# Quidditch Scarf for Ravenclaw by LFSAlden

**Basics**          This double-thickness scarf is knit in the round using the Magic Loop method. One surface shows a team pride pattern, and the other is a blank canvas for the script 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.  If you like a longer scarf, get more yarn!  The center of each scarf is "repeat until the scarf is as long as you like".
          If you choose lettering, you might choose a skein of contrast-color (I like embroidery in the same color as the scarf)

**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, purl 1 fb
          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 and lots of love to the Fall '08 Ravenclaw Quidditch Team and the Spring Apparitions Testers 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!

RAVENCLAW Motif: a long feather

On the Purl side:

Quill of the feather:

Row  Q1= Purl 15,  Knit 1, place marker, purl to the end

Row Q2 = knit previous row's knit stitches, purl the purl stitches, purl any yarn overs.

Repeat Q2

Row Q3 = Knit to two before the marker, purl 2 together, knit one, yarn over, finish in purl

*Row Q2, Row Q2, Row Q3, repeat from * until the knit stitch is the 10th stitch on this side.

Beginning the feather:

Row B1 = Purl 2 together.  Purl to 1 before the marker.  Make 1 leaning rightward. Knit the center quill stitch.  Make 1 leaning leftward. Purl to the last two stitches of the row, purl two together.

Row B2 and all even rows = Knit previous row's knit stitches, purl the purl stitches.  Newly made stitches are knits.

Row B3 = Purl 2 together. Purl the purl stitches and knit the knit stitches to 1 before the marker. Make 1 leaning rightward. Knit the center shaft stitch.  Make 1 leaning leftward,  Knit the knit stitches, purl the purl stitches, until 2 before the end, purl 2 together.

Alternate Rows B2 and B3 until only two purls remain on the right edge, ending with a Row B2

Body of the feather

Row F1 = Purl 2, Knit 2together, knit across to 1 before marker, m1R, knit,  m1L, knit across all knit stitches, purl all purl stitches to the last two stitches of the row, purl two together.

Row F2 and all even rows = Knit previous row's knit stitches, purl the purl stitches.  Newly made stitches are knits.

Alternate Rows F1 and F2 until only two purls remain on the left edge.

Row F3 = Purl the leading edge purls, k2tog, knit across to marker, m1R, knit, slip marker, m1L, knit across to last 2 knit stitches, ssk. Purl the trailing edge purls.

Alternate Rows F2 and F3 until the feather is almost as long as you like.

Option: To curve the center shaft of the feather, like a real flight feather, every 14 rows replace Row F3 with F4 in the first half of your scarf and F5 in the second half of your scarf.

Row F4 = Purl 2, k3tog, knit across to 1 before marker, m1R, knit, m1L, knit across all knit stitches. Purl 1 fb, Purl 1

Row F5 = Purl 1 fb, purl 1, knit all knit stitches across to 1 before marker, m1R, knit, m1L, knit across to last 3 knit stitches, k3tog tbl. Purl 2.

End of the Feather
When the feather seems long enough to you -
Row E1 = Purl 1fb, purl all purl stitches.  K2tog first 2 knit stitches, knit all knit stitches but the last 2, ssk.  Purl to within 1 of the end, make 1, purl 1.

Row E2 and all even rows = Knit previous row's knit stitches, purl the purl stitches.

Alternate Rows E1 and E2 until 12 or 13  knit stitches remain.

Row E1 until 8 or 9 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.
Embroider or duplicate stitch as desired on the knit side to declare your House, name, position!
Sew the ends shut.
Fringe as desired.
Wear with pride!

**Techniques**

<u>Make One Leaning Leftward</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 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.

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