

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted by Westwood members and presented by a pastor or parish nurse as a gift from our congregation to people who are experiencing life events. Many prayers and blessings are included in the yarn of every shawl. When a person wraps themselves in their prayer shawl, they are reminded of the love our congregation and the gentle arms of Jesus which enfold, uplift and comfort us all.

Shawl creators give their time and talent. To support them in their work, yarn will be available at no cost to the knitter. Call Dee Petrie @ 612-804-0321 or email @ deepmin@aol.com to arrange turning in shawls or yarn pickup. Please leave your name with the completed shawl.

The goal is to keep a supply of shawls ready for people in need of comfort. Anyone who wishes to be a part of this ministry is welcome. For those who wish to contribute, the cost of each shawl is about \$15.

More information on Prayer Shawl Ministry is available at www.shawlministry.com

Instructions:

Prayer: Before you start and as you knit or crochet, 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 the love of Jesus to surround and support the person.

Knitting:

Supplies:

- Needles size 11 or 13, 14" in length
- 3 skeins of Lion Brand Homespun yarn

Directions:

- Cut 114 pieces of yarn for fringe, each 10" long, off outside of skein and set aside.
- Cast on 57 stitches. First row (and all subsequent rows)
- Knit 3 purl 3 to the end.
- Continue until all skeins are used up (~57-58 inches long). Cast off.

Fringe:

- Before beginning to fringe, it is a good idea to mix all the pieces up so they won't be used in the order they were cut from the skein. This creates a more interesting fringe arrangement. Fold over each strand of fringe and loop one through each of the 57 cast on/cast off stitches and pull through. Tie a knot in the end of each fringe end about one inch from the end because Homespun yarn tends to unravel when cut.

Crochet instruction on other side

Crochet:

Supplies:

Crochet hook size M, N, or P

3 ½ skeins Lion Brand Homespun yarn

Directions:

Cut 114 pieces of yarn for fringe each 10” long from outside of skein, set aside.

Chain 54 stitches.

Chain 1, turn.

Single crochet in each of the stitches to the end. Chain 2 and turn.

Half double crochet in top of each single crochet. Repeat the row 2 more times.

Chain 1 and single crochet to the end. Chain 2 and turn. Do 3 rows of half double

crochet. Repeat pattern to end (1 row single, 3 rows half double).

End with 1 row single crochet.

Finish with fringe. (see fringe instruction other side).