Multi-fabric Scarf

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Twice within one week I came across what they call multi-fabric or mixed-material scarfs in fashion magazines, apparently the newest must-have of the season. They are designer-made scarfs, put together of usually 3 different types of materials (silk, cotton, chiffon) with different colors and a crazy pattern-mix. They charge about 200-300 Euros for one… Well guess what? I have a huge box full of mixed fabrics… Here is my version of it. I made it double-faced, because some of my materials are very light and transparent and I want it to keep me warm. I could also use even more different fabrics this way and give the scarf an extra luxurious look. I added instructions, even though I am sure you can all figure this out yourselves – but maybe it will give you that extra kick to really go ahead and do it. These are also my first instructions, so I wanted to try it on something easy… (English is not my first language, sorry about the mistakes). Feedback is welcome. It's such a fun thing to make, super fast – and maybe the perfect christmas gift!

Materials

Silk, cotton, chiffon or anything else

Step 1 — Choose your fabrics

Get out your materials, go crazy! Throw them together, combine the unexpected… have fun! You will need a few longer pieces, but you can add some smaller ones, too. Remember to go through your applications box, or do you have tassels or pompoms that you could add?

Step 2 — What goes where?

You will make two separate scarfs that will be put together in the end. Decide which fabrics should go where. In my case, some materials were see-through and I made sure to pair them up opposite something more sturdy. Lay them out…

Step 3 — Cut your pieces

Cut your fabrics all the same width. My width was determined by the red/white fabric which already came that way. For your reference, mine is approx. 34 cm (13 inches) wide. Then you can decide on the lengths of your pieces. Lay them out next to each other, so you see what will be facing what… My total length is about 175 cm (70 inches).

Step 4 — Sew two scarfs

If necessary, overlock (overcast) the fabrics to keep them from ravelling. Pin toghether, right sides facing each other and sew the width of the fabrics together, making two separate scarfs.

Step 5 — Embellish, if wanted...

In my case, where some materials were transparent, I ironed the seam allowance to the non-see-through side and stiched it again next to the original seamline (you could even use a contrasting color). You donâ…t have to do this.
You can also iron the seam allowances apart and stich down each side, or not at all, or use embroidery stiches or french seams.

Step 6 — Sew three sides together!

When you have your two scarfs, lay them on top of each other, right sides facing. Now is the time to add tassels or anything else to one end of the scarf. You lay it in between the two fabrics, lining it up as shown. Pin.
Now sew three sides of the scarf, leaving one of the ends open. I did NOT do this in one step. I first did the one end. Then the two lengths of the scarf separately, starting at the end you have sewn shot already. This will keep you from trouble in case you have strechy material like me…

Step 7 — Finish it!

You are almost done! Turn your scarf around, iron the seams, sides and the seam allowance on the open end to the inside of your scarf (photo). Add tassels if you want. Pin and stitch close to the edge. Thatâ…s it!
If you find it necessary, you can sew along the seams once more, to sew the two layers of the scarf together. Use contrasting colors if you want, or embroidery stiches. Add applications if you want.
Well, wasnâ…t this so much faster than knitting?! Enjoy your scarf, show it off! And then make another one… J