

It's Sew Easy Series 1900

Show#1903-1 Scarf Tips and Techniques

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Enhance your wardrobe with a collection of beautiful scarves! Summer, winter, spring, or fall, a scarf is the perfect accessory. *Are you ready? Let's go sew!*

Scarves from this episode include:

- **Summer Scarf** – Colorful sheer chiffon with ruffle trim and rolled hem finish on the serger.
- **Winter Scarf** – Fleece scarf trimmed with geometric accent applied with braiding foot.
- **Spring Scarf** – Lace infinity scarf with serge finished edges.
- **Fall Scarf** – Large scarf/wrap with narrow yarn applied with couching attachment.

Ten Tips for adding Wardrobe Pizazz with Scarves and Wraps

1. Sew a sheer scarf in a bright “tropical” color for warm weather destinations.
 - *This is one of my favorite travel tips. When I’m transitioning from dark drab weather to a sunny, warm climate I always take along a brightly colored scarf. Then, when I shed my coat I have an accent piece that fits with my new scenery and puts me in the mood for some warm weather fun!*
2. Consider making your scarf long enough to double as a shawl.
 - *I like a length of approximately 70-inches for a rectangular scarf. This length allows you to wrap the scarf in a variety of ways or simply drape it over your shoulders to use as a shawl.*
3. When sewing sheer chiffon opt for a straight stitch foot and matching throat plate whenever possible.
 - *Stitching with a straight stitch foot gives you much better control with soft and sheer fabric. The small hole in the foot keeps the fabric from being pushed down into the wide zig zag opening on standard throat plates. If you have the option of using a straight stitch throat plate along with this foot, you’ll achieve the best results possible on fine fabrics. Be sure to select a center needle straight stitch or your needle will hit the foot and break when you begin to sew.*
4. Use strips of water-soluble stabilizer to beef up the edge of sheer fabrics and make them easier to sew on the serger.
 - *Water-soluble fibrous mesh stabilizer looks a little like fabric, but it completely dissolves in water. Cut narrow strips and layer them with tricky fabrics when you have trouble producing a neat rolled hem finish. Simply serge through the layers, trimming a slight amount of fabric and stabilizer as you go. The stabilizer beefs up the fabric and helps you form a neat and even narrow hem on fine fabric. Note that fabric needs to be thoroughly washable to use this technique. Most stabilizers of this type require fairly warm water to dissolve. Check manufacturer’s directions for specifics.*

5. Add couched trim to add surface texture and a splash of color to a ready-made scarf.
 - *For the scarf featured on this show, I used the [Brother](#) MuVit™ foot and the Couching Accessory to apply fine yarn to a ready-made* pashmina style scarf measuring 27" wide by 80" long. Note that the foot and couching accessory is included with some machines and available as an option for others. Visit letsgosew.com for a free [Creative Couching Tip Sheet](#) . **Scarf Resource:** Check local shops for good quality scarves in a similar size. If you can't find one locally consider shopping online. I purchased the blue MaaMgic brand scarf featured on the show on Amazon.*

6. Serge the edge of soft lace for an easy and almost invisible finish.
 - *For this style scarf, pick a fabric that's soft, light, and doesn't ravel easily. Then, select thread that closely matches your fabric and serge finish the edges so the stitch shows on the outside. With lacy fabric the stitch will almost disappear into the fabric. **Tip:** If you can't find cones of serger thread to match, purchase large spools of good quality polyester thread to use in its place. You'll find my detailed instructions for making this Serger Style Lace Infinity Scarf on the [Brother Stitching Sewcial](#) blog.*

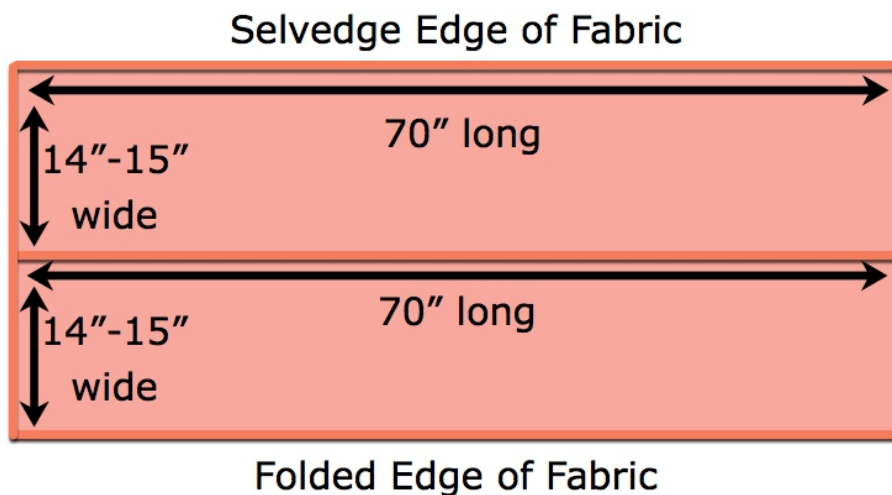
7. Add length to a scarf with a ruffle and you can make a scarf with less fabric yardage.
 - *You'll find my detailed instructions for making this Sheer Scarf with Gathered Ruffles on the [Brother Stitching Sewcial](#) blog.*

8. Use an enclosed seam so your scarf looks pretty on each side.
 - *French seams are ideal for sheer fabrics since they look neat and finished on both right and wrong sides of the fabric. Visit letsgosew.com for more seam and seam finishing tips and techniques.*

9. Use a braiding foot to apply trims up to ¼-inch wide.
 - *The braiding foot featured on this show is the [Brother](#) SA141 Braiding foot. The adjustable slot on this foot allows for different thicknesses of cords, yarn, and ribbon.*

10. Two yards of fabric makes a scarf for you and one for a friend too!

- *Infinity scarves like the one seen on this show are made from a long loop of fabric. Scarf instructions referenced in tip #6 call for two strips of fabric measuring 14" to 15" wide X 70" long. Cut fabric pieces with length running along the selvedge edge, taking care to trim away the selvages. Two yards of fabric 60-inches wide or slightly wider will allow you to make two scarves, See example below:*



If you're a fan of scarf and wrap accessories you may be interested in projects featured in my book titled [Wrapped in Embroidery](#). You can preview the book [HERE](#).

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Happy Sewing!

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