

## How To

# Sew A Beaded Fringe

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## Equipment Needed

- \* Scarf or other item to bead
- \* Beading thread, or strong cotton
- \* Beading needle (or other long, fine handsewing needle)
- \* Seed beads

My mother used to make food covers for summer picnics from crisp cotton, with a fringe of glass beads to weigh down the edges.

This simple beaded fringe can also be used to add drape and texture to a lightweight summer scarf.



### Step One

Get prepared. You need beads, a needle and thread. While beading thread is available, good quality cotton thread will also do the trick. If you're not using a specialist beading needle, make sure your needle is fine enough to fit easily through the smallest of your beads.

### Step Two

Thread your needle, and attach your thread firmly to the corner of your scarf, right on the hem. Do this by feeding your needle into the hem of your fabric about 4cm away from where you need to start and pull through until the tail just disappears. Make a small stitch. Before you pull this tight, pass the needle and thread through the loop to make a knot.) Use around 30cm of thread, to stop tangles, and prevent weakening and wear.



### Step Three

Thread the beads for one drop onto your needle, and move them right up to the hem of your scarf. Now pass the needle back up through the fourth from last bead, and all the beads up to the hem.

### Step Four

Pull the thread firmly so the beads are held snugly, but still have some movement.

### Step Five

Put a small stitch into the hem to anchor the fringe, and repeat. You may want to re-anchor your fabric (as in step 2) every few repeats, to protect your fringe if one drop breaks.

