

Knitting through the War

These patterns are adapted from the *Schools Patriotic Fund (SPF) Service Knitting* booklet. The booklet was released during the Second World War to provide patterns for people knitting for the troops on the home front. During the First World War basic instructions for knitting similar items were published in newspapers around Australia.

The patterns here have been translated for the beginner and modern knitter by Lianne Gould, Master Knitter. History SA in partnership with Artlab Australia have released them for the anniversary of the First World War. For more on how South Australians experienced the First World War, at home and abroad, visit *A World Away: South Australia's War* <http://southaustraliaswar.com.au/>

Scarf for Navy

Materials

5 skeins 4 ply wool. 1 Pair no. 9 Needles.

Translation: 200 gram Sport or DK weight wool and 1 pair 3.75mm needles

For a thicker weight and easier knit scarf, use Aran weight yarn, size 4.5mm needles and only cast on 40 stitches.

Cast on 60 stitches.

Work in garter stitch (Plain knitting) for about 60 inches (135 cm).

Cast off.



Lianne Gould's pattern for crochet scarf

Materials

200 gram sports weight or DK wool and size 4 hook.
(Or whatever you feel comfortable with.)

For a bulkier scarf, use Aran yarn, size 5 hook and chain 40 stitches.

Chain 50 stitches, not too tight.

Row 1: Chain 3, 1 treble in each of the 50 chain.

Repeat row 1 until work measures roughly 135 cm. Bind off.



If you would like to donate your finished scarf to a good cause consider Fred's Van, providing comfort and a warmth for those experiencing homelessness. https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Get_Involved/Become_a_volunteer/SA/Freds_Van/

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