

Crocheting a Scarf

A crocheted scarf provides a perfect last detail in a lady's outfit. It not only represents something simple as it is only a long and narrow piece of textile worn over the head or around the neck but it can be very useful as well to keep someone warm on a windy day. Yet it can also provide a hint of elegance when used properly.

The wonders of a simple scarf are very much recognized in that there are many companies that manufacture them. Knitted and crocheted garments, especially scarves, are very important aspects of business in some countries.

Given the desirability of having a scarf, and that many women love them, what better item to place on your crocheting list for either gifts or profit? This is a great item on which to make your own personal imprint. A great gift with a personal touch and a great item to sell as well. Any color can be used, any length can be made, nothing can give you as much freedom and room for innovation.

If you're considering to learn more about crochet, here's some interesting information.

How the Craft of Crochet came to be

Many theories have come up in regards to the history of crochet. Some believe that crochet was first done with the use of mere fingers. Others would say that it was plainly part of the sewing duties of a nun. Still yet others even claim that it is part of rituals in the South America. These are only speculations, but the exact origin of the crochet is still a mystery.

It is worth noting here that the craft of crocheting was a status symbol in the 16th century. Female members of high society were the only ones who knew the skill of crocheting. It was only in the 1800's when the craft became accessible to majority of the public.

Crochet then spread through many households and families. The skill then is passed on from one generation to another, with the elders teaching younger ones.

Some people actually think that crocheting is something for older people, or the old maid perhaps. However, this does not hold true today. People of all ages can now crochet.

Learning How to Crochet

There are some basics to learn before you start crocheting. All crochet designs start with a slip stitch and a chain of stitches. Thus this is the first step to learn. So it is best to learn this first step as well the rest of the various crochet and stitches.

Traditionally, someone in the family will teach a youngster how to crochet. Today, if there is no one in the household to ask for guidance, some people opt to enroll on craft classes.

Learn the lingo. Be familiar with the terms used in crochet, as well in the symbols or legends implemented. This will be very critical when you get crochet patterns and designs.

Getting Great Crochet Scarf Patterns

There may be craft stores in your locality that offer patterns. However, the choices can be very limited in whatever stock they only have.

The next best stop is to go online. The Internet offers a wide variety of choices. There are endless lists out there. Some web sites offer instructions book with patterns for a value and will have it delivered to your doorstep.

There are sites that give e-books. This is a better option as you can easily get hold of that pattern in minutes, rather than wait for days before it gets delivered. It is more convenient too. All you have to do is to print the pattern and you can crochet wherever you please.

The best choice yet is to get that perfect crochet scarf for free. You can easily surf the net for web sites that offer free patterns. Simply type the keywords "free crochet scarf patterns" in the search engine.

You can also join discussion groups and forums to meet other people who are into crocheting also. This is one good way to meet friends and also to have someone to exchange tips with and even trade patterns with.

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C.S.Cox published the acclaimed instructional book, "Crocheting Made Simple" which has taught numerous people how to crochet. Find out how to sign up for the FREE Crocheting Made Simple Newsletter at <http://www.crochetmadesimple.com>