

Instructions for Sassy Scarves by Ellen and Friends

Requires 1 yard of cotton or cotton blend fabric. No need to pre-wash.

Preparation:

Tear off selvages on both sides.

Match up one end with one side and fold, so you have a large triangle and one short rectangle at one end.

Tear off the rectangular piece.

Press in half, to determine one half and to make the edges smooth and manageable.

Cut along the long side. You will then have two triangles, just right for two scarves.

Sewing:

Beginning at one end corner (not the right-angled corner), and sew the smallest hem you can, all around the triangle.

(I find it is easier, when I get to the end of one side, if I turn under the side coming up to sew next, under the side I am sewing, right before I get there. In this way, the presser foot secures the next side as you finish the hem on one side. This seems to give nice, crisp corners. Of course, if you have a way that works better for you, use it!)

After you have made one hem around the circumference of the triangle, continue on with your second hem, again all around the triangle. In this way, all raw edges are covered.

Viola! That's it! Press all edges.

Thank you so much if you decide to become part of the Sassy Scarves Team! If you know someone who has lost their hair and would like a scarf, please give it to them! The goal of this project is to help folks who have lost their hair, due to chemotherapy, feel comfortable about how their head looks. Many cancer patients have financial concerns because of the unexpectedness of this acute illness. If we can help them with a pretty scarf, to feel better about things, that's a win in my book!

I plan to offer these scarves, for free, at Oncologist's offices, hospital infusion centers and cancer groups, for starters. If you have any suggestions of other locations, I would love to hear your ideas! Also, if you have ideas for material donations, am also willing in that department! If someone wants to quilt pieces together, so much the better! (Probably the pieces should be secured on the diagonal so that the scarf will still stretch well....) Thank you so much for your interest!

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Tying instructions:

Place the long side of the triangle on your forehead. The scarf "tail" will hang down the back of your head.

Grasp the two ends of the triangle, pull them around to the back of head and tie (like the first knot, when you tie a shoelace) over the scarf "tail."

Then pull these two ends up and over your head, tying them on the top of your head in a little double knot.

Pull the excess fabric down tight, roll up the "tail" part and tuck the tail side-ends underneath on both sides of your cute little scarf-hat!

Once you have your scarf fitted the way you like it, you can gently put it on and take it off like a hat.

We hope you enjoy your scarf. If you have any suggestions, we want to hear!