# **Hide Your Diamonds Scarf**



**Design Notes**: This scarf is 9 feet long with tassels and blocked to 7" wide. You can adjust the length by eliminating diamonds – or by shortening/lengthening the diamonds themselves – just be aware that if you adjust the width of the diamonds – the scarf size gets adjusted in both width AND length. I used a bigger hook size than the yarn wrapper indicated as the scarf is all done in single crochet and I wanted it to have a little more drape. So, if you use a different yarn adjust your hook size accordingly.

The scarf is shown on someone who is 5'6"

#### **Materials:**

- Approximately 630 yards of #4 weight yarn
  - 340 yards for the full diamond colour I used Lion Brand Schitt's Creek Wine and Roses (plus extra for the border and tassels)
  - 260 yards for the half diamond colour I used Lion Brand Schitt's Creek A Little Blush (plus extra for the border and seaming)
- 6.5 mm crochet hook
- Scissors
- Darning needle
- Stitch markers

# Stitches: (US Terms)

CH – chain stitch

SC – single crochet

SC2TOG - single crochet two together

SC2 – place two single crochet stitches in the stitch indicated

# Full Diamonds (Make 9)



Diamonds are made by increasing by a single stitch at the END of every row until your diamond is as wide as you want it to be. Then you start decreasing by a single stitch at the START of every row until you are left with a single stitch. These diamonds are 6" wide and 11" tall (before assembly and border)

#### Chain 2

Row 1: SC2 in 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook. Ch 1 and turn your work

Row 2: SC in first stitch, SC2 in second stitch. Ch 1 and turn your work

Row 3: SC in each stitch until one stitch remains. SC2 in last stitch. Ch 1 and turn your work

Row 4-21: Repeat Row 3 until you have 22 stitches in the row.

Row 22: SC2TOG, SC in each stitch until end of row. Ch1 and turn your work

Row23: Repeat Row 22 until you have one stitch left and the diamond is complete.

Fasten off and sew in ends

## Half Diamonds (Make 16)



Half Diamonds are made by increasing and decreasing at the END of <u>every other row</u> until your diamond is half the width of your full diamond. These half diamonds are 3" wide and 10" tall (before assembly and border).

I highly recommend putting a stitch marker on your increase "side" to make it easier to remember if it's an increase/decrease row or not

Chain 2

Row 1. SC2 in 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from hook. Ch 1 and turn your work

Row 2. SC in each stitch

Row 3: SC in each stitch until one stitch remains. SC2 in last stitch.

Row 4-21 Repeat Rows 2 & 3 until your half diamond is 11 stitches across (finish on a row 2).

Row 22: SC in each stitch until two stitches remain, SC2TOG.

Row 23: SC in each stitch

Row 24: Repeat Rows 22 and 23 until you have one stitch left (finish with a row 23).

Fasten off and sew in ends

## Assembly:

I used the mattress stitch to provide as invisible a seam as possible. I found it worked better at disappearing if I used the lighter of the yarn colours for assembly. I recommend putting a stitch marker on the side facing up (which will be the wrong side of your scarf) so you always remember which side is the joining side.

Lay two full diamonds and two half diamonds out as follows



Using the lighter colour yarn cut off a section that is 3 times as long as the line indicated in the picture below



Attach your yarn on the bottom of the half diamond and bring the yarn up through the point of the full diamond – the bottom half of the first and last diamonds will be left unattached.



Continue mattress stitching the two pieces together. Normally with mattress stitch you are working into stitches instead of row ends – so just try to make even stitches all along – always grabbing a section of yarn before you cross back over to the other side as indicated (don't just cross back and forth like shoe laces). Every few centimetres gently tug on both ends of yarn until the seam disappears – but don't pull so tight that you distort the shapes of the diamonds.



When you get to the middle – start making your stitches through the two unattached pieces. I recommend giving a good tug on the ends at this point to ensure the seam on the first piece gets buried.



When you have finished along that line give one final tug to ensure the seam gets buried and then fasten off but leave a long tail for helping to connect future half diamonds if required.



Now repeat on the other side.

Once you have one section completed continue adding diamonds and half diamonds until complete. As you add new half diamonds you can join to the one below as required. If this area is uneven, it will be corrected by the border



Once you have assembled all your sections then you may weave in all ends.

#### Border

Attach the lighter coloured yarn anywhere along a half diamond section and put single crochet stitches all the way along the edge evenly. If you get to areas where two half diamonds were joined unevenly you can adjust the border by putting in half double crochet or slip stitches as required to make it look more even. On the last stitch before you reach the top full diamond, yarn over with the darker colour and continue putting single crochets in each stitch. You can also blend this area with slip stitches if the joins are uneven. At the tip of the diamond put a single crochet, chain 1, and single crochet all in the one space to help define the point. On the last stitch of the full diamond yarn over with the lighter yarn and carry on putting single crochet stitches around – continue on this fashion until you reach your first stitch – slip stitch to join and fasten off. Weave in all ends

## Tassels (make 2)

I wanted the tassels to be as big and bold as the rest of the scarf so I used a 5" piece of cardboard and wrapped the dark yarn around 75 times. After trimming the tassels are about 4.5" each. Attach the tassels securely in the chain 1 space you made in the border row at the bottom of each diamond.

I blocked mine after assembly to help define the shapes and edges – I blocked it to 7" wide.

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