



Guys, I think I might be the world's slowest knitter. I'm embarrassed to admit that I've been working on this scarf since [my trip to Iceland](#) last year – that's over 18 months! Okay, so I obviously haven't been working very hard on this project; just adding the odd row every now and then. But still, 18 months to knit a scarf?! Major kudos to people who can whip them up in a day or two! However, since it's been such a long time in the making, I feel that bit more excited to finally be able to wear it. So it's not all bad. 😊

My striped scarf is knitted from Icelandic wool that I picked up in Reykjavik. I remember really wanting to buy a knitted jumper or scarf when I was there, but the prices were MEGA. So I took the thrifty route and decided to knit my own, from the same wool! Icelandic wool is really warm and insulating, with beautifully a muted colour (I wish I'd bought more when I had the chance!).

Anyway, with my scarf finally complete and the weather starting to get pretty chilly, it seemed like the perfect time to share the pattern so you can make your own. It's a nice easy project, perfect for a chilled weekend in front of Netflix.



Easy mens scarf knitting pattern

Supplies

- US 10 / 6mm knitting needles
- 100g (100m) ball of yarn in one colour (referred to below as "yarn 1")
- 100g (100m) ball of yarn in another colour (referred to below as "yarn 2")
- Sharp scissors
- Wide eye sewing needle
- Optional: crochet hook to help add tassels

Note: the gauge of my yarn for this knitting pattern was 18 rows/11 stitches per 10cm/4" square.

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What to do

1. Cast on 35 stitches in yarn 1.
2. K1 for 34 rows.
3. On the next row, feed in yarn 2 and K1 to the end. This will effectively swap the yarn colour, leaving a loose end of yarn 1. (To see a video of this process, [click here](#)). Leave this loose end for now; you will stitch it in later.
4. K1 for a further 33 rows.
5. On the next row, swap the colours back to yarn 1.
6. Repeat this process of knitting 33 rows and swapping colour, until you reach your desired scarf length. For my scarf, I knitted a total of 8 blocks of colour (4 of each).
7. Once you finish your final block of colour, cast off all stitches.
8. You will now have the basic scarf, with loose end of yarn at each place that the colours swap. One by one, thread these loose ends onto a wide-eyed needle and use a basic running stitch to sew them into the matching coloured section of the scarf, then tie them off.
9. Finally, it's time to create the tassels on the end of the scarf. (If you get a bit confused here, then [this video](#) illustrates the process really well). Start by cutting 4 pieces of yarn 1, each one measuring 8cm long. Hold them all neatly together and fold them all in half. Gently tease a small opening in the very centre of one end of the scarf, and thread the folded yarn pieces through it (use a crochet hook if it's a bit fiddly). Feed the ends of these yarn pieces through the loop that's created by the fold, and tighten them to hold them in place. Repeat a further 6 to 8 times, spacing each tassel out evenly, until you've filled the end of the scarf. Repeat this whole process for the other end of the scarf, using the other yarn colour.



I really love this scarf knitting pattern – it's pretty straightforward, but the final result looks great! The stripes add a bit of visual interest, rather than having one block colour. If you've never tried using multiple colours in your knitting before, then don't be afraid to give it a go! It's surprisingly easy, and adds a whole new dimension to the knitting projects you can achieve.

Right, I'm off to start on my next knitting project... fingers crossed I'll have this one finished a little faster! – Mike.

Don't forget to Pin this image, so you can knit it later!

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