

Healing Prayer Shawl With Lion Brand Homespun Yarn

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Since the inception of the Prayer Shawl Ministry in 1998, members of this ecumenical organization have lovingly donated their time and talents by creating hand-knitted and crocheted shawls for those in need. This grass-roots movement quickly grew into an international cause, with countless numbers of shawls being given to grateful recipients around the globe. The Ministry's message of caring is simple, universal and enduring. The creation and presentation of a prayer shawl, like all acts of generosity, enriches the giver as well as the recipient.



NOTES:

Because different Knitting Ministry groups and individuals make prayer shawls in their own ways, there is a great deal of variation. This pattern provides a sample of how to make a knit or crocheted shawl. Your individual choices in yarn and 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.

Finished Size: Approximately 24-30" x 60"; exact size is not important.

Materials: This Lion Brand pattern calls for Homespun yarn but similar yarns can be used.

- Lion Brand Homespun®: Homespun is a bulky weight yarn. It's 98% acrylic, 2% polyester. Each skein has approximately 185 yards. You'll need 3 skeins of this or an equivalent yarn (approximately 555 yards total).

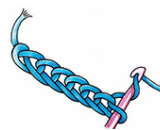
Finished Size: Both knit and crochet versions should be approximately 24-30" x 60"; exact size is not



Knit Pattern

Size 10.5 (6.5 mm) - 15 (10 mm)
knitting needles

- 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.
- End on any row and weave in ends.



Crochet Pattern

Size M-13 (9 mm) or N-15 (10 mm)
crochet hook

- 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.
- End on any row and weave in ends.