



Modern Tweed Scarf

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CHEAP CHIC IN AN EASY WEAVE!

A desire to put a passed-over yarn to good use and to weave a unisex scarf for a donation to the Red Scarf Project (www.orphan.org) resulted in this generously proportioned and inexpensive scarf for the collegiate. A boldly colored, dynamic yarn is used as the warp (see the fringe in the photo). A soft, coordinating solid-color yarn is used as weft.

WEAVE STRUCTURE

Plain weave.

EQUIPMENT

Rigid heddle loom, 9" weaving width; 8-dent reed; 1 shuttle.

YARNS

Warp: bulky weight acrylic (731 yd/lb, Bernat Softee Chunky Twists), Teal, 218 yd. Weft: merino/microfiber/cashmere blend (896 yd/lb, Cascade Yarns Cash Vera), color

#021, (brown), 126 yd. Both yarns are available from most knitting shops.

WARP LENGTH

72 ends 3 yd long (allows 24" for take up and loom waste).

SETTS

Warp: 8 epi. Weft: 8 ppi.

DIMENSIONS

Width in the reed: 9".
Woven length: 68". Finished size: 62" x 8 1/4" with 5" fringe at each end.

At Interweave, we have a "free" table, where unloved balls of yarn are often left until someone scoops them up and puts them to good use. That's how I found two balls of chunky, inexpensive, tricolored yarn. Using it for the warp, I chose a wool blend for the weft that matched the color of one of the plies in the warp, creating a tweed-like fabric.

WEAVE THE SCARF

Wind a warp and thread the rigid heddle according to the specifications below. Spread the warp with a few picks of scrap yarn in plain weave. (Each pass of the weft is a "pick.")

Wind a stick shuttle with the brown weft yarn. Leaving a tail 1 yd long, weave a few picks of plain weave. Using the tail, hemstitch by going under the first two brown weft threads and around each pair of warp threads across the width of the warp. Continue weaving plain weave for 68" and then hemstitch the second end the same way as the first.

Remove the scarf from the loom, being sure to allow at least 5" on both ends for the fringe. Machine wash, gentle cycle, mild detergent. Lay flat to dry. Trim the fringe evenly with scissors or using a rotary cutting on a self-healing mat.



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