Tutorial - Adding Fringe

Hi, my name is Tabetha Hedrick, design director for sweet Georgia yarns and we have a new pattern that just came out. It's called the Christel scarf and it has fringe. So I thought I'd take this opportunity to walk you through how easy it is to add fringe to any project you are making.

Fringe is a fun, easy way to embelish projects and I'm going to show you just how simple it really is.

Now the supplies you need are a piece of cardboard or a ruler that's a little bit longer than your desired finished final fringe length. Give or take yarn of course, a crochet hook in the most appropriate size for your yarn and a pair of scissors.

And of course your finished piece to start first, decide how many strands of fringe you need. The easiest way that I'm going to do to determine that is to simply count how many stitches on my final finished piece where the fringe will go. Let's say I want to work every other bound off stitch is where I want to go. So if I would count those, let's see, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,16 stitches is how many strands I will need if I want. That's for a one strand fringe.

If I wanted to make a two stranded fringe, I would need 32 strands. If I wanted to make a three stranded fringe, I would need 64 etc. You can optionally, you obviously don't have to do every other stitch. You could do every four stitches, but counting those sideways V's here in your bind off or cast on right there is the easiest way to see where you're going to go to insert your fringe.

Now I'm aiming for shorter fringe here, so I've got a ruler measuring uh, right about four inches across. Of course, you could cut your cardboard any length that you want, if you want really long fringe, really short fringe, whatever length you want. C- make sure your cardboard or your ruler measures just a little bit more than that. And we want a little bit of extra play here for when we create a knot to loop it through.

So all you're gonna do is you're gonna take your fringe yarn. Now we're going to just wrap it around that ruler however many times of strands you need just like this. So 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, might have an extra one there. And now I'm just going to cut it on one one side here and there we have our 16 strands to put into our finished piece.

To add our yarn or fringe, we're going to take our strand folded in half just like this. So we have a loop right here at the top. Use your finger to hold that loop. You're going to take your crochet hook and your finished piece and you're going to come in right above that bound, off edge or the cast on edge and your desired stitch from back to front. I'm right here in the corner. You're going to take that loop that we're holding onto and you're going to place it right over that crochet hook. Use the hook to pull it onto it, twisting and pull it through to the back. Just like so. Now you're going to bring your crochet hook up, come underneath the two tails to create a yarn over. We're going to use our hook to pull those straight through the loop we just created, and you're going to pull them all the way through just like this and that's it. And now I'm just going to repeat that. Every other stitch all the way down.

When you're done, you take a look. You may decide that you need to add some more fringe in between, or you might want to space it farther out. It's totally up to you. And the options really are endless here. When you're happy with how it looks, and if they're wrinkly like mine, you can hit it with a little bit of steam and that will straighten out those strands. Totally optional.

Go for the wrinkled look if you want to, but when you're done, you're going to take your scissors and you're basically, you're just going to trim it up so that all of them are the same. You could use a ruler to lay down and hold them all in line if you want to. I'm just eyeballing it here, just like that.

And voila, you have gorgeous fringe ready to show off.