

The Magical Pull-It Surprise Scarf!

Easy Knitting!

It's not often you cut your fringe yarns first, but this scarf is designed to allow you to use every yard – since you cut the fringes first, you simply knit until the yarn is gone!

Pre-Pull size: approx. 8 x 30 inches, without fringes

Post Pull size: approx. 6 x 76 inches, without fringes

Materials:

For Scarf:

- 1 skein (100 gm) **Southern Purls** worsted weight yarn
- 1 pair size 10 needles (or one size 10 circular needle)
- 1 pair size 6 needles (or one size 6 circular needle)

For Fringe:

- Stiff-backed legal pad or similar board about 8-9 inches across
- Scissors
- Size F or G crochet hook (optional)

Cutting Fringe (optional)

- Wrap yarn around legal pad or stiff board 80 times.
- Cut all yarns straight across, creating 80 lengths of about 16-18 inches.
- Set fringe yarns aside and begin knitting the Magical Pull-It Surprise Scarf

(Note: The Magical Pull-It Surprise Scarf is designed to easily hide your beginning and finishing loose ends into the fringe. If you choose not to use fringe, you can **ONLY** weave into the cast on or bind-off row, rather than hiding loose ends into the fringe. Weaving loose ends into other stitches will impair the final step of the scarf.)



Knitting the Scarf

With larger needle, cast on 21 stitches.

Row 1: Knit 21

Row 2: Purl 21

Change to smaller needle

Row 3: K1, (yo, k1) 20 times (you now have 41 stitches)

Row 4: Purl across

Now you are ready to continue with ...

The Body:

Continue in stockinette stitch, knitting odd rows, purling even rows, until you have about 1 yard of yarn remaining. **Do not slip the first stitch of any rows.** Be careful not to drop or add any stitches (after row 3) for the remainder of the piece. With the yarn nearly running out, at the end of a right-side (knit) row you are ready for....

The Finish:

Next to Last Row, on the purl side: Purl 1, let next stitch drop from needle, repeat across so that you have 21 stitches on the needle. **DO NOT PULL ON SCARF**, just allow the dropped stitches to remain off the needle.

Last Row: Switch to LARGE needle and bind off **loosely** in knit;

Blocking:



Without stretching or pulling, pin scarf flat, with right side up. Steam lightly with a moist cloth over the scarf, holding iron ½-inch above the cloth. **DO NOT PRESS.**

Adding Fringe:

In between the 21 cast on stitches, and in between the 21 bound-off stitches, you should see a small gap (20 gaps at each end, total). Into each of these gaps you will attach 2 strands of the pre-cut fringe yarns. Trim ends evenly once all are attached.



At this point it looks too short to be much good at all as a scarf, and herein lies the 'magic'.

The Surprise:



At the bound-off edge, you'll see the top loops of 20 dropped stitches. Draw your finger down each column of dropped stitches to create a ladder (like one of those horrible runs in your stockings), all the way down to the cast-on edge. The ladder should end with the yarn-overs added in Row 3. Simply pulling the ends of the scarf will accomplish this, but you may need to assist the process along by running your fingers down the scarf; pulling the scarf sideways as you do this can also help.

You will find that this too-short scarf suddenly becomes (and stays) more than adequately long to block a gentle wind or mild chill, yet remains light enough to be comfortable. As a fluffy and fashionable scarf it be hung loosely around the neck, looped kerchief-style, or (if you are really feeling retro-sassy), worn as a belt with a knot at the hip.

For the pranksters among us try giving this as a gift without pulling it open, and watch the recipient try to figure out how such a short thing could be a scarf. Then show them why it is a "Pull-It Surprise" Scarf!

