

# Rainbow Loop Scarf

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Pattern for knitting your own rainbow (or any other gradient) loop scarf without using actual gradient yarn.

The scarf worked in the round and joined with the Kitchener stitch to hide all knots and ends on the inside.

The finished scarf measures about 64x8”.



## For the rainbow version you'll need:

- 4 colours of Aran weight yarn (about 100-125m/50g), 2 skeins/100g of every colour
- US 10/6mm needles
- Stitch marker, scissors and a tapestry needle

## The Plan:

You'll create the rainbow gradient by using 2 threads of yarn at the same time and changing one thread at a time to make colour changes.

## The pattern:

Rows	Thread 1	Thread 2	Result
6	Blue	Blue	
6	Blue	Green	
6	Green	Green	
6	Green	Yellow	
6	Yellow	Yellow	
6	Yellow	Red	
6	Red	Red	
6	Red	Blue	

See? It's easy-peasy once you've got the concept.

## Let's go:

Cast on 40 stitches with a provisional cast on with the first pair of colours and connect to a round. Place a marker at the beginning of the round.

Knit the pattern seen in the table above 8 times to reach a length of about 64” Secure the loose threads every time you change the colour by sewing them in or however you prefer to do.

Pick up the cast-on stitches and use the Kitchener stitch so join both ends of your scarf.

Sew in the loose ends and enjoy your personal rainbow for cloudy days!

## Variations - You could ... :

- use every other colour scheme - just make sure to either use only 4 colours as I did or change the pattern and the amount of yarn accordingly to your colours.
- make the scarf longer or shorter by knitting more or less pattern repeats – One pattern repeat is about 8” long.
- use another yarn weight – You'll have to check the gauge and cast on different number of stitches, repeat the more often or knit more than 6 rows of every colour combination – depends on what look you prefer.
- use more than 2 threads to create an even more complex gradient. I'd recommend to use thinner yarn for that since 2 threads of Aran weight are already quite heavy.
- not make it a loop by simply not sewing the ends together and maybe adding fringes instead.