



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**Thank you for your interest in providing prayer shawls for Hospice of Huntington patients. Finished items may be dropped off to any of our offices. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 304-52-4217 or [info@hospiceofhuntington.org](mailto:info@hospiceofhuntington.org) with any questions.**

### Knitting Instructions

Knitted prayer shawls use approximately 555 yds of yarn.

Needle size 11 or 13 recommended.

Knitted shawls take approximately **24 hours** to complete.

Cast on stitches in multiples of 3 -- 54, 57 or 60. For example, if you use 11 needles and cast on 54 stitches, 3 skeins of yarn is enough. Some yarns vary in elasticity which will affect your outcome, as will your knitting tension. If the yarn you have chosen has a multicolored stripe, be careful when tying on a new skein. Make sure the color sequence is correct. Also, tie on the new skein in the body of the shawl, instead of an edge, as the ends tend to show.

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.** It should NOT look like ribbing. Note: If you cast on 57 stitches, you will always start with K3.

Bind off with a knit row. Use what you have left to cut fringe. Suggestion for fringe: You can also do this before using the last skein. Divide the pile in half and split not them to the ends evenly spaced. If the yarn is manufactured loosely wound, you may have to knot the ends of the fringe to keep it from unraveling.

**Please see page 2 for crochet instructions.**

# Crochet Instructions

*Crocheted prayer shawls use approximately 760 yards for longer shawls and 60+ stitches  
Hook size M, N or P*

*Crocheted shawls take approximately **14 hours** to complete.*

*Chain 54 stitches or desired width of shawl.*

*Chain 1, turn, single crochet in each of the stitches to the end. Chain 3 and turn.*

*Double crochet in top of each single crochet. Repeat this row 2 more times.*

*Chain 1 and do 1 row of single crochet to end. Chain 3 and turn.*

*Do 3 rows of double crochet. Repeat pattern to end (1 row single, 3 rows double).*

*End with 1 row of single. Finish with fringe. (Developed by Rita Glod)*

*Note: Crochet typically takes more yarn so you may have to adjust the width and size of hook or use another 1/3 skein. It is suggested skeins of the same dye lot be purchased.*

*Shawls should measure from wrist to wrist or approximately 57-58" long.*