

PRAYER-SHAWL KNITTING PATTERN

Size 8mm(0 UK) needles. Double knitting wool. 4 or 5 x50 gram balls, or 2-3x100gram

Cast on 63 sts. The pattern is knit 3, purl 3 for every row.
Any odd multiple of 3 will work depending on the width you want, 57,63, 69, etc.
These numbers will give an average width of 23 inches. Size 9mm(00 UK) needles will give a slightly looser texture and wider shawl.
Knit the shawl to the required length, 55 to 60 inches.

You can then attach a fringe.

Decide how long you want your fringe. An easy way to measure the strands is to wind the wool around a piece of card the length of your fringe, say 4inches. Then cut across through one end of the wool leaving you with 8inch strands.

For a standard fringe you need as many lengths as you have stitches. Double each strand, and using a crochet hook, pull the loop through the stitch on your shawl, insert the ends of the fringe through the loop and pull taut, creating a knot. You can vary the texture of the fringe by using more than a double strand each time and a stitch or more in between.

Leave plenty of wool for the fringe before finishing knitting so that you don't run short.

There are other shawl patterns available in knitting or crochet in books and on the internet.

Opening prayer for knitting session

As we gather for this time of knitting together in fellowship,

May a Spirit of comfort ease the burdens of our day;

May a Spirit of peace descend upon us;

May a Spirit of love open our listening hearts;

May a Spirit of wisdom guide the work of our hands.

May we be filled by a Spirit of gratitude for this time of communion

May we be filled by a spirit of appreciation for all who are here and for those who are absent.

Amen