

Homespun & Batik Scarf (8 X 84 inches)

Fabric:

½ yard woven homespun stripe (or shot cottons)

Cut into (2) 8X42-inch strips—do not trim selvage edges

3/8 yard batik or use assorted scraps to coordinate with homespun

Cut (83) 1X6-inch rectangles

Tools:

Fabric marker or chalk pencil

Ruler

Sewing machine

Rotary cutter

Cutting mat

1. Sew 2 homespun strips together on short side and press seam open. Topstitch seam allowances. Leave selvage edges for a quick finish on the short edges of the scarf.
2. Draw line with marker or pencil 1-inch from both long edges of strip.
3. Pin batik rectangles between 1-inch borders leaving 1-inch space between each. (Use a strip as a spacer since it is 1-inch wide.)
4. Stitch through center of each batik rectangle from one long edge to the other.
5. Turn scarf over and repeat on the other side of the homespun placing batik rectangles in alternate positions. (They will be in between those on the other side.)
6. Snip fabric 1-inch deep at ¼-inch intervals along the long edge of scarf. This will make a fringed edge along the length of the scarf.
7. Wet scarf, then dry in the dryer with a bath towel. Snipped fringe will fray for a finished edge.

This scarf can be made any length or width. For example, if you cut homespun strips 6-inches wide, you will be able to make two scarves out of the same fabric. Just cut one strip in half and stitch one short strip to each long strip for a 63-inch scarf—make sure that the selvage edges are on the ends. You will need to cut more batik rectangles as well.

Kaffe Fasset woven stripes work especially well in this project. The rectangles can be all the same batik, a different one on each side, alternated on each side or multiple batiks—use your imagination.

This is also a great way to use up small amounts of thread. Stitching could also be done with the decorative stitches on your sewing machine. Anything goes as long as you like it.

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