Hufflepuff Quidditch Scarf by LFSAlden

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Basics This double-thickness scarf is knit in the round using the Magic Loop method. One surface shows a Hufflepuff team pride pattern, and the other is a blank canvas for letters naming your position, house, or name in duplicate stitch, illusion, embroidery or intarsia as you prefer.

Yarn 3 skeins of Plymouth Encore Chunky or similar worsted, aran, or bulky yarn (up to 7 skeins for folks who like nice, long drapey items!) (fingering or smaller yarn will yield a really cute Reducio'd item!)

If you do it in black or yellow or natural badger brown, you'll be happy:) If you choose to letter the reverse side, you will need a skein of contrast-color.

Needles Long circulars, medium size, perhaps US 8.

Supplies tapestry needle

3 stitch markers Cabling needle

Skills Cast-on

Knit, k2 tog, ssk, k3 tog, k3tog through the back loop.

Purl

Make 1 leaning leftward, Make 1 leaning rightward (M1L, M1R)

Magic Loop method

Gauge Flexible

Hope you enjoy the project and the finished product! May it keep you and your favorite team toasty warm, My heartfelt thanks to Ravelry.com and lots of love to the Spring Apparitions Test Knitters in the HP Knitting/Crochet House Cup on Ravelry!

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The Pattern

Cast on 59 stitches

Join into a round being careful not to twist your work.

K1P1 for one inch. Since there are an odd number of stitches, this will create an inch of seed stitch pattern. End on a Knit stitch.

Round 1: P1, K1, P1, purl 24, K1, P1, K1, place marker (let the loop extrude here, you may not actually need the marker), P1, K1, P1, knit 23, P1, K1, P1 place marker (and let the other loop extrude here).

Round 2: K1, P1, K1, purl 24, P1, K1, P1, slip marker/loop, K1, P1, K1, knit 23, K1, P1, K1, slip marker/loop.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 for about two inches.

On the next round 1, shape the garment in this manner:

P1, K1, reach your left needle across the circle to catch the back of the stitch directly across from the one you're about to work - 3 back from the marker. Purl that caught loop together with the one you were about to do.

Purl 24

K1 together with the loop directly across from it (3 forward from the marker you are approaching), P1, K1. Now you have established a purl side and a knit side, each with a seed stitch border, and the fold at the seed stitch is reinforced by those "Reach Across" stitches.

Now that you've done that "Reach Across" stitch on each edge, no need to do them on the other side.

The pattern continues as set in the borders and on the knit side, with "Reach Across" stitches every two or three inches as you like.

On the purl side, the motif is about to appear, so our directions will focus on those 24 stitches!

HUFFLEPUFF Motif: Badger snout & stripe

Since we are working in the round, all instructions are right to left, skipping no rows

On the Purl side - EXCLUSIVE OF THE BORDER!

Row Snout 1 - purl 11, knit 2, purl 11

Row Snout 2 - purl 9, purl 2 tog, M1R, knit 2, M1L, purl 2 tog, purl 9

Row Snout 3 - purl 10, knit 4, purl 10

Row Snout 4 - purl 10, yo, ssk, k2tog, yo, purl 10

Row Snout 5 - purl the purl stitches and yarn overs, knit the knit stitches and newly-made stitches

Repeat Row Snout 2, placing marker A just before the M1R and placing marker B just after the M1L

Repeat Row Snout 5

Row Snout 6 - purl to 2 before marker A, purl 2 tog, slip marker. M1R. Knit to marker B, M1L, slip marker B, purl 2 tog, purl to end

Repeat Rows Snout 5 and 6 until there are 10 stitches between the markers, ending with a row 5 Row Snout 7 - purl to 1 before marker A, slip next stitch (purl) onto cable needle, hold in back, remove marker A, knit next knit stitch, purl the stitch from the cable needle. Knit across 8 stitches of center stripe. Slip next (knit) stitch onto cable needle and hold in front. Remove marker B, Purl next stitch, Knit the cable stitch. Purl to the end.

Row Snout 5.

Row Snout 8 - purl to 1 before the leading knit stitch. Cable 1 purl behind 1 knit. Purl to the center knit stripe. Knit the center stripe. Purl to the trailing knit stitch, cable 1 knit in front of 1 purl. Purl to the end.

Repeat Rows Snout 5 and Snout 8 until only 2 purl stitches remain on each side of the badger's snout, ending after Row Snout 5.

Main Motif Row - Purl 2, knit 1, purl 5, knit 8, purl 5, knit 1 purl 2

Eyes Row1 - Purl 2, knit 1, purl 2, 1 Nupp (begin nupp in this manner: knit into next stitch, wrapping the yarn twice, pull loop through but do not let the old left hand loop leave the left needle, yarn over, wrapping twice, re-inset your right hand needle into the waiting left hand stitch, knit wrapping yarn twice, pull the loop throug, still not letting the old loop come off the left needle, yarn over, wrapping twice, then once more insert your right needle into the left hand stitch, wrap twice and pull through the stitch, finally allowing the left hand stitch to leave the left needle) purl 2, knit 8, purl 2, 1 Nupp, purl 2, knit 1 purl 2

Eyes Row 2 - Purl 2, knit 1, purl 2, with yarn in back, Slip Nupp (slip all those nupp wraps, you can un-double them at this time) purl 2, knit 8, purl 2, with yarni n back Slip Nupp, purl 2, knit 1 purl 2

Eyes Row 3 - Purl 2, knit 1, purl 2, Complete Nupp by knitting one stitch into all five of those longs stitches together, purl 2, knit 8, purl 2, Complete Nupp, purl 2, knit 1 purl 2

Repeat Main Motif Row until the scarf is almost as long as you want it!

Row Tail 1 - Purl to the knit stitch, cable 1 knit over 1 purl. Purl to the dorsal stripe, knit the dorsal stripe, purl to 1 before the trailing knit stitch, cable 1 purl under 1 knit. Purl to the end.

Repeat Row Tail 1 until only knit stitches remain on the Badger

Row Tail 2 - purl the purl stitches and any new stitches; knit the knit stitches

Row Tail 3 - Purl to the knit stitches, make 1 purl, ssk, knit to the last 2 knit stitches, k2tog, make 1 purl, purl to the end.

Repeat Rows Tail 2 and Tail 3 until 2 knit stitches remain

Finish

Repeat the beginning rows for 1 inch:

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Round 2: K1, P1, K1, purl 24, P1, K1, P1, slip marker/loop, K1, P1, K1, knit 23, K1, P1, K1, slip marker/loop.

Seed Stitch for 1 inch

Block flat.

Sew on a wee little pom pom for his dear little nose!

Use embroidery or duplicate stitch on the knit side to declare your House, name, position... Your Badger Pride!

Sew the ends shut.

Fringe if desired.

Techniques

Make One Leaning Leftward Between the stitch you just knit into and the next old stitch on your left needle, the yarn stretches horizontally. Pick up this little stretch of yarn *from front to back*. Do you see that short bit of the new loop to the back left of your needle and the long bit to the right? To make your new stitch, knit into the short back of the loop. That twists that loop and makes your new stitch secure, as well as making it visually lean leftward.

<u>Make One Leaning Rightward</u> Between the stitch you just knit into and the next old stitch on your left needle, the yarn stretches horizontally. Pick up this little stretch of yarn *from back to front*. Do you see that short bit of the new loop to the front of your needle and the long bit to the back? To make your new stitch, knit into the short front of the loop. That twists that loop and makes your new stitch secure, as well as making it visually lean rightward.

This project is a Thank You - I Love You gift to all the fabulous Hufflepuff Quidditch Players in my life!