

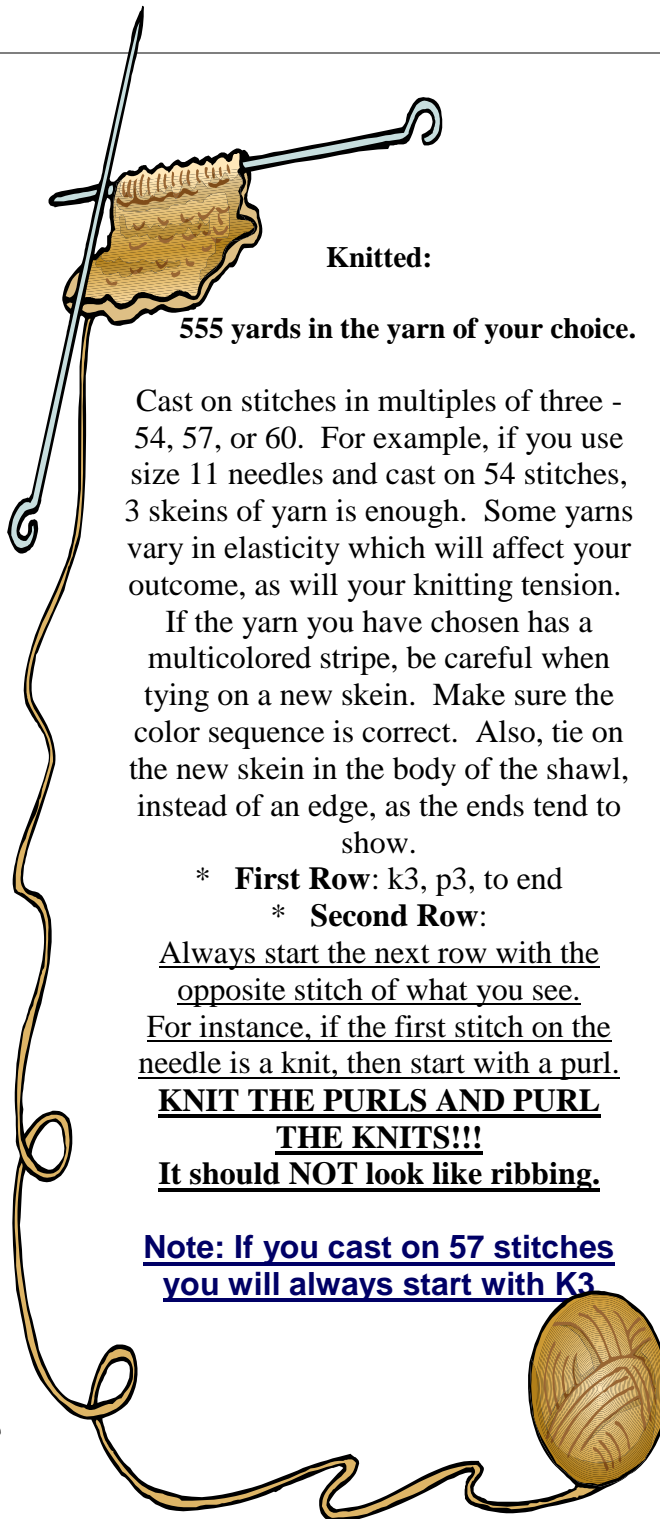
Phillips Chapel Hens & Chicks Auxiliary



If you would like to join us in making Prayer Shawls ~ please knit or crochet using yarn that is washable. A simple pattern for knit and crochet is included on the brochure, however, use any pattern you choose. The completed shawl can be brought to the church for storing until needed. Each shawl will be blessed before giving to the recipient. A card will be attached indicating it is from the church. If you know of anyone in need of a shawl, let us know. Recipients do not need to be church members or attendees, this is a part our spiritual ministry for our church and our community.

Mission Statement

As sisters in Christ to spiritually serve the Lord, the church, and the community through projects and fellowship with one another. To establish lasting bonds of friendship by coming together to work, pray, and have fun.



Knitted:

555 yards in the yarn of your choice.

Cast on stitches in multiples of three - 54, 57, or 60. For example, if you use size 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

Shawl Ministry



Phillips Chapel Church
Hens & Chicks Auxiliary

*“You created every part of me,
knitting me in my
Mother’s womb.
For such handiwork,
I praise you. Awesome this
great wonder!”*

Psalm 139:13-14

About The Shawls

Care and the love of knitting and crochet have been combined into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. Many blessings are knitted into every shawl. The knitter begins each shawl with prayers for the recipient. Intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. When the shawl is completed it is offered a final ritual before being sent along its way.

As this gift has been sent along, some recipients have continued the kindness by making one themselves and passing it onto someone in need.

Thus, the blessing is rippled from person to person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a sheltering, mothering God!

Besides knit and crochet; the shawls can be woven, sewn, quilted, machine knitted, etc.

The making of a prayer shawl is a spiritual practice which embodies our thoughts and prayers for the receiver. It is a gift freely given with no strings attached. Made in prayer, as prayer, for prayer, the shawls are passed on hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart.

"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God.

They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify.

Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."



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Some uses for the shawl

Undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after a loss, during bereavement, prayer or meditation, commitment or marriage ceremonies, new baby; as a bridal shower gift; during an illness and recovery; or ministering to others
There are endless possibilities!

To make a shawl personal, the giver or the recipient may want to adorn the shawl with beads, shells, feathers and charms. A blessing or ritual maybe offered when the gift is presented.

**Crochet and larger shawls:
740 yards for longer shawls and 60+ stitches**

Chain 54 stitches or desired width of shawl.

Chain 1, turn, single crochet in each of the stitches to 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 until desired size.

(1 row single, 3 rows double)

End with 1 row of single.

Finish with fringe.

