

Full Size Wrap/Scarf

Follow the instructions above except cast on 134 stitches and knit to 15" or desired width.