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MATERIALS NEEDED: T- shirt scraps OR bits of yarn Scissors crochet hook (size N is what I used)

The scarf that is pictured is made out of scraps that are

left over from making the t-bags. Cut left over tee materials into strips that are  $\frac{1}{2}$  wide. Stretch each strip and tie them together (leaving 1-2" tails) until you get a large ball of yarn. T's that have



side seams are ideal for this project as they can't be used for the loops needed for the t-bags.

You can also make this scarf pattern out of yarn bits. Double or triple the yarn for the effect you want. If you have lots of yarn tails, leave them sticking out. If you don't have lots of them, hide the yarn tails in your stitches. If you have any bits of yarn that are particularly decorative, use that in the outer layers of the scarf.

Begin by tying the yarn around the hook. Chain 100, or however long you want your scarf. Turn and single crochet back through each chain. When you get to the end of the chain, twist the piece 5-7 times and continue to single crochet across onto what is the remaining bottom of the chains. This forms a "mobius" strip or spiral. The number of times you twist the strip will determine how many twists you have in your scarf.

You now have a spiral to crochet around and you can choose what stitches you want to use. You can single crochet in every stitch until you either run out of yarn or decide you are done. You can change your stitches to double crochet in every stitch. You can do a single crochet followed by a double crochet in a stitch and then skip the next stitch. (This is the stitch I used on this scarf. I did all single crochet on another one I made. I made the choices based on the feel of the varn.) The main thing is that you won't be expanding or shrinking the number of stitches. When you are done or run out of varn, blend in the last few stitches by single crocheting, then chaining and tying off.

During this whole process, change and add yarn as you design. If you have lots of white t materials, enjoy tie-dying them for a really unique look, OR add beads and buttons for another unique look.

The scarf can be worn long like a necklace, or doubled as a neck warmer. You could even make it longer so that it can be both doubled around the neck and still dangle.

It took me longer to cut and tie the yarn than it did to make the scarf. Figure about an hour to 90 minutes for preparing the t-yarn and about the same amount of time to crochet the scarf. It takes a little less time if you are using regular yarn pieces.

This is all simple crochet work. Think of the gifts you can make!.....