Script for leaders

Follow along with the video session for 'Super scarves'.



Explain what you're doing today and make sure everyone has what they need. Feel free to use whatever word works for you if you don't usually call them 'scarves'. You could say something like:

Today we're going to learn to be more independent and remember what it means to be a Scout by practising rolling, folding, and tying our Scout scarves. Some people call them neckers, and others have other names too.

To learn to roll, fold, and tie your scarf, all you'll need is your scarf, a woggle, and a little bit of space. Everyone got their stuff? Hold it up so everyone can see... great, let's go.

Talk everyone through the first few steps of spreading out their scarves and beginning to roll them. You could say something like:

Start off by spreading out your scarf with the point facing away from you, then smooth it out. Start to roll it away from you, using both hands and keeping it nice and smooth.

Explain that the next step is to stop when there's a hand span of space between the roll and the point. You could say something like:

Stop rolling once there's about a hand span of space between the roll and the point. Stretch your hand out like a starfish – if your thumb touches the roll, your little finger should touch the point of the scarf.

Tell everyone how to fold their scarves. As they're concentrating, talk about why scarves are important for Scouts and what else they could be used for. You could say something like: Unroll your scarf so you can practise folding it. It works in the same way, except you'll fold it instead of rolling it.

Scouts all over the world wear neckers – they remind everyone that they're a part of one big Scout family. In the UK, they also show people which Scout group they belong to. That's not all they do though – they could also be a sling for an injured arm, a blindfold for a game, or a flag. Can you think of any other uses?

Talk everyone through tying a friendship knot. Pause the video and repeat steps as many times as you need to. You could say something like:

Now you're a pro at rolling and folding your scarf, it's time to try to tie a friendship knot. This is a little trickier, so don't worry if you don't get it right first time.

Put the right end of your scarf over the left end and bring it underneath so it's back on the right. Then fold it in half and put the very tip underneath the left end of the scarf to make a little loop.

Put the left end of the scarf through the big hole your neck's in, then put it through the loop you just made. And that's it... you're done! Now you just need to gently pull the ends to neaten it up a bit.

Finally, ask everyone to hold their scarves up. Reassure them that it doesn't matter if they've mastered the friendship knot or if they're using a woggle.