



Group Knitting Project – It Gets Cold Up North!

Receiving donated items of warm and practical clothing is always popular among seafarers, especially during the winter months. Many of the men and women working on ships are first-time visitors to cooler climates and are accustomed to the warmer temperatures of homelands like the Philippines, India and the South Pacific.

These hard-working crew members welcome hats, scarves, gloves and warm socks, especially when they don't have the funds or the shore leave time to go shopping for such necessary items. The pattern for knitted scarves and caps that is provided to willing volunteers is part of a tradition established in the late 1800s during the Spanish-American War.

Seafarers' House welcomes donations of caps, scarves, socks and vests we can pass along to visiting mariners. This makes a wonderful project for individuals or groups and the results are always greatly appreciated by the seafarers.



Original Seafarer's Scarf

Materials:

4-ply yarn: one scarf takes 4 _ oz.

Pair No. 6 needles

Gauge: 5 sts = 1", 7 rows = 1" (garter st)

Instructions: CO 32 sts with medium tension. Knit even for 14 inches. K4, P4 for 18 inches. K even for 14 inches. BO with medium tension. Note: Measurement of completed scarf: Approx. Width 6 _ "; Length 46"

Finishing: Do Not Block Scarf!

Seafarer's Watch Cap

KNIT: 1-4oz. Skein of 4 ply Acrylic

Needles: size 6 16" circular or size 6-4 double pointed or Size 6-2 needles
(If using only 2 needles – it has to be sewn and shows a seam)

Color: Navy – Dark Brown – Dark Green – Maroon – or appropriate color for men
(We host a few women seafarers, so we welcome "woman colors" as well.)

Directions: Cast on 120 stitches. Knit 1, Purl 1 for 9-9 ½ inches. Continue knitting in stockinet stitch 1-1 ½ inches
K 1 row, P 1 row Decrease as follows:

1st row – Knit 10, knit 2 tog, repeat to end of row

2nd row – Knit 9, knit 2 tog, repeat to end of row

3rd row – Knit 8, knit 2 tog, repeat to end of row

Continue decreasing in this manner until last decreasing row is knit 2, knit 2 tog, to end of row....There should be 30 stitches left on the needles.

Cut yarn leaving a 12-14 inch end. Transfer stitches from knitting needles to tapestry or large eye needle. Pull stitches together firmly and secure by sewing criss-cross (in an X).

Note: If you mark the beginning of the row with a marker it is easier than trying to determine the beginning and will make the decrease rows easier.

Thank you for your interest in this project. Completed scarves and caps may be sent to:

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