



## Makery Profile: Wizard Scarf

It may seem like magic, but this knitted scarf is 100% real and requires no knitting experience! By using the Makery's knitting machine, along with other equipment, you can have a handmade piece of your favorite fandom in just a few hours.

### Materials You Need to Bring

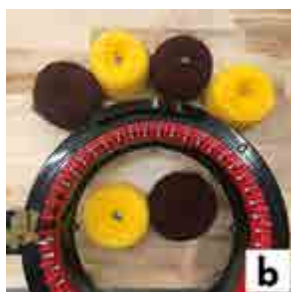
400 yards bulky maroon yarn (we used acrylic Brava Bulky Yarn in Wine)  
 400 yards bulky yellow yarn (we used acrylic Brava Bulky Yarn in Canary)  
 Latch hook (found at any craft/hobby/fabric store)

### Equipment provided in the Makery

Knitting Machine  
 Tapestry Needle  
 Fabric Scissors  
 Cutting Mat  
 Rotary Cutter  
 Acrylic Quilter's Ruler

1. **Prepare:** Gather your yarn and latch hook and bring to the Makery. If you don't know where the knitting machine is located, ask a Makery staff member for assistance.

2. **Cast on:** ensure the red switch on the front of the machine is in the [down] position. (a) Turn the handle so the red center carriage turns counter-clockwise. (b) **IMPORTANT:** Always turn in this direction. Stop turning when you get to the first black needle. Using the maroon yarn, measure about 12 inches from the tail and put in the center of the machine. (c) While slowly turning the handle, loop the yarn through the first black needle, then behind the second, then in front of the third. (d) Continue threading the yarn behind every other needle until you reach the first black needle again. Now, put the yarn through the tan yarn holder, pulling down to ensure it snaps through the front. (e)



3. **Knit!** Continue turning the handle so the red center cartridge turns counter-clockwise until the counter—pictured at the bottom of (d)—reaches 20.

4. **Change colors:** to swap to yellow yarn, cut the maroon yarn about six inches before the tan yarn holder. Take six inches of the yellow yarn and place it next to the cut maroon tail, then loop it through the first needle, similar to how you cast on at the beginning. (f) Turn the handle so the yarn is picked up by a half-dozen needles, then stop and tie the two loose ends (one yellow, one maroon) together in a secure bow. (g) Continue to turn the handle and knit another 20 rows, taking care not to catch the loops of the bow as the machine turns.



5. **Keep going!** Repeat steps 3 and 4, changing yarn colors every 20 rows until you have 10 stripes (1 stripe=20 rows) of maroon and nine stripes of yellow.

6. **Cast off:** Cut the maroon yarn about 18 inches before the tan yarn holder. (h) Thread the cut yarn through a tapestry needle. (i) Coming from the center of the machine, put the tapestry needle through the center of the two prongs surrounding the knitting machine needle, and through the loop of yarn. (j) Carefully pull the needle and yarn through this loop, and make sure you don't accidentally pull off the loops on the neighboring prongs. Turn the handle a little until you hear a faint "click" and use the tapestry needle again to thread through the loop on the prongs. (k) Continue until you get all the way around the machine.

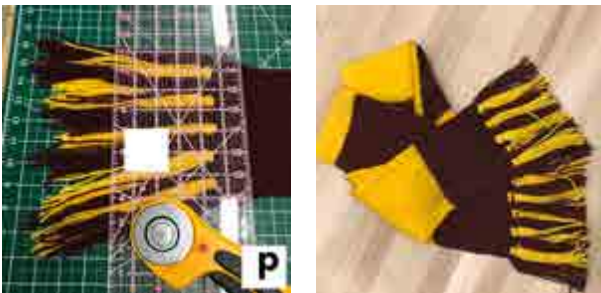


7. **Tie ends:** Turn the scarf inside out and tie off each of the color changes in double knots. (l) You do not need to cut off the ends.

8. **Tassels:** Cut eight 12-inch lengths of yarn. (m) You'll need 12 bunches of maroon and 10 bunches of yellow. (We tied ours to keep them organized, but untied them before attaching to scarf.) (n) Using the Latch Hook tool, find the middle of the scarf at one end, push the latch hook through and grasp the center of one bunch of maroon yarn. (o) Close the latch and pull through a few inches. Put the tail through the loop and pull to tighten.



8. **Finishing:** Use the cutting mat to lay the scarf out squarely. Finger-comb the tassels straight out from the scarf. (p) Place the acrylic quilter's ruler over the tassels. (q) Use the rotary cutter to trim the tassels to an even length.



**IMPORTANT:** Apply steady, even, and firm pressure as you turn the handle. Deviations in turning, including speed or tension on yarn, can cause snags, dropped stitches, and imperfections in your finished piece.

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