

Directions for Making Prayer Shawls

Weave prayers into the shawl as you make the shawl. Begin with a prayer of blessing for the creation of the shawl and a blessing for the recipient of this shawl.

Knitting Directions

Materials:

3 skeins Lion Brand Hometown yarn or any soft worsted weight yarn.

Needle Size: 11 or 13 knitting needles.

Pattern: Cast on 57 stitches.

First Row: Knit 3, purl 3 to the end of the row.

Following rows: Turn. Knit the purl and purl the knit. You will begin every row with knit. A weave pattern will develop. Knit about 2 2/3 skeins in the pattern. Use the rest of the yarn for fringe. The fringe can be as short as 3 inches or as long as 8-9 inches. Finished size is about 30" x 6', plus fringe.

Crochet Directions

3 skeins Lion Brand Hometown yarn or any soft worsted weight yarn.

Needle Size: N crochet hook

Pattern: Chain 51 loosely

Row 1: (Right side): (dc, ch2, sc) in 4th ch from hook, * skip next 2 chs, (2dc, ch2, sc) in the next ch. Repeat from * across.

Row 2: Ch 2 turn (2dc, ch2, sc) in first ch2 and in each ch2 space across. Repeat Row 2 until you have used 2 2/3 skeins of yarn or about 6' long. Do not finish off.

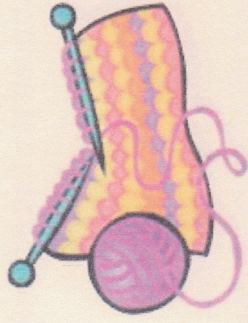
Last Row: ch2, turn * sc in first ch2 sp, ch2. Repeat from * across and end a sc. Finish off.

Fringe: Add fringe to first and last rows as desired with remaining yarn.

Prayer Squares:

Use soft yarn like the shawls. Finished size should be between 4" and 5" square.

Prayer Shawl and Prayer Square Ministry



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Who should receive a Prayer Shawl or Prayer Square?

Prayer shawls and squares are intended for men, women and children. They provide a physical reminder of God's love for us and His continued presence in our lives.

*Never will I leave you;
Never will I forsake you. Heb 13:5*

Shawls and squares may be given to family and friends that are in the need of prayer, healing, comfort, love, hope, or encouragement.

They may also be given as a sign of appreciation for ministry that is glorifying and building the Kingdom of God.

Prayer is woven into every stitch of the prayer shawls and squares. Prayers are offered for the creation of the shawls and squares, as well as prayers of blessing for the recipient.

Once completed, they are prayed over and blessed by our Pastors during a special time of dedication during our worship service.



Prayer squares are wonderful to have in your pocket, purse or school bag. They can be put in your bible or other special location that is readily available to provide comfort and encouragement of God's presence.

How you can be involved in the Prayer Shawl and Prayer Square Ministry

1. You may become involved by offering to knit or crochet shawls, squares or both.
2. You may donate yarn for others to use in the creation of shawls and squares.
3. You may make a financial donation for the purchase of yarn and supplies.

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