Beginner Single Crochet Scarf Pattern
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My first crochet scarf! May not be beautiful, but it set me up for a lifetime of crocheting.

Abbreviations:

St(s) = stitch(es)
Rnd(s) = round(s)
Sl st = slip stitch
Ch(s) = chain(s)
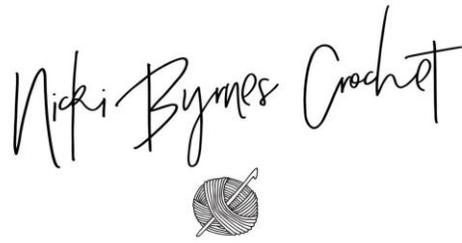Sc = Single crochet
Rep = repeat

Skill Level: Easy

Finished size: Approx. 6.5" wide x 65" long (adjust as you like

- Adult scarves:
    - Width: 6–8 inches (15–20 cm)
    - Length: 60–70 inches (152–178 cm), or roughly your arm span/height
- Children's scarves:
    - Width: 3–4 inches
    - Length: 36–44 inches

Materials:
Worsted weight (medium, size 4) yarn
US H/8 (5.00 mm) crochet hook (or hook size as listed on yarn label)
Scissors
Measuring tape
Yarn needle

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Note: I'm not asking you to make a gauge swatch for this project. This pattern is intended to be your first! Instead, I want you to dive in, practice your new crochet skills, discover your natural tension through repetition, and get comfortable identifying and counting stitches and rows.

Pattern

Foundation Row: Ch 25.

Row 1: Sc in the second ch from the hook and in each ch across. (24 sts)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Sc in the first st (not the ch-1), then sc in each st across. (24 sts)

Rows 3–end: Repeat Row 2 until your scarf reaches 60–70 inches (or your desired length).

Finish: Fasten off, cut yarn, and weave in ends with a yarn needle.

Optional: Add Some Flair: Fringe, Tassels & Pom-Poms

Ready to give your scarf a little extra personality? Here are three simple ways to jazz it up:

1. Fringe
1. Cut several strands of yarn, about twice as long as you want your fringe to be.
2. Fold a strand in half, insert your hook into the edge stitch at the end of your scarf, and pull the folded loop through.
3. Pull the loose ends through the loop and tighten.
4. Repeat across the ends of your scarf, spacing strands evenly.
   Tip: Keep fringe strands in multiples of two or three for a full, balanced look.

2. Tassels
1. Wrap yarn around a piece of cardboard or a book about 6–8 inches wide (or your desired tassel length).
2. Slide the yarn off and tie a small piece around the top to secure.
3. Cut the loops at the bottom.
4. Attach tassels to the ends of your scarf with a slip stitch or by sewing with a yarn needle.
   Tip: Tassels look extra cute in contrasting colors!

3. Pom-Poms

1. Wrap yarn around your fingers or a pom-pom maker 50–100 times (more wraps = fuller pom-pom).
2. Carefully slide the yarn off and tie a piece tightly around the middle.
3. Cut the loops on both sides and trim to shape.
4. Sew or tie pom-poms to the ends of your scarf.
   Tip: Pom-poms are playful, but not too heavy—try one at each end for balance.