

RUFFLED SCARF

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This scarf can be made with any type of fabric, depending on the weather. For this tutorial a lightweight cotton was used, producing a nice and light spring-time scarf.

MATERIALS

To begin, you'll need to cut two 6½" x 65" long strips of fabric and six 4½" x 15" short strips of fabric.



STEPS

Step One

Sew Strips

Place the two long strips right sides together. Using a ½" seam allowance, sew the strips together along both long sides and across one short end, leaving the other short end open. Zigzag along those three sides or use a serger to finish the raw edges.



Step Two

Trim and Press

Trim off the corners. Turn this main scarf piece right side out, poke out the corners, and use an iron to press it flat. Then turn under the edges of the open end ½", tuck them inside, and press flat.



Step Three

Stitch End to Close

Stitch close to the folded edge to close the end. Set this main scarf piece aside.



STEPS

Step Four

Sew Hems

Grab the six smaller strips and, one at a time, fold under each short side $\frac{1}{4}$ " and then another $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Sew the hems in place. Then do the same thing with the long top and bottom edges, hemming all four sides of each strip.



Step Five

Sew Basting Stitches

Working with one strip at a time, sew a basting stitch right below the folded edge of one of the 15" sides, leaving long thread tails at each end. Be sure to baste below the fold, through just one layer of fabric. This will make it easier to gather. Repeat for all six strips.



Step Six

Measure and Pin

Place the main scarf piece in front of you, and then measure 2" from the bottom and mark with pins at both sides.



STEPS

Step Seven

Create Ruffles

Pull the bobbin threads to gather one of the smaller strips until it is the same width as your scarf. Place it along the bottom edge of the scarf, with the top edge at the same level as the pins. Pin the ruffle in place.



Step Eight

Mark with Pins

Measure up another 2" from the top of the newly-placed ruffle and place two more pins at the sides of the scarf to mark it. Measure up another 2" and mark with pins.



Gather two more short strips and pin them to the scarf at the newly-marked positions.



STEPS

Step Nine

Sew Ruffles to Scarf

Sew each ruffle to the scarf by sewing right on top of the stitching you made when you hemmed the top edge. Don't sew on top of the basting stitches. Repeat for all three ruffles, being careful to keep the other ruffles out of the way while attaching each ruffle.



Step Ten

Pull Out Basting Stitches

Pull out the basting stitches by gently pulling the thread from the end.



All three ruffles should now be nicely attached to one end of the main scarf piece. Repeat for the other end of the scarf using the remaining three small strips. Be sure to place these ruffles on the same side of the scarf as the first three.



Step Eleven

Lightly Iron Scarf

The next step is optional, but gives the scarf a more polished look. Lightly place your iron (with steam on) over the ruffles and flatten them down just a bit. Don't press down hard, as you don't want to create severe creases.



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