We show that you have registered for the MSCR class:
BEGINNING KNITTING SCARF - EVENING

Please bring yarn, needles and tools to class on the 1st day. We recommend you wait until 1 week prior to the start of class to purchase supplies in the event the class is cancelled.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at mlhutchinson@madison.k12.wi.us.

WHERE TO SHOP: Wisconsin Craft Market coupons can be used on some but not all yarns in their stock. wisconsincraftmarket.wordpress.com/coupon/ OR try Michael's, Joann's or Hobby Lobby, or a local yarn store.

SUPPLY LIST: (see below for more details)

1. One or two balls of SMOOTH YARN

2. NEEDLES in the size suggested on the label
3. TOOLS: Gauge tool, yarn needle, stitch markers, and measuring tape

WHAT KIND OF YARN SHOULD YOU GET? CHOOSE YOUR PROJECT FIRST:

For a spring/fall or summer A/C scarf, get a lighter weight smooth yarn (yarn sizes 2-4). Cotton, silk rayon and nylon are great for summer--unless you get really cold in the A/C---then get wool or acrylic!

For cold weather scarves, get wool, other animal fibers, or acrylic (or a mix of these) in thicker weights (yarn sizes 5-7). Wool takes a little extra care for washing, but cannot be beat for warmth.

CHOOSING YOUR YARN:

BEST: Smooth, plied yarns like Lion Brand Thick & Quick or Wool-Ease Chunky are easiest to work with. Wool is a favorite fiber. It’s very forgiving. The instructor can tell you how to care for it without handwashing or dry-cleaning. Merino wool is the softest, and many people who otherwise cannot wear wool like merino.

Newer knitters should AVOID:

- Fuzzy (mohair or angora) or eyelash yarns
- Bouclé (bumpy/loopy) yarns like Lion Brand Homespun
- Chenille or blanket yarns (can be hard to work with and may not wear well)
- 100% cotton yarn will make a very heavy sweater. Look for cotton blended with acrylic, wool, etc.
READING A YARN LABEL

YARDAGE: 185 yards / ball

GAUGE: Expected knitted gauge is 14 stitches and 20 rows in a 4 x 4 inch square using size US 10 (6 mm= metric size) knitting needles. (4 in = 10 cm).

If it just gives a number w/o “US” or “mm” THAT # is the US needle size.

WHICH KNITTING NEEDLES: Students should buy the recommended needle size for their yarn:

TO FIND YOUR NEEDLE SIZE, CHECK YARN LABEL. In America, needles are labelled with both European & US sizing (mm & US). Needle packages will be labelled with both numbers. Take care not to get the mm number mixed up with the US number.

NEEDLES: Get either circular or straight. They come in different lengths; just don’t get the shortest ones.

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CAREFUL not to mix up the numbers for the US size and the metric (mm) size.

OTHER TOOLS:

- Stitch Markers (ring style is fine)
- Tension/Gauge tool
- Jumbo Yarn Needle
- Measuring Tape

**WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?** Different knitters prefer different kinds of needles. I like circular metal or bamboo needles. Circular needles are made for knitting tubes (like seamless sweaters) but can be used for flat knitting (like we'll do in this class.) If you want to try both, get some that you can repackage and return.

**NOTE:** Cheap plastic needles can be hard to use.