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SIMPLE but ATTRACTIVE SCARF designed exclusively for Woman's Hour by Pauline Turner

Materials: 100g DK yarn, 5.00mm crochet hook.

Notes on the materials: The hook is slightly larger than usual for a double knitting yarn to make it softer. Ideally choose an interesting yarn such as a space-dyed double knitting yarn, crimp, or injection yarn. Slub yarns and mohairs are wonderful for this simple pattern, but unless you are used to crocheting it is advisable to start with a smooth space dyed yarn first.

Size: 24cms wide before folding, 85cms long before fringing.

Tension: 4tr and 2ch to 4cm. 3 rows to 4 cm. This tension is approximate as the type of yarn you use will vary the tension slightly.

Abbreviations:

ch	chain
tr	treble
mm	millimetre
cm	centimetre
DK	double knitting
g	gramme
rep	repeat
sp(s)	space(s)
ss	slip stitch
dc	double crochet

TO WORK

Make 40 ch.

Row 1: 1tr in 4th ch from hook, *1ch, miss 1ch, 2tr (that is 1tr in each of the next 2ch), rep from * to last 2ch, 1ch, miss 1ch, 1tr in last ch, 3ch, turn [12 sps]

Row 2: 1tr in nearest 1ch sp, *1ch, 2tr in next ch sp, rep from * to last sp, 1ch, 1tr in top of the 3ch used for lifting the hook at the beginning of the row.

Repeat row 2 until work measures 85cm or length required. Secure the yarn and cut the end which can be incorporated into the fringe, or sewn in as you prefer.

Edging for short ends (work both ends alike)

Fold the scarf in two which halves the width to give extra warmth.

Row 1: Double crochet through both ends (or if an absolute beginner you can sew the ends together) [19sts]

Row 2: *3ch, miss 1st, 1dc in next st, rep from * to end. [8x3ch sp loops] Fasten off.

Fringe

Cut 40 by 27cm lengths of yarn to create the fringe. Knot 5 lengths together in each space.

WORKING THE STITCHES

NOTE:

1. All crochet must start and end with one loop on the hook. Make a slip knot and place it on the hook but never count the loop that is around the hook as a stitch. It is there at the beginning and will be there at the end.
2. A crochet stitch as three strands a horseshoe loop which counts as two strands plus 1 strand between. Always insert the hook into the stitch and pick up two of the three strands unless the pattern you are using tells you differently.
3. The crochet hook sits on top of the row, which is why you need turning or lifting chain to take the hook to the top of the next row before you begin. These turning chain count as the first stitch unless your pattern tells you differently.

CHAINS

To make a chain put the yarn over hook (yoh). The yarn will automatically catch in the barbed part of the hook head and can then be drawn through the loop of the slip knot. One chain (ch) has been made. Continue placing yoh and pulling it through the one loop that is on the hook until a sufficient number of chains has been worked. Remember do not count the loop on the hook as this is the initial slip knot.

TREBLES

To make a treble, place yarn over hook before inserting the hook into the work. Insert hook from front to back, into the next stitch picking up two strands of the foundation chain. Yoh, draw yarn through to front of work (3 loops on hook), yoh, draw through 2 loops, (2 loops remain on hook), yoh, draw thread through remaining 2 loops. The stitch began with one loop and has returned to one loop on the hook - 1 treble (tr) made. For the scarf pattern, after the first row, you work all but the last treble of the row, directly into the space made by one chain.

DOUBLE CROCHET

To make a double crochet insert the hook into the work picking up two strands of the stitch, yoh, draw yarn through to the front of the work (2 loops on hook), yoh, draw yarn through the 2 loops to bring work back to 1 loop - one double crochet (dc) made.