

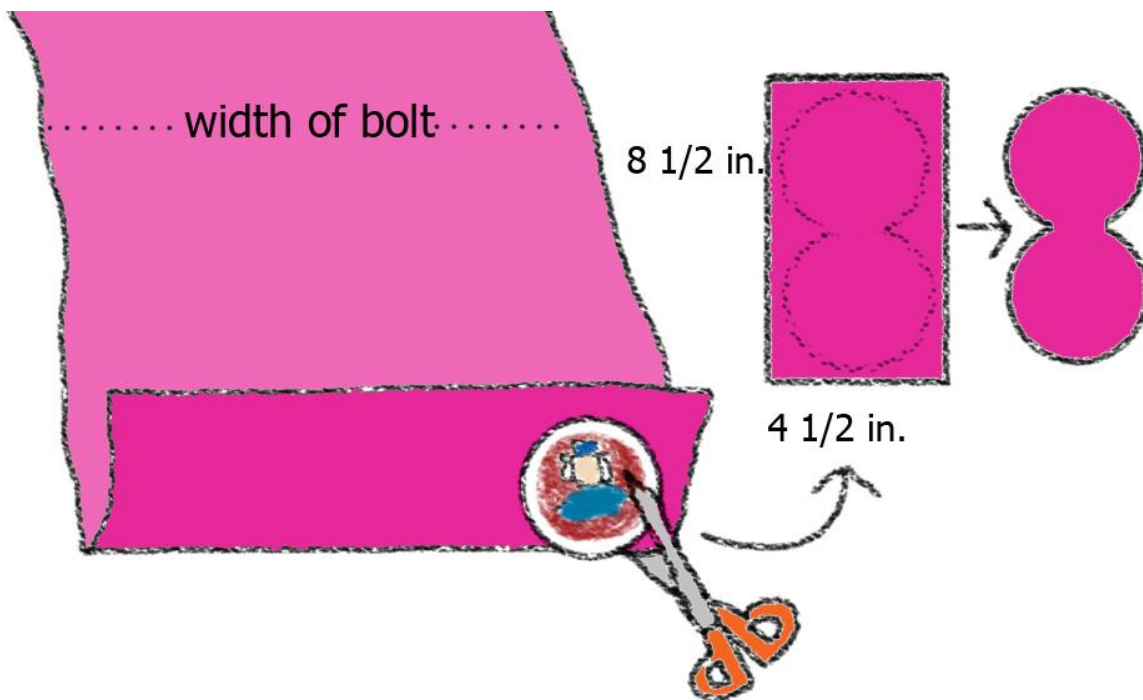
scarf details

The scarf ends up about 48 to 52 inches long, depending on where you cut the slits (the closer to the edge, the longer the scarf). You can adjust the length by adding more or fewer circles of fleece.

For toddlers, for example, you can use 12 pieces (2 of each rainbow color), for a shorter scarf. Or for grown-ups, add a few more.

And, I've also machine washed and dried the scarves, and they hold up well. The pom poms got a little more condensed, but otherwise, smooth sailing.

Here's my cutie pie modeling hers.



HOW MUCH FLEECE DO YOU NEED??

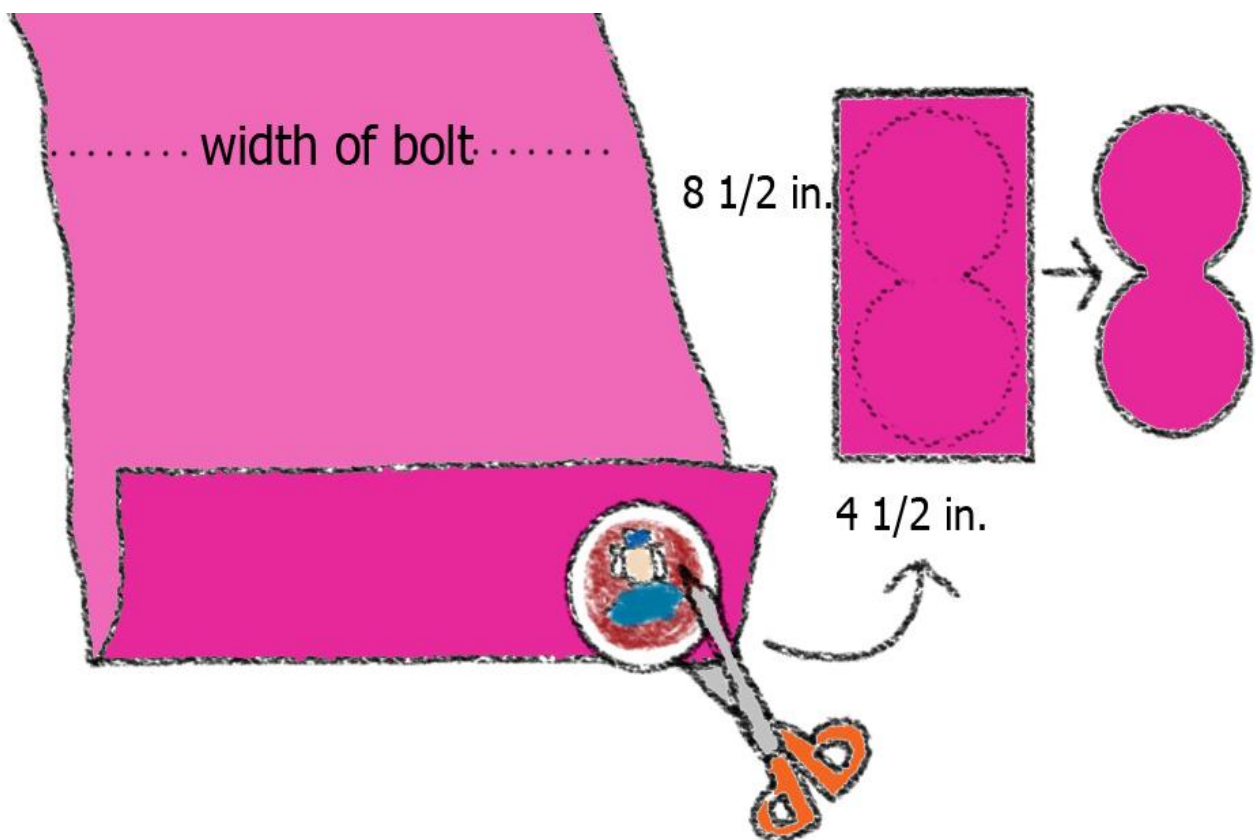
It will depend on **the width of the bolt**, which can vary, the **number of colors you are using** (you'll have to do the math), and the **length of the scarf**.

For toddler scarves, you'll need: 12 fabric circles and 2 pom poms.

For kid scarves, you'll need: 18 fabric circles and 2 pom poms.

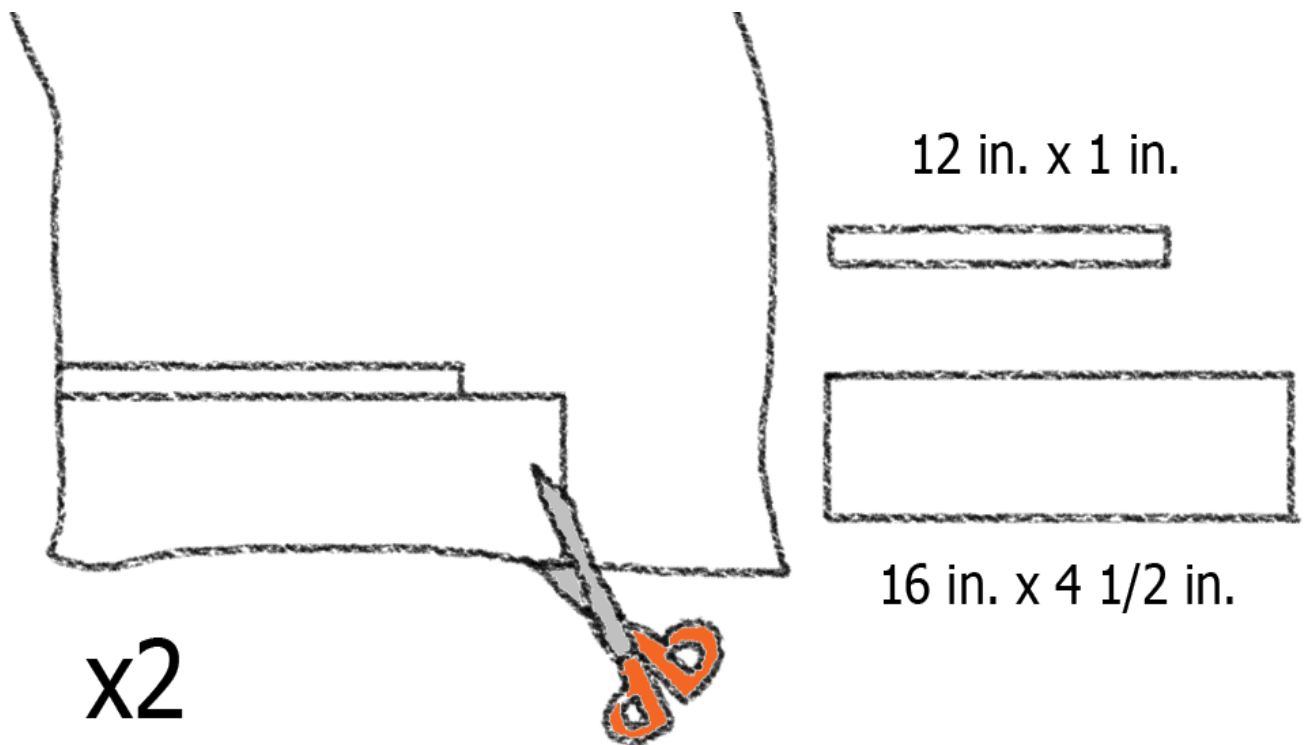
For adult scarves, you'll need: 24 to 28 fabric circles and 2 pom poms.

For each color circle, you need 4 x 8 inches of fabric, but allow 4 1/2 inches x 8 1/2 inches so you don't run short. To determine how many circles you can cut across, *divide the width of the bolt by 4 1/2 inches*. Each quarter yard (which is 9 inches, or, close enough to 8 1/2 inches for math's sake) will give you that many circles of that color.



So for example, a quarter yard of one color on a 54" bolt you can cut out 12 of that color. (If it's, say, a 46" bolt, maybe 10 of that color.) If you do the rainbow as shown, you need three of each color, so if you buy red/pink, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple, and the bolt is 54" wide, you can make 4 scarves. If the bolt is smaller, 3 scarves. Not including the pom poms (see below). If you're only doing a two-color scarf, for example, you would need 9 of each color, so you could do a quarter yard of each color to make one scarf.

For each pom pom, you need a white rectangle that's about 5 x 16 plus the strip to tie, so let's say 6 x 16. Each quarter yard, depending on the width again, will can only make 2 to 3 pom poms. So you will need more of the white if you're making multiple scarves.



OK, let's get going!



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HOW TO MAKE THE SCARF:

Use a lid or other circle template that measures 4-inches across. Trace the lid on a folded piece of fleece so the circle's edge is on the fold. I used a piece of chalk for tracing. You can use a pencil or fabric pencil too.

Cut out the circle, but leave 2-inches of the fold's edge uncut. That way, when you open the fleece circles, they are attached and look a bit like a butterfly.

Cut 1/2 inch slits in each side of the "butterfly," about 1-inch in from the edges.





For each scarf, you'll need 18 of the circle pieces, or 3 of each rainbow color. (More for grown-up scarves, between 24 and 28, less for toddlers, about 12.)

Link all the pieces together.



To make the pom pom, cut white fleece 4 1/2 inches across and 16 inches long. Fold the rectangle in half lengthwise, snip fringe, stopping about 3/4-inch from the fold. Snip a piece of white fleece, 12-inches by 1-inch, to make a rope. Unfold the fringed piece and roll it up. Tie the 10-inch rope around the center and knot tightly. Fluff the pom pom.

Use the rope to tie through the slits at the end of each scarf. Note you'll have to cut a new slit on one end of the scarf, the one that started the chain.