

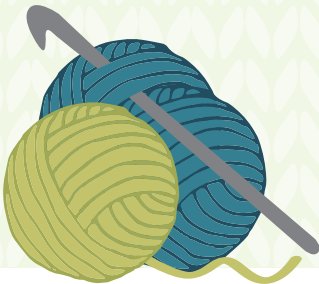
# It's the 2025 Inspire Charity Knitting Challenge



Inspire: Culture, Learning and Libraries, Mansfield Building Society, Trussell and Creative Lives are supporting crafters to make beautiful scarves and to get creative for a good cause.

The Wrapped scarf patterns are by Nottinghamshire knitwear designer Jane Withers. Jane has combined bold blocks of colour with simple stitch patterns to create a warm and woolly work of art!

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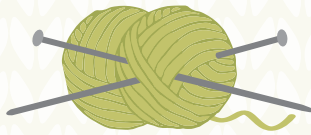


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# Knitting instructions



## Dimensions

Infinity Scarf: 120cm long

Traditional Scarf: 160cm long

**Needle size** 4mm UK

## Yarn

DK yarn, machine washable,  
4 colours in example.

Approximate quantities:

Colour A - 75 to 100g

Colours B, C and D - 25g of each

Total approx. 150g to 175g

## Abbreviations

**K** - knit

**Sts** - stitches

**YFWD** - yarn forward in purl position

**Pw** - insert needle purl wise

**YBK** - yarn back to knitting position

**Sl** - slip

**Col** - colour

## Instructions for Infinity Scarf:

Cast on 52 stitches with colour A.

With colour A start 1st row of pattern.

Make sure that when you begin to make the Infinity Scarf you get straight into the pattern after casting on, as this creates a neat edge when joined to the cast off end.

## Pattern:

The pattern is formed by 4 rows. Colour A is used throughout as the main colour and B, C and D are used as the colour blocks.

**1st row:** With colour A k4 \*sl2 pw, k4\* repeat from \*to\* to end of row

**2nd row:** With colour A \*k4, YFWD, sl2 sts pw YBK\* repeat to end to last 4 stitches, k4

**3rd row:** Join colour B. With colour B k1, sl2 pw \*k4, sl2 pw\* repeat to last 1 stitch, k1

**4th row:** With colour B k1, YFWD, sl2 pw, YBK, \*k4, YFWD, sl2 pw, repeat to last 1 stitch, k1

Continue this pattern repeat of 4 rows until the section measures 20cm. Ending with 4th row.

\*Knit 1st and 2nd rows with colour A.

Join colour C and tie off colour B, continue the next 2 rows with colours C and A.

Continue with main colour A and Colour C until colour block measures 20cm\*.

Repeat from \* to \* substituting colour D for C and continuing with main colour A.

Repeat the last 3 colour blocks (total of 6) work will measure 120cm.

Cast off with colour A.

Use the first complete colour block as a size template for the following five blocks of colour by counting the number of horizontal bars there are in the main colour A.

### Finishing - Infinity Scarf:

Fold the knitting in half with the right side outwards, join the short ends of the scarf (matching the pattern) using a needle and mattress stitch in colour A yarn.

Neatly stitch in any loose ends.

### Instructions for Traditional Scarf:

With colour A cast on 52 stitches.

Knit 2 rows with colour A and then start row 1 of pattern from infinity scarf.

Continue this pattern repeat of 4 rows until the section measures 20cm ending with the 4th row. Repeat the last 3 colour blocks as for infinity scarf and a further 2 blocks making a total of 8 colour blocks ending with colour A and C, scarf measures 160cm long.

### Finishing - Traditional Scarf:

Neatly stitch in loose ends.

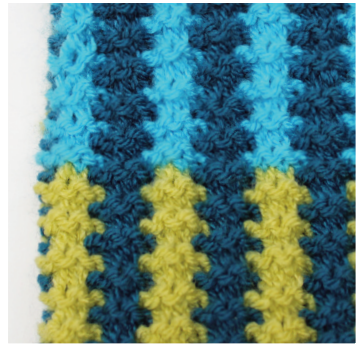
To make tassels:

With a piece of card measuring 12cm x 8cm wind the tassel yarn 12 times around the 12cm side.

Cut the yarn off the card at one end leaving it folded in the middle. With a crochet hook, pull the folded yarns all together through the scarf by 3cm at the base of a vertical stripe of colour A.

Next, push the fringed ends through the 3cm loop and pull them to tighten the tassel knot. Repeat to create 8 tassels at each end of the scarf.

Trim the fringed ends of the tassel with scissors to neaten them to an approximate length of 7cm.



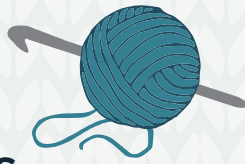
Pattern sample



Tassels



# Crochet instructions



## Dimensions

Infinity Scarf: 120cm long

Traditional Scarf: 160cm long

**Hook size** 5mm and 7mm UK

## Yarn

DK yarn, machine washable,  
4 colours in example.

Approximate quantities:

Colour A - 100 to 150g

Colours B, C and D - 50g of each

Total approx. 250 to 300g

## Preparation for making Infinity Scarf:

Prepare 2 small balls, approx. 25g of each in colours B, C and D (6) to work as the colour blocks for the Infinity Scarf.

**Tip:** Use a bowl or container to help keep the small balls from getting tangled each time the work is turned.

## Abbreviations

**Dc** - double crochet

**Col** - colour

**YOH** - yarn over hook

It's a good idea to practice the stitch pattern in a little test square before beginning the scarf.

## Instructions for Infinity Scarf:

Using 7mm hook, chain 181 with colour A. Change to 5mm hook and with colour A in 2nd chain from hook, work Dc in each stitch to the end, 1 chain turn (180 stitches).

Next row: Dc to end, 1 chain turn.

Join colour B to start 1st row of pattern.

## Pattern:

### 1st Row

1st col block \* put hook into first stitch YOH and pull through, (you will have 2 loops on your hook at this point), YOH and put hook into space below the chain and pull wool through (you will have 4 loops on your hook at this point), YOH pull through the first 3 loops, YOH and pull through the 2 loops left on hook.

Repeat this stitch 29 more times (you will have 30 repeats in total) and move onto the next colour block \*.

### 2nd col block

join colour C and repeat from \* to \*

### 3rd col block

join colour D and repeat from \* to \*

### 4th col block

join colour B and repeat from \* to \*

### 5th col block

join colour C and repeat from \* to \*

### 6th col block

join colour D and repeat from \* to \*

1 chain and turn.

### 2nd row:

Keeping colour blocks correct, Dc within each colour block to end of scarf, 1 chain and turn.

### 3rd row:

Repeat row 1 with colour A only, all 180 stitches.

### 4th row:

With colour A Dc to end 1 chain and turn.

Repeat the last 4 rows 8 times. Tie off.

To achieve the same size blocks of colour throughout the design it is important to count the number of stitches in each block.

### Finishing - Infinity Scarf:

Fold the crochet in half with the right side outwards, join the short ends of the scarf (matching the pattern) using a needle and mattress stitch in colour A yarn.

Neatly stitch in any loose ends.

### Preparation for making Traditional Scarf:

You will need to prepare 3 balls of B, 3 balls of C, 2 balls of D (8) for the Traditional Scarf.

### Instructions for Traditional Scarf:

Using 7mm hook, chain 241 with colour A. Change to 5mm hook and with colour A in 2nd chain from hook, work Dc in each stitch to the end, 1 chain turn (240 stitches).

Next row: Dc to end and turn.

Join colour B to start 1st row of pattern.

Add 2 extra colour blocks for Traditional Scarf in colour B and C.

### Finishing - Traditional Scarf:

Neatly stitch in loose ends.

To make tassels:

With a piece of card measuring 12cm x 8cm wind the tassel yarn 12 times around the 12cm side.

Cut the yarn off the card at one end leaving it folded in the middle. With a crochet hook, pull the folded yarns all together through the scarf by 3cm at the base of a vertical stripe of colour A.

Next, push the fringed ends through the 3cm loop and pull them to tighten the tassel knot. Repeat to create 8 tassels at each end of the scarf.

Trim the fringed ends of the tassel with scissors to neaten them to an approximate length of 7cm.



Pattern sample



Put hook into space below the chain **2**



Find Jane's helpful '**How to**' videos and all the latest woolly information online at [inspireculture.org.uk/Knit](https://inspireculture.org.uk/Knit)

Inspire Libraries will be delighted to receive your handmade scarves.

**All scarves donated by 1 August 2025 will be displayed in the Wrapped Exhibition from 16 August to 29 September at West Bridgford Library Gallery.**

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