

Crocheted Leftovers Houndstooth Scarf

Use up your leftovers and no counting

Materials:

Gather your leftovers – any color, any weight, any type
Size J crochet hook

Abbreviations:

sl st slip stitch
dc double crochet
sc single crochet
st(s) stitch(es)

Instructions:

Decide how long you want the fringe to measure. Remember that fringe means no weaving in the ends.

Leave a tail the desired length for fringe then chain a piece long enough to measure from the fingertip of one hand to the fingertip of the other hand. End the chain and leave a tail the same length as the beginning fringe. This makes a nice long scarf which you can wrap around your neck and still hang down on each side. Too long? Make a shorter starting chain.



Notes:

This pattern should be considered an advanced beginner pattern.

You can, if you prefer and find it easier, just join your new yarn to the old yarn in whatever fashion you normally do at the end of a row, chain and turn. Then you would add the fringe in its entirety when you have finished the basic scarf.

Concerned you might not have enough of a color to do the whole row? The sample scarf measured fingertip to fingertip. I measured out this amount of yarn 11 times to complete one row with fringe. This may vary slightly due to how tight or loose you crochet. Try it with the 1st row and you will have an estimate of how much yarn you need for a row.

Row 1: Using another color of yarn, leave a tail as done for the chain and join to chain with a sl st. Chain 2, dc in first ch, sc in next st, * dc in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * across. End and leave tail the same length as the beginning tail.

Row 2: Using another color leftover, leave a tail as done for the chain and join to previous row with a sl st. Chain 2, dc in first st, sc in next st, * dc in next st, sc in next st. Repeat from * across. End and leave tail the same length as the beginning tail.

Pattern: Alternate dc, sc so that you are doing a dc in a sc of row below and doing sc in a dc in the row below.

Rows 3 and all other rows: Using another color leftover, leave a tail as done for the chain and join to previous row with a sl st. Complete stitching across following the pattern.

Finishing:

As the photo shows, the sample has lots of fringe. In order to have full fringe you will need to add fringe when the scarf is finished. Cut 4 pieces of each color of yarn to twice the length of fringe. Add 2 pieces of each color fringe to each end next to the matching color. As you complete a row, cut the pieces for the fringe and set aside.

Other uses for leftovers:

Use the same concept to make a breathing blanket, lapghan or any size blanket.

