

How are the prayer shawls made?

Shawls are either knitted or crocheted. The instructions are simple. Each shawl takes three skeins of Loin Brand Homespun Yarn. The ministry team has a selection of yarn or you can purchase your own at Hobby Lobby, Michael's, Wal-Mart, or Ben's Five and Dime.

Instructions for Knitted Prayer Shawls

Use size 13 needles

These needles provide a loose weave and make the project go fast.

Begin by casting on 57 stitches.

Pattern:

Knit 3, purl 3, to the end of the row.

Turn and repeat the pattern.

Each row will begin with "Knit 3."

Before you begin your third skein, set aside the yard you will need for making the fringe for both ends of the shawl. Then, knit until you finish the yarn. Attach fringe.

The fringe is made by cutting lengths of yard about 8 inches long. Hold two together and fold in half. This creates four ends. Pull through and knot.

Instructions for Crocheted Prayer Shawls

Use a 10 mm hook.

For fringe, cut at least 108 pieces of yard, 8 inches long; before beginning to crochet.

Ch 53. Turn. SC for 3 rows. Turn. In the second sc from hook, *do 3 dc, sk1 st; sc in next st, ski stitch; in next stitch, rep from * for width of shawl.

Ch 2. Turn. (You should have 13 dc shells across.) Note that the 3 dc shells are done in the center of the dc group in the row below.

Repeat this row until shawl is the desired length. End with 3 rows of sc.

Attach fringe to shawl.