Quick to Knit Scarf Pattern from Painted Ewe Rovings

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SUPPLIES

2 ounces Border Leicester roving (about 4 yards of fat, fluffy roving)

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TOOLS

1 drop spindle or spinning wheel as desired1 pr. #13 US knitting needlesTape MeasureLarge-Eyed Tapestry Needle

OTHER

Gauge doesn't really matter because this doesn't fit, but about 2.5 stitches per inch

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SPINNING

Spin the wool into a thick n thin yarn with approximately 8 to 10 WPI in the singles and a fairly firm twist. Ply it back on itself allowing the colors to barber pole with 2 to 5 TPI resulting in a yarn that is 4 to 5 WPI. It should have a soft hand and be squishy in feel. This scarf took me one big spindle full of two-ply yarn. I used a Suzie MacFarland Celtic spindle with a 2" whorl and an elongated shaft that she makes just for me and that I use in my spindling classes.

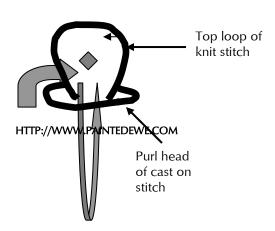
KNITTING

With the #13 US needles, make a slipknot about 3 yards from the end of the yarn and slide over one needle. Use the long tail cast on to cast on 12 stitches. Let the rest of the tail dangle or bundle it up out of your way while you knit. Save it for making the loopy fringe later.

Knit for about 36 inches, being careful to end with the same color you started with. For me, this was 92 rows and 34" to end with the same deep blue with which I started. Do feel free to start and end with the color of your choice and to manipulate the yarn to make this happen. Bind off loosely, leaving a long end a little more than 2 yards long.

LOOPY FRINGES

Pull the free end of the tail through the center of the first knit stitch so that the end is hidden inside the stitch with maybe just a little bit of the tail remaining. Thread the center of the tail onto the needle, leaving enough at the attached end to work with. You're going to make big loopy stitches around the base of each stitch in the first row of knitting to make a fringe that is knotted around the stitches.



What you're doing with the fringe... embroidering loopy lark's head knotted fringe around and through the knitting.



The yarn is coming out of the back of the center of the stitch on the edge of the scarf.

- 1) Poke the needle between that stitch and the one to the right of it and wrap the yarn around the stitch to the left and the back.
- 2) Bring the point of the needle through the loop of the stitch (at the diamond shape in the illustration) from back to front
- 3) Put the needle down through the purl head of the cast on loop as well as under the wrap you just made. Pull the yarn straight down with a little tug.
- 4) Then bring the needle right back up through the wraps and out the back of the stitch, adjusting the length of the loop to about 3 or 4 inches long.

You should have a wrap around the first stitch on the left of the bottom row of the scarf. You should also have a loop hanging down from that stitch and its wrap and the yarn with the needle coming out of the back of the stitch. Now you're ready to go behind the next stitch to the right, wrap it, and make its loop. Continue across in this manner. End the length in the middle of the wraps on the right-most stitch. You will probably need to weave the end back into the knitting to secure it after making sure that each loop is the same length.