

Prayer Shawl

CROCHET DIRECTIONS:

Why is a Prayer Shawl different than a regular lap blanket?

- Throughout our Christian faith the number 3 is a very important number. Three symbolizes the Trinity (creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer) and has come to mean wholeness. It is said that the number 3 is used 523 times in scripture.
- The 3-stitch seed pattern was selected as a symbolic “planting” of peace, healing, love, comfort and hope.
- Prayers: Weave prayers into the shawl as you knit/crochet. Begin with a prayer for blessing the shawl itself. Then as you stitch, pray for the person who will receive the shawl.
- Blessed by a Priest! Before delivering your prayer shawl please have a Priest bless the shawl. If you are dropping it off for our ministry we will have the Pastor take care of that before packaging it for delivery.

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Materials Needed

4 Skeins of Lions Brand Homespun Yarn
Size N or P crochet hook

Pattern

- Chain 54 stitches
- Row 1: Turn, Chain 1, single crochet in each chain to the end of row. (You should have 54 stitches in each row) count, count, count! Turn, Chain 3
- Row 2: Double crochet in the top of each single crochet. Turn, Chain 3, and repeat Row 2 twice.
- Repeat pattern (1 row single crochet, 3 rows double crochet)
- Crochet 3 skeins of yarn. Use the 4th skein and cut 108 pieces of 12 inch yarn to use for fringe. Put pieces aside until later to use for the fringe.
- Then continue knitting shawl with the remainder of the 3rd skein.
- End with a single crochet row.
- Add Fringe

Fringe

Knot the ends of each fringe piece. Fold in half and loop through the stitches on the ends of the Prayer Shawl using a slip knot.