



Do you knit or crochet? You can make a difference...

- ♥ **Handmade Especially for You** is a non-profit organization that makes and distributes “comfort scarves” to shelters for abused women. Many times our hand knitted or crocheted scarf is the first personal gift ever received by the recipient. Each scarf is tied with a ribbon and includes a note signed by the scarf maker.
- ♥ The scarves are intended to provide a bit of comfort to a woman at a time when a small kindness can mean a great deal.
- ♥ The scarf is given upon arrival at the shelter. Nothing is expected in return; there are no strings attached.
- ♥ Your help in making a “comfort scarf” can make a difference to someone you may never know, but who will never forget your kindness.

Handmade Especially for You hopes to provide a scarf to every woman entering an abuse shelter simply because she was brave enough to get there. Leaving an abusive environment is always frightening and often times a dangerous step for the woman who takes it. These scarves are a warm hug from a stranger during this very difficult transition. This small act of kindness is treasured and often transformative.



I am only one, But still I am one.
I cannot do everything, But still I can
do something; And because I cannot do
everything I will not refuse to do the
something that I can do." ~
Helen Keller

Handmade Especially for You hopes to show each recipient that there is kindness in the world and although they may feel very alone, there is someone who cares about them. Many have never received a personal gift, much less a handmade personal gift. Often this small act is a first step toward building the self-esteem that is essential to their healing process. We hope these scarves are a symbol and constant reminder of each woman’s strength, conviction and personal transformation.

The scarves are not for sale. They are gifts given from the heart. Women of all ages and backgrounds donate their time and resources to knit or crochet them.

How wonderful it is that nobody needs to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. ~Anne Frank

Please make a scarf to contribute to this worthy cause. Here are some suggestions:

- Use soft yarn (for comfort)
- Pick fun colors
- Make it four or five inches wide
- Make it 60 inches long
- Use a pattern of your choice or use the easy patterns on the reverse
- Add novelty yarn or ribbon to make it unique

When you have completed the scarf please contact:

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There is no timeline. Make as many as you like. Scarves are always needed to make year-round distributions to shelters in the Madison, WI area.

Handmade Especially for You
began in California in 2008.

Go to www.handmadeespecially.org
to learn more about the project.

Cut out this gift tag, sign your first name & enclose with the scarf.

