Semi-Precious Scarf

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Materials

Yarn 1: 25g of Colinette Parisienne or similar yarn

Yarn 2: 120g of Artisan Yarns silk (7-8wpi) or similar yarn

Knitting Needles: 6mm Swing Needles (it is possible to use a 6mm Circular Needle or long DPNs instead) **Notions:** 102 natural rock crystal beads or knitting beads; 0.6mm Crochet Hook (see pattern notes)

Pattern Notes:

The beads that you select for this scarf will influence how you approach this project.

Small, natural rock crystal beads are recommended because they have a little bit of weight to them. However, they tend to have small drilled holes. If you use beads with small holes, you may find it easier to work the main body of the scarf first. When this is complete, you can thread your beads onto Yarn 1 in order to add the beaded, ruffle edges. The pattern is set out with this construction method in mind. No crochet hook is required for this approach but **please check to make sure that your beads can be threaded onto Yarn 1 before you start!**

If you use knitting beads, which tend to have larger holes, you may be able to make the scarf in one piece by using a crochet hook to place your beads as you work. To use this method, you will need a 0.6mm crochet hook. Instructions on how to work the scarf in one piece are given in **Section C** of this pattern. **Please check to make sure that your beads can be placed using the crochet hook method before you start!**

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Instructions

To make the main body of the scarf first and add the beaded ruffles afterwards, follow the instructions in **Section A** and **Section B**. To make this scarf in one piece, using a crochet hook to place your beads, please refer to the instructions in **Section C**.

Section A (Main Body of Scarf):

Cast on 34 stitches, using **Yarn 1** and a provisional cast on. <u>www.knitty.com</u> has a provisional cast on tutorial. Alternatively, use a lace cast on or cast on with bigger needles e.g. 8mm needles.

Slide knitting to the other end of your needle and join **Yarn 2** At this point, Yarn 1 and Yarn 2 are joined at opposite ends of your needle.

Row 1: using **Yarn 2**, knit to end of row. *At this point, Yarn 1 and Yarn 2 are at the same end of the row.*

Row 2: using **Yarn 1**, knit to end of row. *Yarns 1 and 2 are at opposite ends again.*

Row 3: slide knitting to other end of needle. Using **Yarn 2**, knit to end of row.

Row 4: using **Yarn 2**, knit to end of row.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 until scarf is desired length. End main body of scarf with a **Yarn 1** row. Leave scarf on needle but break **Yarn 1**, leaving an 8" tail.

Section B (Beaded Ruffle Edges):

Abbreviations: BYF – bring yarn forward BYB – bring yarn to the back again PB – place bead by BYF, S1, BYB, leaving a bead at the front of the slipped stitch

Ruffle 1 (Live Stitches End of Scarf):

Thread 51 beads onto **Yarn 1** and use to continue scarf, as follows:

Row 1: knit. Row 2: *K1, PB* repeat to end. Row 3: *PB, K1* repeat to end. Rows 4 and 5: knit. Row 6: increase all stitches in row by knitting twice into each stitch. Row 7: knit. Row 8: as row 6. Rows 9 - 11: knit. Row: 12 cast off.

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Ruffle 2 (Cast on End of Scarf):

Transfer provisional cast on stitches onto a needle or pick up 34 stitches from your cast on edge and follow instructions for Ruffle 1.

Weave in all ends and enjoy your knit!

Section C (How to Construct Scarf in One Piece using a Crochet Hook to Place Beads):

Read this section and follow Steps 1 – 3.

Abbreviation:

CHPB - use a crochet hook to place a bead. When you reach the place that you want to insert a bead:

- pick up a bead with your crochet hook;
- hook the stitch (where you want to place the bead) and slip it from the knitting needle;
- pull the stitch loop up through the bead
- replace the beaded stitch onto your knitting needle; and
- knit the stitch to secure the bead in place.

Step One:

Cast on 102 stitches, using **Yarn 1** and a loose or lace cast on method. Rows 1- 3: knit. Row 4: k2tog to end. 68 stitches. Row 5: knit. Row 6: as row 4. 34 stitches. Row 7: knit. Row 8: *k1, CHPB* repeat to end. Row 9: *CHPB, k1* repeat to end. Row 10 - 12: knit. Row 13: join **Yarn 2**.

<u>Step Two</u>: refer to **Section A**, **Row 1 – 4** instructions. Work main body scarf until it is the desired length. End main body of scarf with a **Yarn 1** row but DO NOT BREAK YARN.

<u>Step Three</u>: refer to **Section B**, **Ruffle 1** instructions to complete your scarf. However, use the **CHPB** instruction to place your beads instead of the **PB** instruction.

Weave in all ends and enjoy your knit!