



Scarves provide endless opportunities for easy gifting!

"I tend to feel chilly, so I keep several shawls and scarves at hand. Indoors, I particularly enjoy wearing silk chiffon scarves, as they are elegant, lightweight, beautiful, colorful and surprisingly warm.

A warm wool or cashmere scarf around my neck is a welcome addition to any coat or jacket in the winter.

Use your own creativity to bring warmth and happiness to each person on your holiday gift-giving list!"

Here, we give you many tips on the construction of your scarves, starting with the easiest & quickest and moving on from there!



1. The easiest scarf is made from cashmere — because it is wonderful, comes in a variety of colors (see some examples in the photograph to the right) and can be torn! All you need to do is to select the fabric, then purchase 3/8 yard. Because the tearing of the fabric creates a non-fraying edge, you are done! Just wrap it around your recipient and admire your work!



2. Another easy scarf can be created with some simple sewing. Select a lightweight fabric (such as a chiffon or silk) and purchase a long enough piece to create the scarf that you envision. Then fold the fabric lengthwise, right sides together, and sew along all three sides, leaving an opening in the middle of the long side. Turn right side out and hand stitch the opening closed.
3. For people who often feel cold, you can use this same technique to create a shawl. Silk chiffon is an elegant choice that is surprisingly warm (see sample chiffon in the photograph to the left).
4. For those who have a serger, check to see if you have an option to do a tiny serged roll hem. This is a quick and easy technique for any soft, lightweight fabric.
5. For those who love hand stitching, create an heirloom quality silk scarf with a hand rolled hem. Although it is a slow process, it is very enjoyable to those who love to hand sew. And, you can take it with you — hand roll a hem on the plane on the way to your holiday destination — you can't do that with a serger!
6. Double sided scarves with a bound edge are another option — try pairing a silk burnout with a silk charmeuse!

Need more help? We provide sewing support on Sundays at Elfriede's. You can see more information and sign up on the website: www.ElfriedesFineFabrics.com