

Journey's End

Description

I'm still singing it and it is a good song. I was not able to finish the scarf while my dad was still with me. I was sitting with him, crocheting on this scarf, when he embarked on his final journey. His was a peaceful end even though the journey there wasn't always so. I am thankful for the time we shared and I will most definitely remember him when I wear this scarf.



Dad's
Memory Scarf

As you can see in the photo, the ending section is all in solid grey. Most of the scarf is made from two skeins of [Nako Arya Ebruli](#) yarn; one in grey and blacks, the other in shades of pink. My first thought was to just stop crocheting when he passed, wherever that might have been but Karla suggested finishing in a different color. So, when I picked it up to finish it a couple of days ago, I dropped the pink and just continued the last 18³ in the grey, made a border on one side and then the tassels; again, all in the grey.

Why did I choose this particular project in this particular yarn? To answer that, I need to tell you another story.

Last year, I went to Vegas, got off the plane and dragged my friend Robin straight to [Sin City Knit Shop](#). I had of course looked up yarn shops in LV before we left. The owners at SCKS dye their own yarn and give it names like "Roll the Dice", "Lucky Tokens", "Megabucks" and "Vegas Lite". How fun is that?! I knew I had to have some. They also carry other local yarns. Amongst the skeins that jumped into my bag, I brought home the yarn pictured below "Roll the Dice" in pinks and purples (of course).



Roll the Dice DK purples



Roll the Dice DK pinks

I had taken the pattern I wanted to make with me, the [Nituna Shawl](#) that I purchased at Annie's catalog.com. The yarns I fell in love with for this project at SCYS, were DK weight(No 3), not Sport weight (No 2) as was specified in the pattern. In yarn terms, Sport weight is lighter/smaller in diameter than DK weight. For you non-yarn folks, I'm sorry but this turned out to be important. We returned home after a fun trip and at some point that fall I made the shawl/scarf. Pattern says it will be 66" long and 15" wide at the mid point.



Mr Ed, my favorite model

Mine is 110" long by 13" at the midpoint. Hmmmm. Not unhappy though. Actually really happy as I can wrap it multiple times, wear it backwards, forwards, as a shawl, as a scarf! Hopefully you get the idea. It's got heft too. And it's soft. And purple although the pink pops more in this photo but I'm ok with that since it's in-your-face fuchsia, not pastel.

But. I did start wondering what it would be like if I used the yarn the pattern called for. Would it crochet up to the correct dimensions? There's that whole pattern/stitch gauge thing. But really, I wanted to see just how much difference the yarn makes.

Here's the two of them next to each other. The one I just finished is 72" long and 13.5" at it's widest point. And check this out. The LV shawl weighs in at 339 grams while the Memory shawl is only 132 grams. Wow.

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So, to sum up, does the yarn weight really matter? Is gauge really important? And the answer is: It depends. Just how much you adhere to these isn't so important on something like a shawl/scarf but **hugely** important if you are making a garment!

All for now, I need to crochet!

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