

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING DIRECTIONS:

Supplies:

needles size 11, 14 inch length

3 skeins of Homespun yarn

Homespun Yarn Log – keep track of the color, the date and for whom the shawl was knit (if you know it)

Prayer:

As you are knitting, weave prayers into the shawl for the person who will receive it. Pray for the person by name if you know it. Ask for God to provide healing of body, mind and spirit to the person and pray for God's love to surround and support the person. When the shawl is given to the recipient it becomes a mantle of love.

You can also hold the skeins of yarn and say prayers and/or hold the finished shawl in your arms and say prayers. Or do all of these things.

Pattern:

Requires three skeins of Homespun yarn. There is no gauge for this shawl.

Cut 114 pieces of yarn, each 10 inches long, off the outside of a skein. Set aside the fringe and save this skein to use last, being sure you use it from the inside when you use it to knit the shawl.

With a second skein, cast on 57 stitches

Knit three, purl three across the row. End with K3.

Repeat this row until finished.

When near the end of the third skein, measure off about 5 lengths of yarn the width of the shawl and save them for binding off (do not cut). Use the remaining yarn to finish.

Bind off loosely to match width of cast on edge. You should have a piece left long enough for a sample of yarn and a piece to go in a “prayer knot.”

Finished shawl should be close to 6 feet long before fringing and close to 2 feet wide.

Do not block the shawl!

Before beginning to fringe it is a good idea to mix all the pieces up so they won't be in the order they were cut from the skein. This creates a more interesting fringe arrangement when it is used randomly.

Fold over each strand of fringe, loop[one through each of the 57 cast on/cast off stitches and pull. Tie a knot in the end of each fringe thread about 1 inch from end.

Most knitters will get a loose, comfortable weave. However, the yarn varies in consistency. Yarns in plain color or with one other color knit up more easily than the more variegated yarns.

The variegated yarns have a tendency to bunch on the thread they are wrapped on so care must be taken to keep this from happening. These also have 'fat' places and 'thin' places in the yarn.