

Free Evergreen Mini Scarf Pattern



Pattern Description:

This free mini scarf crochet pattern is ideal for ambitious beginners, offering a modern knit-like texture with a polished i-cord edging. Its versatile, smaller size makes it perfect for transitional weather, travel, or adding a pop of color to any wardrobe. It's also a great quick project to practice interesting crochet techniques.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn Requirements:**
 - **Option 1:** 80 (90, 95, 105, 115, 120) yards / 73 (82, 87, 96, 105, 110) m (equivalent to 1 skein of Forest Heather for all sizes).
 - **Option 2:** 120 (130, 135, 145, 155, 160) yards / 110 (119, 123, 133, 142, 146) m (equivalent to 1 skein for S, and 2 skeins for M, L, XL, 2X, 3X of Forest Heather).
- **Hook:** A US size G (4mm) crochet hook is recommended.
- **Notions:**
 - Yarn Needle (or tapestry needle)
 - Scissors
 - Knitting Needle (specifically a US 6 (4.0mm) knitting needle, with a short DPN preferred, to hold stitches for the I-cord edging)

- **Measurements:**
 - **Project Level:** Easy.
 - **Sizes:** S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X.
 - **To fit circumference at base of neck:** 14 (15, 16, 17, 18, 19) inches / 36 (38, 41, 43, 46, 48) cm. For a looser fit, size up.
 - **Finished Measurements:**
 - **Option 1 (wraps around neck once):** 3.5 inches wide, 30 (32, 34, 36, 38, 40) inches / 76 (81, 86, 91, 97, 102) cm long.
 - **Option 2 (wraps around neck twice):** 3.5 inches wide, 40 (42, 44, 46, 48, 50) inches / 102 (107, 112, 117, 122, 127) cm long.
 - **Gauge:** 18 stitches and 11 rows = 4 inches / 10 cm using a US G-6 (4.0mm) hook, measured over the hdc-blo stitch pattern after blocking.

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:



Special Stitches:

- **Half Double Crochet in the Back Loop Only (HDC-BLO):** A stitch pattern that creates a knit-like fabric.
- **Attached I-Cord Edging:** A method for adding a small, tubular cord directly onto the edge of the scarf.
- **Half Double Crochet Back Loops Only Two Together (hdc-blo-2tog):** (yarn over, insert hook in back loop of next stitch, pull up a loop) twice, yarn over and pull through all 4 loops on the hook (one stitch decreased).
- **Half Double Crochet Decrease (hdc-dec):** (yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, pull up a loop) twice, yarn over and pull through all 4 loops on the hook (one stitch decreased).

Abbreviations:

- **blo:** back loop only
- **hdc:** half double crochet
- **st(s):** stitch(es)

Instructions for Making the Evergreen Mini Scarf Pattern:



Construction Overview

- First, you'll crochet the body of the scarf using **half-double crochet stitches worked in the back loops only**.
- You will work from tip to tip, starting by increasing to make the scarf wider, then working a few rows straight, and finally decreasing to make the scarf thinner.
- Once the scarf body is complete, you will add the **attached I-cord around the edges**.

Increase Section

- **Row 1:** Chain 3 (does not count as st), 1 hdc in 3rd chain from the hook, turn. (1 st)
- **Row 2:** Chain 2 (see Pattern Notes), 2 hdc in first st, turn. (2 sts)
- **Row 3-4:** Chain 2, hdc-blo in first st, hdc in last st, turn. (2 sts)
- **Row 5:** Chain 2, 2 hdc-blo in first st, 1 hdc in next st, turn. (3 sts)
- **Row 6-7:** Chain 2, hdc-blo in first st, hdc-blo in next st, hdc in last st, turn. (3 sts)
- **Row 8:** Chain 2, 2 hdc-blo in first st, hdc-blo in next st, hdc in last st, turn. (4 sts)
- **Row 9-10:** Chain 2, hdc-blo in each st across until last st, hdc in last st, turn. (4 sts)

- **Row 11:** Chain 2, 2 hdc-blo in first st, hdc-blo in each st across until last st, hdc in last st, turn. (5 sts)
- **Repeat Rows 9-11** nine more times, for a total of 38 rows.

Middle Section

- **Row 1:** Chain 2, hdc-blo in each st across until last st, hdc in last st, turn. (14 sts)
 - **Option 1:** (Shorter scarf, wraps around the neck once) **Repeat Row 1** for a total of rows.
 - **Option 2:** (Longer scarf, wraps around the neck twice) **Repeat Row 1** for a total of rows.

Decrease Section

- **Row 1:** Chain 2, hdc-blo-2tog across first two sts, hdc-blo in each st across until last st, hdc in last st, Turn. (13 sts)
- **Row 2-3:** Chain 2, 1 hdc-blo in each st across until last st, hdc in last st, Turn. (13 sts)
- **Repeat Rows 1-3** until you have 2 stitches remaining.
- Then, **repeat Rows 2-3 once.**
- **Row 37:** Chain 2, hdc-dec across remaining sts, Turn. (1 st)
- **Row 38:** Chain 2, hdc. Do not turn.

I-Cord Edging

- **Setup:** Chain 3. Insert hook into 2nd chain from hook, yarn over and draw up a loop. Insert hook into next chain, yarn over and draw up a loop. (You should have 3 loops on your hook).
- **Row 1:** Transfer the first 2 loops from your hook onto a **US 6 (4.0mm) knitting needle** (a short DPN is preferred). (1 loop should be left on your hook.) Yarn over and pull up a loop.
 - Transfer the next loop from the knitting needle to your hook, yarn over and pull up a loop.
 - Transfer the last loop from the knitting needle to your hook, **insert hook under a loop on the scarf edge**, yarn over and pull through both the scarf edge and the loop on the hook.
- **Repeat** this process along both sides of the scarf. The pattern recommends crocheting **3 I-cord rows for every 2 hdc rows.**
- At each end of the scarf, crochet **5 I-cord stitches in the same stitch to "turn the corner"**.

Seaming the Ends (Duplicate Stitch)

- Join the 3 live loops from the last row of I-cord to the three stitches in the first row of I-cord to finish the edge.
- **Setup:** Transfer the 3 live loops of the I-cord to the knitting needle. Cut your yarn, leaving an 8-inch tail. Thread a tapestry needle with the yarn tail.

- **Steps for Duplicate Stitch:**
 - Insert the tapestry needle from back to front through the right-most loop on the knitting needle.
 - Insert the needle from right to left behind the 2 legs of the right-most stitch in the first row of I-cord.
 - Insert the needle from front to back through the right-most loop on the knitting needle. Pull to tighten.
- **Repeat** these steps with the middle loop, and then with the left-most loop.

Finishing

- Use the tip of your tapestry needle to adjust the tension of the seaming stitches to match the rest of the I-cord.
- **Weave in all remaining ends.**
- **Block your scarf:** This is an important final step that will even out your stitches, improve the drape, and give your scarf a polished, finished look.

Tips for a Great Result

- **Practice makes perfect:** If you're new to the HDC-BLO stitch, take some time to practice it before starting your scarf.
- **Check Your Tension:** Always make a quick swatch and measure your gauge. This ensures your scarf will turn out the correct size.
- **Be Patient with the I-Cord:** The attached I-cord edging can be a bit fiddly and might feel awkward at first, but with practice, you will get the hang of it.