



Group Knitting Project – It Gets Cold Up North!

Receiving donated items of warm and practical clothing is always popular among seafarers, especially during the winter months. Many of the men and women working on ships are first-time visitors to cooler climates and are accustomed to the warmer temperatures of homelands like the Philippines, India and the South Pacific.

These hard working crew members welcome hats, scarves, gloves and warm socks, especially when they don't have the funds or the shore leave time to go shopping for such necessary items. The pattern for knitted scarves and caps that is provided to willing volunteers is part of a tradition established in the late 1800s during the Spanish-American War.

Seafarers' House welcomes donations of caps, scarves, socks and vests we can pass along to visiting mariners. This makes a wonderful project for individuals or groups and the results are always greatly appreciated by the seafarers.



Original Seamen's Scarf

from the Seamen's Church Institute

Materials:

4-ply yarn: one scarf takes 4 _ oz.

Pair No. 6 needles

Gauge:

5 sts = 1", 7 rows = 1" (garter st)

Instructions: CO 32 sts with medium tension. Knit even for 14 inches. K4, P4 for 18 inches. K even for 14 inches. BO with medium tension. Note: Measurement of completed scarf: Approx. Width 6 _ "; Length 46".

Finishing: Do Not Block Scarf!