

Crocheted Chequered Scarf

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Abbreviations

CC contrast colour.

MC main colour.

yo yarn over.

sc single crochet.

dc double crochet.

dcb double crochet into stitch below.

Basic Stitches

Single Crochet:

Enter the stitch, yo and pull through stitch, yo and pull through two loops. At the start of the row, substitute 2 chains for sc.

Double Crochet:

Yo, enter the stitch, yo and pull through stitch (three loops on hook), yo and pull through two loops (two loops on hook), yo and pull through two loops. At the start of a row, substitute 3 chains for dc.

Double Crochet into Stitch Below:

As with double crochet, but instead of entering the top of the stitch, enter the one below. This results in a stitch which overlaps the row below.

Pattern

Using the MC (should be the lighter of the two), tie a slip knot and make a chain with 30 loops. Skip the first two loops, and make 6 sc. Pick up CC, and make 7 sc. Using a second ball of MC, make 7 sc; and then 7 sc in CC, also using a second ball of yarn.

Continue in CC, making 7 dcb. Using the closest thread of MC, make 7 dcb. Continue in dcb to end of row, changing colours after each seven stitches.

Each pair of rows is sc then dcb, and the colours are swapped as necessary so that stitches are in groups of seven of the same colour. After 6 rows, take the nearest thread of CC, and run it along the top row of stitches to the beginning of the row. Also run the thread of MC back along the same section, to the end of the cluster of seven MC stitches. Using the CC which is now at the beginning of the row, secure these threads with 7 sc. Pick up MC, and make 7 sc. Repeat this process for the third and fourth clusters.

Continue in this fashion, making blocks of seven stitches wide and three pairs of stitches high, until scarf reaches the desired length.

Finishing

Pull thread through last loop, and weave in ends. Attach tassles if desired, by making lengths of MC and CC (approximately 30 cms, or 12 inches long), doubling them over. With crochet hook, pull centre of tassle through an end stitch (or initial chain) and then pull both ends through this loop. Trim tassles for evenness.