

Knitted Prayer Shawl Pattern

Suggested yarn: Lion Brand Homespun

Amount of yarn needed: 3 skeins (6 oz. each) of the same dye lot

Size needles: 13

Approximate finished size: 26" x 60"

Before you begin: Pray that God will bless the work of your hands. As you knit, pray for God's comfort, strength and healing for the recipient.

Cast on: 57 stitches, fairly loosely.

Pattern: Knit 3, purl 3 to the end of the first row. **Repeated rows:** Continuing in K3, P3, knit the purl stitches and purl the knit stitches of the previous row (modified moss or seed stitch.) Bind off loosely with a knit row when desired length is reached.

- If you cast on 57 stitches you will **always start and end a row with K3.**
- You can also knit every row, which is called garter stitch, instead of K3, P3.
- To create smoother edges for your shawl: at the beginning of each row, slip the first stitch purlwise; the yarn will be in front of your work. Carry the yarn to the back, K2, and continue with the pattern to the end of the row.
- If your yarn has a multicolored stripe, be careful when tying on a new skein. Make sure the color sequence is correct. Also, tie on the new skein in the body of the shawl, instead of an edge, as the ends tend to show. Darn the loose ends into the shawl.

Fringe: *Before you begin knitting with the third skein, cut your yarn pieces for the fringe.*

After all fringe pieces are cut, knit to the end of what's left of the third skein. The fringe is approximately 6" long. Because the fringe is doubled when you fasten it to the shawl, cut the fringe twice the desired length (i.e., 12"). For standard fringe, cut 57 lengths for each end of the shawl, or 114 total lengths. To attach fringe, double the yarn and, using a small crochet hook, pull the loop through the stitch; insert the ends of the fringe through the loop and pull tight, creating a knot.

Homespun yarn tends to fray, so knot the ends of each strand of fringe to keep the fringe from fraying.

**May God touch your hands with love.
May God guide your needles with compassion.
May God fill your yarn with his Spirit.
May your knitting be blessed.**