

Crochet Directions for Prayer Shawl

Crochet patterns by Kathy Knox

1. Crocheted Prayer Shawl

Same pattern used for all sizes – it is worked in multiples of 3 + 1 so you can adjust the number of chains to suit your taste and your tension. You will probably need anywhere from 3 to 5 skeins of yarn as crochet uses more yarn per stitch than knitting does. Approximate finished sizes are 24” – 36” wide and with fringe are about 6 feet long.

Worsted – 24” shawl, chain 61 (use hook size “J” or “K”)

Worsted – 36” shawl, chain 91 (use hook size “J” or “K”)

Homespun/Chunky – 24” shawl, chain 46 (use hook size “N”)

Homespun/Chunky – 36” shawl, chain 61 (use hook size “N”)

Row 1: (dc, ch 2, sc) in fourth ch from hook, * skip next 2 chs, (2dc, ch 2 sc) in the next ch. Repeat from * across.

Row 2: ch 2, turn. (dc, ch 2, sc) in first ch 2 sp. (2 dc, ch 2, sc) in each ch 2 space across. Repeat row 2 until you have about ½ a skein of yarn left. Do not finish off.

Last row: Ch 2, turn, * sc if first ch 2 sp, ch 2. Repeat from * across and end with a sc. Finish off.

2. Double Strand Crocheted Prayer Shawl

Materials:

- ❖ Size “P” Crochet Hook
- ❖ Red Heart Worsted Weight Yarn (approximately 6 oz. skeins)
- ❖ 3 skeins solid
- ❖ 3 skeins variegated

(I’ve used heather denim and desert sunset – its makes a beautiful tweed effect)

Note: Entire afghan is worked with one strand of each color held together.

Chain 60 loosely

Row 1: working in the back ridge of the chain, SC in second Ch from hook. *CH1, skip next SC, SC in next CH. Repeat from * across: (30 sc made).

Row 2: CH 1, turn, SC in first SC, (CH 1, SC in next SC) across.

Repeat Row 2 until you have used about 2 - ½ skeins of yarn. Use remaining yarn to make fringe and apply to the first and last rows.

We suggest you weave prayers into your shawl as you crochet, at the beginning, or at the end of the project. There is no right or wrong way to create these mantles of love and care. Enjoy!!

You may choose to use the following prayer –

Dear Heavenly Father, be with the person who will wear this prayer shawl, each day. Comfort and console this person as you hold him or her in your healing presence. May this shawl be a sign of your love and grace. May this shawl bring warmth when to the weary. May it surround the person with love to ease the pain and suffering. O Christ, be with the doctors, nurses, and all who care for the sick. May your strong touch reach out to heal all the broken and hurting people and places in our world. We ask your blessing on the prayer shawl and the person who will wear it. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

3. Tunisian * Crocheted Prayer Shawl by Kathy Know

Materials:

- ❖ Size “P” Afghan Crochet Hook (Approximately 14” long)
- ❖ 4 skeins of Lion Brand Homespun or other chunky weight yarn

With hook, chain 58 loosely

Base row (Working Across): Working in back ridge of the chain, insert hook in CH, YO and pull up a loop and leave on the hook. Repeat to the end: 59 loops on hook.

Return Row (Working Back – you always see the front of your work): YO and draw through one loop, then (YO and draw through two loops) until you complete row and have one loop remaining.

Row 2: (Tunisian Knit 3, Tunisian Purl 3) across to last stitch. Tunisian Knit last stitch. Now work RETURN ROW.

Row 3: (Tunisian Purl 3, Tunisian Knit 3) across to last stitch. TKnit last stitch. Now work RETURN ROW.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until you have used 3-2/3 skeins. End by working a RETURN ROW.

Binding Off: Insert hook in top loop of first stitch, YO and draw through 2 loops. Repeat across and fasten off last stitch as in normal crochet. Weave in ends.

Finishing: Depending on your yarn, you can fringe the first and last row or I found that with the Homespun, it is nice to work a row of long loop stitch across to avoid fraying.

* Tunisian Crochet goes by many names, some of the most popular including “Afghan Crochet,” “Tricot Crochet,” and “Shepherd’s Knitting.” It is a hybrid of knitting and crocheting done on a long crochet hook that resembles a knitting needle. This style of crochet was very popular during the Victorian Era and is somewhat obscure now. It is really fun and the Prayer Shawls really work up fast once you get the basics down.

About Hooks: For the Tunisian Crochet Hooks, try <http://www.jklneedles.com> . I have ordered several of the birch afghan hooks she carries and they are quite nice. She has large sizes which are generally not available at your local retail stores. You can use large double ended hooks (sometimes called “Cro-Knit”), but sometimes your work can slide over the other end.

Prayer Shawl:

Supplies:

- ❖ 3 skeins of Lion Brand Homespun Yarn (available at Wal-Mart and a few other discount stores.)
- ❖ Size 11 or 13 needles (size 15 works also, although they may be hard for some knitters to hold.)
- ❖ Size 5 or F crochet hook
(It is possible that some other yarn would work just as well. This particular yarn is very soft and knobby, and knits up into a warm, cuddly shawl.)

Pattern:

- ❖ Cast on 57 or 63 stitches.
- ❖ Knit 3, purl 3 to the end of the row. Turn. Repeat.

Fringe:

- ❖ The fringe can be as short as 3 inches or as long as 8 or 9 inches.

For a 7-inch-long, cut lengths of yarn 14 inches long. An easy way to do it is to loosely wind yarn around and around a 7-inch wide piece of cardboard, and then cut through all strands at one end of the cardboard. You will need to cut 128 strands of yarn.

Double one strand of yarn and, using the crochet hook, pull the yarn partly through the corner stitch of one end of the shawl. Bring the two ends through the loop and pull up tightly. Repeat in each of the spaces between the stitches all across each end.

Prayers:

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