

LION BRAND HOMESPUN

Knitted or Crochet Prayer Shawl

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SKILL LEVEL: Beginner

NOTE:

Because different knitting ministry groups and individuals make prayer shawls in their own ways, there is a great deal of variation. This pattern gives a sample of how to make a knit or crocheted shawl. Your individual choices in yarn and needle/hook size will affect the finished size and thickness of the shawl, but there isn't one right way.

Because crochet uses more yarn than knit, a crochet shawl will be a bit smaller than a knit one made with the same number of yarn skeins. To make a larger one, start with a longer chain and use an additional skein.

SIZE:

Average size: approximately 24 in x 60 in (At St. Paul's, we would prefer 72 inches)

MATERIALS:

1. LION BRAND Homespun- 3 skeins (for 60 inches) or 4 skeins (for 72 inches) in colors of your choice (We give prayer shawls to both men and women!)
2. Knit: Size 10.5 (6.5 mm) through 15 (10 mm) knitting needles
Crochet: Size N-13 (9 mm) or P-15 (10 mm) crochet hook

INSTRUCTIONS:

Knit Version

Cast on 63 stitches or any multiple of three, such as 54, 57, or 60.

First row Knit 3, Purl 3 to the end of the row.

Repeated row Turn and knit the purl stitches and purl the knit stitches.

Crochet Version

Loosely chain about 43 stitches.

First row Half-double crochet in third chain from hook and in each chain across.

Repeated row Chain 2, turn. Half-double crochet in each half-double crochet across.