

# Prayer Shawl Instructions for Knitting

To knit a shawl you will need:

- Knitting Needles, size 11 or 13
- Lion Brand Home Spun, 3 skeins (approx. 555 yards) of same dye lot. Feel free to use any other slightly bulky yarn that is washable.
- 8" long piece of heavy cardboard to wind yarn on for fringe.

## Knitting Pattern:

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Cast on stitches in multiples of three - 54, 57, or 60.

- **First Row:** k3, p3, to end
- **Second Row:** Always start the next row with the opposite stitch of what you see. For instance, if the first stitch on the needle is a knit, then start with a purl.

## Knit The Purls and Purl The Knits!!!

Another option is to keep the pattern the same, (purl the purls and knit the knits) to create a ribbed effect.

## Note: If you cast on 57 stitches you will always start with K3

Continue with pattern until you have gone through 2 skeins of yarn. Before starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> or last skein, wind yarn from the last skein around an 8" long piece of cardboard, approximately 150 times. Cut the yarn off on one end. This can be done in batches so the yarn will stay the same length and be easier to count. This will ensure that you have enough material left for fringing. Put cut yarn pieces into a plastic baggie to keep together.

Knit the remainder of the skein onto the shawl. Cast off in knit stitch.

**Fringe:** To do it yourself, divide the cut yarn into two piles, one for each edge of the shawl. Take 2 pieces of the yarn, fold in half and using either your fingers or a large crochet hook, work the folded loop through an edge hole. Thread the ends through the loop and pull snug. Continue across the edge, attaching fringe every other or third edge hole. Repeat to other end.

You may either do the fringing or we can complete it for you.