Knitty Pretty

The gift-giving season is at hand, and that means chilly days and empty wallets. *Shojo Beat* is here with fixes for both problems—a quick knit pattern for the scarf that keeps Nana and Ren warm on a special night in *Nana* volume 1, and earmuffs patterned after the headpieces in the PlayStation game *Katamari Damacy*.

Neither of these projects is for someone who has never knit before—the scarf pattern is straight-forward, but beginners might not be familiar with the stranding technique used in the color motif, and the earmuffs pattern is even more complicated.

To learn more about knitting, check out *Stitch 'n Bitch* by Debbie Stoller *or Vogue Knitting: The Ultimate Knitting Book* by *Vogue Knitting Magazine*. There are also loads of useful sites on the internet—try www.knitty.com to get started!

ABBREVIATIONS:

CO	CAST ON
DPNS	DOUBLE-POINTED NEEDLES
ST or STS	STICH OR STICHES
SL ST	SLIP STITCH
K	KNIT
RND or RNDS	ROUND OR ROUNDS
P	PURL
INC	INCREASE
K2TOG	KNIT 2 STS TOGETHER
DEC	DECREASE
KFB	KNIT IN FRONT AND BACK
WYIF	WIH YARN IN FRONT
PU	PICK UP
M1	MAKE 1
RS	RIGHT SIDE
WS	WRONG SIDE
BO	BIND OFF

Ren Scarf
by Pancha Diaz

Not only is this the perfect present for the *Nana* fan in your life, but it only costs about $15 and leaves enough left-over yarn to make arm socks or a beanie!

DIFFICULTY:
Advanced-beginner

MATERIALS:
- Lion Brand Jiffy [acrylic; 135yd 123m per 3 oz/85g skein]
- A: 100 White; 3 skeins
- B: 114 True Red; 1 skein
- C: 153 Black; 1 skein

NEEDLES & NOTIONS:
- 1 set US 11 (8.0 mm) knitting needles
- crochet hook

GAUGE:
12sts/16 rows = 4 inches in stockinette stitch

INSTRUCTIONS:

Beginning:
CO: 24 sts with A (white).
R1: [RS] Sl st 2, k20, sl st 2
R2: P24.
Repeat rows 1-2 for 35 inches.

For ♥ REN ♥ heart design:
Go to www.shojobeat.com/renscarf to download the pattern chart and notes.

Finishing:
With A (white), repeat rows 1-2 for 35 inches, and BO.