

# Colorful Long Scarf From Leftover Yarns

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Over the years of knitting I acquired many yarn leftovers. And I know that many knitters are on the same boat with me. What to do with these leftovers? One idea is to knit a scarf. A very wild and very different scarf. I already made about three of them and there is always someone who loves it so much that I give it away. This scarf can make quite inexpensive fun gift for fashion conscious individuals. Not only this scarf is easy to knit (although time consuming due to braiding etc.), but also there is nothing you could do wrong while making the scarf. It is the long ends that make the style.

### **Materials used in this project:**

2 double pointed needles (I used size 10)  
1 hook (big enough to work with your yarn)  
scissors  
acrylic yarn - various colors

### **Abbreviations:**

CO - cast on  
K - knit  
PSSO - pass slipped stitch over  
BO - bind off

### **Size:**

Varies (one size fits all)

### **Step-by-step instructions**

Row 1. - CO 15 stitches  
Row 2. up to as many rows as you wish - K 14, PSSO  
Last row - BO

## Pointers:

- From row 2, up to as many rows as you want, use various left over pieces of yarn (preferably same material - ie. acrylic)
- You can change color anywhere - be it the beginning of a row or the middle
- For each color there is not set number of rows - you make your decisions how many rows each color will have and where you will change color
- Alternate colors, so it is somewhat "balanced" to the eye
- do not worry about having your colors perfectly alternating - we are looking for imperfection which will look great as a whole
- leave the ends long enough for braiding/crocheting chain/knotting, which makes the scarf interesting with these special effects
- you can enlarge the images by clicking on them to see better

Below is an example of my alternating colors also, notice those long ends where I finished and started knitting with a new color



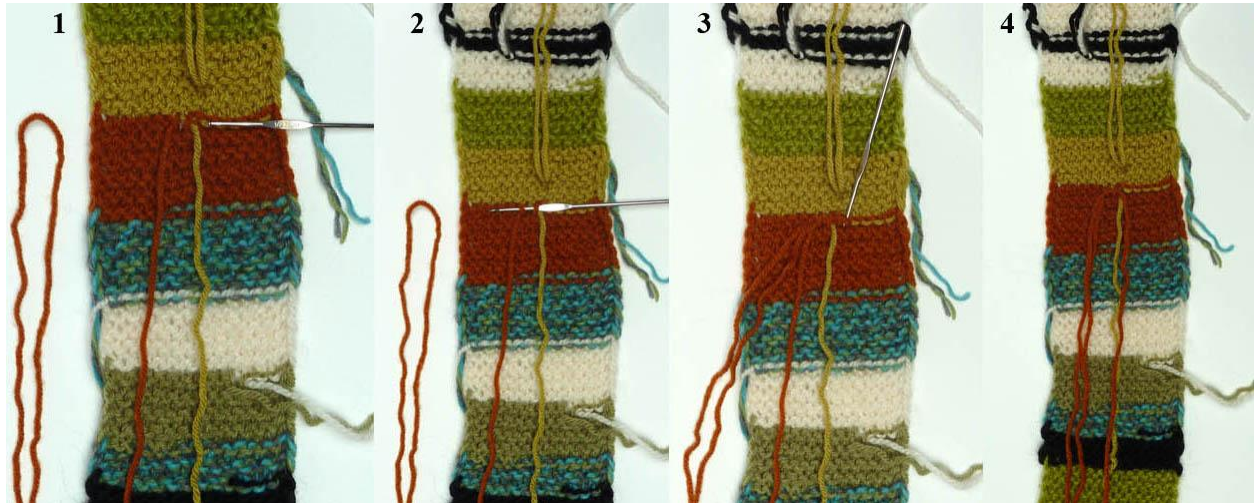
In the image below:

- 1 - starting new color at the beginning of a row
- 2 - starting new color in the middle of a row
- 3 - number of rows differ
- 4 - make a knot first before you start braiding/crocheting chain/knotting
- 5 - example of a braid



In the next images (below) you can insert an extra yarn for braiding, depending on how thick you wish to have your braids

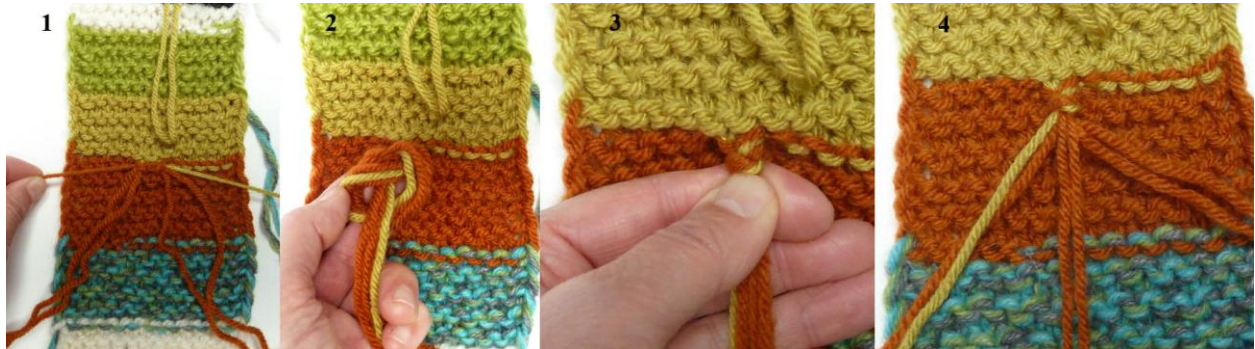
a. for a thin braid use one yarn piece in the same length of your ends you will be braiding



b. for a thicker braid use two pieces of the yarn in the same length of your ends you will be braiding



before you start braiding, pull both ends (not the added yarn) to tighten the stitches, so you do not have "holes" in your scarf  
tie a knot as close to the scarf (to prevent "holes") and divide the yarn into three strands



in the image below you see crisscrossing all three strands (braiding)  
when a desired length is achieved, make a firm knot and cut of any leftover yarn if needed,  
in the last image of the picture strip below, notice examples of braids



if you let the scarf "hang" down over your knees, the weight will pull the strings and it will be easier to braid your long braids



other strands can be crocheted into a chain



### **Enjoy this pattern.**

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