

Prayer Shawl

KNITTING 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

3 Skeins of Lions Brand Homespun Yarn
Size 11 or 13 knitting needles

Pattern

- Cast on 57 Stitches.
- Row 1: Knit (K) 3, Purl (P) 3, to the end of the row.
- Turn, and repeat Row 1 always starting with a K
- Knit 2 skeins
- Use the 3rd skein and cut 114 pieces of 12 inch yarn to use for fringe to finish shawl. Put pieces aside until later to use for the fringe.
- Then continue knitting shawl with the remainder of the 3rd skein.

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.