

Baptism Stole Knitting Project

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The United Church Women (UCW) of Transcona Memorial United Church is working in collaboration with the Worship Committee on a project that would see small knit Baptismal Stoles presented to infants being baptized.

The plan is to engage a team of knitters who would like to make these stoles to be presented as small keepsakes and gifts of love to all babies. As we baptize many babies over the course of the year (26 in 2005) we need to have lots of knitters helping along the way.

We would love to begin our presentations in January and we need a few more knitters on the team. If you would like to join us and contribute a stole, we would be very happy to provide you with the pattern. Please contact us through this website, or through the Church office, 222-1331: <http://tmuc.ca/content/view/43/35/>

This pattern was submitted to me by Grace Kilpatrick of Selkirk Presbytery and the ladies of the Teulon UC knit these for the babies who are being baptized. Other women of other churches in the Selkirk Presbytery also knit these and offer them to the babies who are being baptized in their pastoral charges. I think it is a lovely way of welcoming new babies into the fellowship of Christ.

Materials required:

- ❖ 1 ball white baby wool or other light weight white wool
- ❖ 3 mm (Size 11) needles

Cast on 4 stitches

Row 1: Knit 1 row

Row 2: Increase 1 stitch in the first and last stitches of this row. (6sts)

Row 3: Knit

Row 4: Increase as before. (8 sts)

Row 5: Knit

Continue to increase every other row up to 28 sts.

Knit 1 row. (Slip 1st st each row to make a firm edge)

Next row, slip 1 st, knit 10 sts, purl 6, knit 11.

Next row, slip 1, knit across.

Slip 1, knit 10, purl 6, knit 11. Continue in this fashion to 9 ridges (18 rows)

Next row, slip 1, knit 4, purl 18, knit 5.

Slip 1, knit across

Continue these 2 rows to 4 ridges (8 rows)

Slip 1, knit across.

Slip 1, knit 10, purl 6, knit 11.

Slip 1, knit across

Continue for 5 ridges (10 rows)

Continue knit 7 slip 1 across

Continue same way to 19 inches

Then knit cross in, making sure purl row is on the same side – but work backwards on the pattern. Knit 1