

Knit your own...

# Garter Stitch Scarf In **SIX** EASY Steps!

*with handy tips!*

**1**

Purchase yarn to suit your taste. Get a pair of knitting needles. Get a pen or pencil, calculator, and a piece of paper (calculator optional).

*The yarn label will probably suggest a knitting needle size... if not, ask a yarn shop employee for help!*

**2**

Find out how many stitches per inch you get when you knit your yarn with your knitting needles. Write this number (we'll call it "stitch gauge") on your piece of paper.

*Try knitting a gauge swatch or reading the yarn label!*

Decide how wide you'd like your scarf to be in inches. Write this number (we'll call it "width") on the same piece of paper.

**3**

*Why not measure a favourite scarf you already own? (You'll need a ruler or measuring tape to do this!)*

**4**

Multiply "stitch gauge" by "width" to get a new number. Write this new number (we'll call it "number of stitches") on your piece of paper.

**5**

Pick up your needles and yarn, and cast on the number of stitches you calculated in step 4. Knit every row.

*If you need to refresh your memory, consult your piece of paper at the beginning of each row to find out how many stitches you need to knit!*

**6**

Every so often, drape the scarf around your neck to try it on, until the scarf is as long as you'd like it to be. Bind off all stitches. Cut off any excess yarn.

*What to do when you run out of yarn, but the scarf isn't long enough? Why, just buy more yarn!*

If you're really up for a challenge, why not try one of the following stitch patterns? lace...ribbing...cables...knit-purl texture patterns

**bonus!**