



SPIDER SCARF



This scarf was designed as a present for my friend's 4 year old, who loves all sorts of bugs and creepy crawlies. I wanted something to keep him cosy on the way to school. The spiders have spooky eyes and legs on the front and a fluffy behind too.



MATERIALS

You can use any double knitting wool/ light worsted wool for this, but the spiders look best in some sort of fluffy wool- I used Sirdar Funky Fur. I used size 4.5mm needles [USA size 7] for the scarf- but you can use larger or smaller needles if you prefer a looser or tighter knit.

You need

- about 100 g of the main colour
- remnants of the contrast stripe colour
- about 50g of fluffy black wool for spider body
- remnants of fluffy black wool for the spiders' legs

You also need 4 white buttons about 1.2cm (0.5inches) in diameter. I 'upcycled' some buttons I bought from a charity shop for this- old shirt buttons should be just the right size.

Dimensions of finished scarf approximately 60cm (24 inches) long 7.5cm (3 inches) wide- you can easily adapt it to make it longer by knitting more rows

KNITTING THE MAIN SCARF

- Cast on 30 stitches in main colour (green) [if you want a wider scarf cast on more stitches- but make sure you get the spider pattern central in your scarf]
- 1st row (knit 2, purl 2) to last 2 stitches knit 2
- 2nd row (purl 2, knit 2) to last 2 stitches purl 2
- These 2 rows for the basis of the rib pattern- work 8 more rows in rib pattern
- 11th row attach the contrast colour (orange) and work 2 rows in rib pattern
- 13th row- switch back to main colour (keep contrast colour attached) and work 2 rows in rib pattern
- 15th row- using contrast colour work 2 rows in rib pattern- cut off the contrast colour leaving a 3 inch end and use this to secure to the main colour
- 17th-20th row- work 4 more rows in main colour in rib pattern

Now you are going to start to stitch the spider. We want him to have a fluffy back and front, so don't carry the green wool across the back of the spider- follow the instructions below carefully instead.



- 21st row- work 12 rows in rib in main colour- cut of the main colour leaving a long end about 2metres (80 inches) long- you will use this wool to complete the knitting of the scarf on the left side of the spider [this prevents trailing wool across the back of the spider and allows him to have a fluffy back as well as front]. Attach the black fluffy wool and knit 6 stitches. Reattach the main ball of contrast wool and work in the rib pattern to the end of the row. When working the following rows wrap the main colour and fluffy black wool round each other each time you change colour to avoid holes in the scarf. See photo above.
- 22nd row rib 11 stitches in main colour, knit 8 stitches in black fluffy wool, rib 11 stitches in main colour
- 23rd row rib 10 stitches in main colour, knit 10 stitches in black fluffy wool, rib 10 stitches in main colour
- 24th row rib 9 stitches in main colour, knit 12 stitches in black fluffy wool, rib 9 stitches in main colour
- 25th row rib 8 stitches in main colour, knit 14 stitches in black fluffy wool, rib 8 stitches in main colour
- 26th, 27th and 28th rows- repeat row 25
- 27th row- repeat row 24
- 28th row- repeat row 23
- 29th row- repeat row 22
- 30th row- repeat row 21
- 31st row rib 12 stitches in main colour. Cut off black fluffy wool and tie end round main colour continue to rib in main colour across the next 6 stitches. Tie the 2 ends of main colour wool together and cut off the short end leaving just the main ball attached to the scarf. Rib the final 12 stitches to the end of the row
- Continue working in the rib patterns with the main colour until scarf measures 50cm (20 inches). **If you want to make it longer work more rows here before starting the second spider.**
- To work the second spider pattern work rows 22-31 again
- Work 3 more rows in rib in main colour
- Repeat rows 11-16 to work the contrast stripes below the second spider
- Work 10 rows in rib in main colour
- Cast off ribwise

Spider legs

- You need 8 legs for each spider- so 16 in total
- Using black wool that is not fluffy cast on 10 stitches
- 1st row knit
- 2nd row purl
- 3rd row knit
- 4th row cast off purlwise- cut wool off leaving about 6 inches and pass this through the final stitch pulling tight

Fold leg in half lengthways so that purl side is outer most. Using the long thread sew along the seam- pull on this slightly as you sew so that the leg curls up a bit. Sew the end of the leg to be spider's body on the scarf- see picture for placements.



Spider eyes

Sew the white buttons onto the spider using the black non fluffy wool. If the scarf is for a child under 3 years of age don't use buttons- embroider on eyes with some white wool instead.

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