

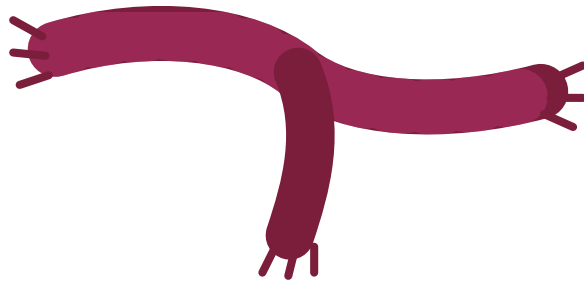
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Classic Winter Scarf

by CrochetRooms

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Skill level: Beginner | US crochet terms



Finished size	7 inches wide x 6 feet (72 inches) long, tassels extra
Yarn	medium worsted weight #4, approx 400 yards
Hook	6.5 mm (K-10.5)
Construction	rows from a ch-21 foundation, 20 sts per row

Size, Materials and Abbreviations

Finished size

7 inches wide and 6 feet (72 inches) long, not counting the tassels. The schematic in the pattern section shows the finished size.

Gauge

13 sts x 10 rows = 4 x 4 inches in the stitch pattern. The foundation chain of 21 gives about 7 inches wide at this gauge.

Materials

- **Yarn:** medium worsted weight #4 yarn, approx 400 yards (one large skein or two medium skeins). 100% acrylic is soft, washable, and affordable.
- **Hook:** 6.5 mm (K-10.5) crochet hook. If you crochet tightly, use a 7.0 mm hook for the foundation chain only.
- **Notions:** yarn needle, scissors, measuring tape.
- **For tassels:** a piece of cardboard or a book about 4 inches wide (for wrapping strands).

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain
st(s)	stitch(es)
sc	single crochet
dc	double crochet
sl st	slip stitch
RS	right side
WS	wrong side

Pattern notes

- The scarf is worked in rows from the foundation chain up. The chain row determines the width; the number of rows determines the length.
- The texture comes from alternating sc and dc across every row, with each row offset so every sc sits on top of a dc from the row below.

- Ch 1 at the start of a row never counts as a stitch. Always work into the very first stitch of the row.
- For Row 1 only, work into the back ridge loops of the chain for a neat bottom edge.
- To make the scarf wider or narrower, add or remove chains in multiples of 2 (the starting chain must stay an odd number).
- To make it longer or shorter, simply work more or fewer rows.
- Tassels are optional but recommended. They add weight so the ends hang nicely.

Pattern at a Glance (for experienced crocheters)

- Ch 21. **Row 1:** alternate sc and dc across (20 sts), working into back ridge loops.
- **Rows 2+:** ch 1, turn, alternate sc and dc across, offsetting so sc falls on dc.
- Repeat until 6 feet long. Fasten off, weave ends.
- Optional tassels: 10 per end, 3 strands of 8-inch yarn each, trimmed to about 3.75 inches.

Every step is written out in full below, with diagrams. Beginners, start with the tutorials on the last pages if any technique is new to you.

The Full Pattern

Foundation chain

Chain: Ch 21. (For a wider or narrower scarf, use any odd number of chains. 21 chains gives about 7 inches wide at the stated gauge.)

Row 1 (RS)

Row 1: Working into the back ridge loops: sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, dc in the next ch, *sc in the next ch, dc in the next ch*, repeat from * across. **(20 sts)** Ch 1, turn.

Row 2 (WS)

Row 2: Sc in the first st (the top of the last dc), dc in the next st (the top of the sc), *sc in the next st, dc in the next st*, repeat from * across. **(20 sts)** Ch 1, turn.

Note: you are placing each sc directly above a dc from the previous row, and each dc above a sc. This offset creates the texture.

Row 2 (WS)

T dc	X sc	T dc	X sc	T dc	X sc
X sc	← dc	X sc	← dc	X sc	← dc

Row 1 (RS)

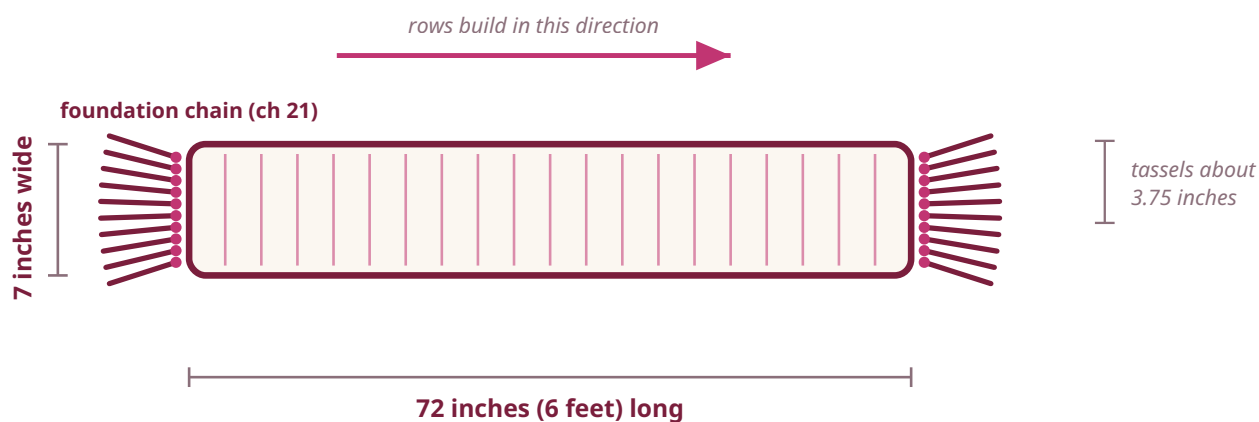
Each **sc** sits directly above a **dc** from the row below. That offset makes the texture.

x = single crochet (sc) T = double crochet (dc)

The stitch repeat. Each row alternates sc and dc, offset so every sc sits over a dc.

Rows 3 and on

Rows 3+: Repeat Row 2 until the scarf measures 6 feet (72 inches) long, or your desired length. Ending after an even-numbered row keeps both ends matching. Fasten off, leaving a 6-inch tail. Weave in all ends with the yarn needle.



Scarf schematic. 7 inches wide x 72 inches (6 feet) long, with tassels at both ends.

Tassels (optional, 10 per end)

1. Wrap yarn around a 4-inch-wide piece of cardboard 20 times. Cut the yarn at one edge to make 20 strands of 8 inches. Repeat twice more for 60 strands total.
2. At one short end of the scarf, with the right side facing you: take 3 strands, fold them in half, and use your hook or fingers to pull the folded loop through the first chain space at the edge. Pull the loose ends through the loop and tighten to form a knot.
3. Skip 2 chains, attach the next tassel in the following chain space. Continue across the end, placing 10 tassels evenly.
4. Repeat at the other short end, working through the tops of the last row's stitches.
5. Trim all tassel ends evenly to about 3.75 inches long.

Beginner Tutorials

If any technique in this pattern is new to you, learn it here first. Each one takes only a few minutes, and then the whole scarf will feel easy.

Foundation chain and back ridge loops

Make a slip knot, then yarn over and pull through the loop on your hook, repeating until you have 21 chains. Each chain has a little bump on the back, the back ridge loop. For Row 1, insert your hook under that bump only. It gives the bottom edge a clean, finished look.

Stitch refresher

- **Single crochet (sc):** insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- **Double crochet (dc):** yarn over, insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over pull through 2, yarn over pull through 2.

Turning chain

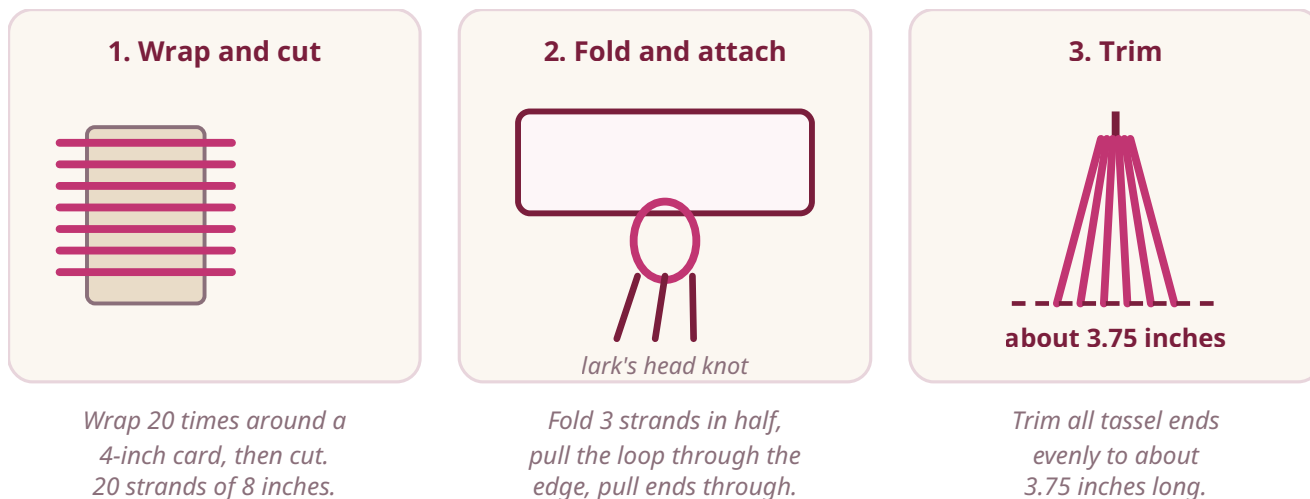
At the end of a row, chain 1, then turn your work around so you can crochet back the other way. The ch 1 simply lifts your yarn to the height of the next row. It never counts as a stitch, so always work your first stitch into the very first stitch of the row.

Weaving in ends

Thread the tail on a yarn needle and weave it through the backs of several stitches, changing direction once so it cannot slip out. Trim close to the work.

Making and attaching tassels

Wrap, cut, fold, and knot as described in the tassel steps above. The knot that holds the folded strands is called a lark's head knot: the folded loop goes through the edge, then the loose ends pass through the loop and pull tight.



Making tassels in 3 steps: wrap and cut, fold and attach, trim.

Troubleshooting

- **My foundation chain is too tight to work into.** Go up one hook size for the chain only, then switch back to 6.5 mm for the rows.
- **I keep losing or gaining stitches.** Count to 20 at the end of every row until the rhythm feels automatic. The most common mistake is skipping the very first or very last stitch.
- **My edges are wavy.** This usually means the turning chain is being counted as a stitch, or stitches are being added at the edges. Recount and make sure ch 1 never counts.
- **The texture looks wrong (columns instead of offset).** Each row's sc must sit on the previous row's dc. If you see sc stacked on sc, you forgot to offset. Check the first two stitches of the row.
- **My scarf is narrower than 7 inches.** Your tension is tighter than the gauge. This is fine if you like the width, or start over with a 7.0 mm hook.
- **The tassels are uneven.** Trim them after attaching, holding the scarf up so they hang straight. Small sharp scissors give the cleanest cut.

A note from Nora: This scarf is the project I recommend when someone says they want to learn crochet. One stitch pattern, repeated until it is long enough to wrap twice, and you have something you will reach for every winter. If you make one (or three, in every color), share a photo in our Community chat at crochetrooms.com. I would love to see them.

Happy crocheting, Nora

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