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HEATHER

designed by Treva McCain

TECHNIQUE USED: Knit, Crochet &
Felting



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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

Scarf measures approximately 8"/20.5 cm wide x 96"/244 cm long before felting;

Scarf measures approximately 5 1/2"/14 cm wide x 50"/127 cm long after felting, excluding fringe

MATERIALS

Caron International's Felt-It! (100% wool; 1.76 oz/50 g, 93 yd/85 m ball): 4 balls A

Caron International's Simply Soft Heather (100% Acrylic; 5 oz/141.8 g, 250 yds/228 m skein): 1 skein B

Shown in: #0007 Evening Mist (A); #9505 Plum Heather (B)

One pair size US 11 (8 mm) knitting needles, or size to obtain gauge

One size US I-9 (5.5 mm) crochet hook

Yarn needle

Small leather hole punch—2.5 mm or less, or US 1 (2.25 mm) or US 2 (2.75 mm) knitting needle

GAUGE

In Stockinette stitch, using knitting needles and A, 15 sts and 15 rows = 4"/10 cm, before felting

STITCHES USED

Knit (k), purl (p), chain (ch), half double crochet (hdc), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (slip st)

NOTE

Knitted piece will shrink approximately 30% horizontally and 50% vertically. If you wish your scarf to be thinner/wider or shorter/longer, adjust accordingly.

SCARF

With knitting needles and A, cast on 30 sts.

Row 1: K2, p26, k2.

Row 2: Knit.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until you have used all 4 balls of A, leaving a 48"/122 cm tail for bind off. Bind off. Weave in ends.

FINISHING

Felting: Place scarf in mesh sweater bag or pillowcase and close. Using **hottest possible water** and approximately 2 tablespoons (one capful) liquid soap, fill washer 1/3 full. Place scarf in washer with an old pair of jeans (for agitation). Agitate for 6 minutes. Check the felting progress every minute after 6 minutes; depending on your washer, it will take 6 – 8 minutes of agitation to felt the desired amount. When scarf measures approximately 6"/15 cm wide, **remove** it from the washer and drain wash water from machine; gently squeeze water from piece. Fill washer to the same water level with **cold** water. Place piece into washer and rinse/agitate for another minute – the cold water will make the scarf felt just a bit more. Set machine to drain, then run spin cycle for **approximately 30 seconds** - creases caused by over spinning are difficult to remove from the finished piece. Remove scarf, gently stretching into shape, if needed. You may find it helpful to lay scarf on a couple of bath towels, rolling them up to remove excess water. Lay scarf flat to dry. Drying process may take up to 2 days, depending on humidity in the air.

With hole punch or US size 1 (2.25 mm) or 2 (2.75 mm) knitting needle, make a hole at one corner of scarf, 3/8"/1 cm from each edge. Continue to make holes 3/8"/1 cm from the edge and 1/2"/1.5 cm apart (it is best to only make 8 to 10 holes at a time, work into those, then make additional holes). Using crochet hook, join B with sc in first corner hole, (ch 1, sc, ch 1, sc) in same corner hole, ch 1, *sc in next hole, ch 1; repeat from * to next corner, (sc, ch 1, sc, ch 1, sc) in corner hole, ch 1; repeat from * around scarf; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Place markers in center sc of each corner. Place 5 more markers evenly spaced between the corner markers, along each short edge of scarf (approximately 3/4"/2 cm apart).

Fringe Row: Join B in center sc of corner to work along short edge, ch 22, 2 hdc in third ch from hook, 3 hdc in next 19 ch (fringe made), *sc in each sc and ch-1 space to next marker, ch 22, 2 hdc in third ch from hook, 3 hdc in next 19 ch; repeat from * across short edge. Fasten off.

Repeat Fringe Row on opposite short edge.

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

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