

## Making a Prayer Shawl

Our shawls are either knitted or crocheted. If you would like to make a shawl, here are some simple instructions.

You will need **three skeins of Lion Brand Homespun yarn** for either knit or crocheted shawls. This brand of yarn is suggested because of its soft texture and colors. The yarn is available at Wal-Mart and Michael's Craft stores.

### *Knitted Prayer Shawls*

Use size 13 needles.

These needles provide a loose weave and make the project go fast.

(Note: If you have yarn at home you'd like to use, that's okay, too.)

**Begin by casting on 57 stitches.**

Pattern:

**Knit 3, purl 3, to the end of the row.**

**Turn, and repeat the pattern.**

**Each row will begin with "Knit 3"**

Before you begin your third skein, set aside the yarn you will need for making the fringe for both ends of the shawl. Then, knit until you finish the yarn.

The fringe is made by cutting lengths of yarn about 8 inches long. Hold two together and fold in half. This creates four ends. Pull through and knot.

### *Crocheted Prayer Shawls*

Use a 10 mm hook.

For fringe, cut at least 108 pieces of yarn, 8 inches long, before beginning to crochet.

Ch 53. Turn. SC for 3 rows. Turn.

In the second sc from hook, \*do 3 dc, sk1 st; sc in next st, sk1 stitch; in next stitch, rep from\* for width of shawl. Ch 2. Turn. (You should have 13 dc shells across.) Note that the 3 dc shells are done in the center of the dc group in the row below.

Repeat this row until shawl is the desired length. End with 3 rows of sc.

Attach fringe to shawl.

### *A Gift of Love*

There is really no right or wrong way to create these gifts of love and caring.

The shawls do not all have to be alike. When you finish a shawl, it will be blessed and given to someone to whom it will become a very meaningful gift. If you are knitting with a recipient in mind, that will be wonderful as well.

Finished shawls may be brought to our ministry meetings or left in the church office.

*approx. finished size 20" x 60"*