

# Suggested Helpful Hints

# For Creating Comfort Scarves 4 to 4.5 Inches $\times$ 60 Inches

#### Cast On

Many knitters find that the cable cast on works particularly well for scarves. It is very firm and it looks just like the cast off. This video shows how to do it: <a href="https://www.ehow.com/video\_4429587\_cable-cast-knitting-stitches.html">www.ehow.com/video\_4429587\_cable-cast-knitting-stitches.html</a>

# Needle Size and Gauge

We use Sizes 15 and 17 needles to create comfort scarves (soft, cozy, flexible and fast-knitting) that are 4 inches but no more than 4.5 inches wide and 60 inches long. Typically, we cast on 10 stitches on size 17 needles and 12 stitches on size 15 needles; however, the amount of stitches depends on the bulkiness of the yarn. Please adjust your number of stitches as needed to achieve our goal width of 4 to 4.5 inches wide.

### Yarn and Pattern Selection

Combine different textured yarns to make your scarf more interesting. Bulky weight may be achieved with one yarn or by combining two yarns together. Different stitches use more or less yarn. Use the patterns on the website as your guide.

#### Magic Ball Kits

Our "Magic Ball Kits" are created to support the following patterns: Garter, Wrap & Drop, Lacey Garter (aka Faggot), and Diagonal. These patterns are located on the Handmade website <a href="https://www.handmadeespecially.org">www.handmadeespecially.org</a>.

## Scarf Finishing

Please weave in any loose ends, sign your first name on the Handmade tag and use a piece of scrap yarn to attach it to your scarf. For those knitting or crocheting from the Magic Ball Kit, please return any leftover yarn with your completed scarf.

#### **Questions**

Check the website at www.handmadeespecially.org or call Leslye 310 547. 3673.

### Suggestions

Let us know if you have suggestions to improve our patterns or a favorite pattern you'd like us to use.