

## Fabric / Weave:

- ◇ **Silk** – The preferred fabric for more expensive large and small fashion scarves.
- ◇ **Cotton** – Bandanas and some less expensive scarves are made from cotton.
- ◇ **Other & Synthetic** – Most scarves found in retail stores are polyester, nylon, rayon, or some blend. This is an inexpensive option, and many resemble a silk weave for less than half the cost.
- ◇ **Knitted/Crochet** – Yarns are usually polyester. Knitted boas are popular, quick, and relatively easy to make on your own.
- ◇ **Beaded or embellished** – Many scarves already have fringe as part of the weave, but some can have added sequins, ball



## More Ideas:

Pinterest – search for “Scarf Tying”

Google — “Hermes Knotting Cards” Also an iOS app available in the app store.

Many local gift and non-chain fashion stores have a varied and attractive scarf section. Some are adding slides and charms.

Fabric will be cheaper to buy yourself if you can stitch a hem. Silk fabric by the yard can also be found online.

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## Spectacular Scarves!



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## Shapes:

- ◇ Large square – around 45 to 60 inches on each side.
- ◇ Medium square – around 36 to 45 inches on each side.
- ◇ Small square (bandana size) – around 22 to 25 inches on each side.
- ◇ Skinny oblong – significantly longer than it is wide. The same lengths as rectangular, but 3 to 5 inches wide.
- ◇ Rectangle – usually 1 ½ times as long as it is wide. Anywhere from 24 to 108 inches long.
- ◇ Boa style – usually around 5 feet in length and made from a fluffy or frilly material.
- ◇ Shawl or wrap – can be rectangular or triangular. Made to wrap around a person twice at it's longest.

## Styles:

- ◇ Bracelet – use a small square or oblong scarf and simply wrap, tie knots, or add pins.
- ◇ Handbag – use a large square scarf and knot at the corners to form the handles, or knot opposing corners together to form a hobo style bag.
- ◇ Tied or draped at neck – the most versatile style, this is what scarves were created for! You can wrap, knot, or drape in nearly any style to suit your dress or achieve a look.



## Styles, cont'd.

- ◇ Necklace – skinny oblong scarves work the best to reduce bulk. Add knots, a charm slide or repurposed napkin ring, or weave another necklace in for more options.
- ◇ Jacket or shirt – one or two large square scarves can be folded into a triangle or rectangle and knotted. The most popular shirt is a halter top.
- ◇ Belt – a skinny oblong scarf works best. You can knot the scarf in several places before tying in front or on the side. Rectangular scarves can be folded once or twice and knotted to resemble an obi (traditional Japanese belt).

