

## Crochet Prayer Shawl Directions

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### Materials:

3 skeins of soft worsted weight yarn

Size N Crochet Hook.

Pattern: Chain 51 loosely - I chain 55.

Row 1: ( Right Side): ( 3dc, ch 2, sc) in fourth ch from hook, \* skip next 2 chs, ( 3 dc, ch 2 sc) in the next ch. Repeat from \* across.

Row 2: Ch 2 turn. ( 3 dc, ch 2, sc) in first ch 2 sp and in each ch 2 space across.

Repeat Row 2 until you have used 2 2/3 skeins of yarn (or the piece is about 6 foot long). Do not finish off.

Last Row: Ch 2, turn \* sc in first ch 2 sp, ch 2. Repeat from \* across and end with a sc. Finish off.

Fringe: Add fringe to first and last rows as desired with remaining yarn.

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This is an easy pattern to use if the crocheter has difficulty with their hands.

Chain 54,57 or 60.

Half double in the 3rd chain from hook and half double in each stitch across.

Then chain 3 and turn, 3 rows of double crochet, then one row of half double.

Repeat pattern until have 24 sets of double crochet.

End with a half double row.

Fringe in random pattern on each end.

Prayer Shawl Crochet Instructions  
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This is for a medium sized person, increase width by adding extra chain stitches and length by adding extra rows in the middle of the shawl.

Requires 3 skeins for the body and part of a 4th skein for the tassels.  
Note: For added interest and texture, I crochet in the back loop of all my DC's (ripple stitch)

Chain 62

Chain 2 and turn (this creates the first double crochet),  
Double crochet in third chain stitch  
Double crochet in all remaining chain stitches  
(you should have a total of 63 DC's in first row)

Chain 2 and turn,  
DC in Second DC of row 1  
Repeat until you have six rows  
Chain 3 and turn

Row 7: DC in third DC of row 6, chain1, skip one DC, DC in next DC -  
repeat for rest of row (you have skipped every other DC of row 6  
creating 31 openings or windows)  
Chain 2 and turn

Row 8: DC in open stitch of row 7, DC in next DC, repeat to end of  
row (there should be 63 DC's in this row)  
Row 9, 10, 11 repeat same as row 7 and 8 until you have 3 open  
lattice rows, each separated by a solid row of 63 DC stitches.

Rows 12 through 49 are solid rows of DC's (63 DC in each row)

(if you are going to add rows for extra length, this is where to do this)  
Chain 3 turn

Rows 50 through 54 DC in third DC of row 49, chain 1, skip one DC, DC in next DC - repeat for rest of row (you have skipped every other DC of row 49 creating the same open lattice work as on the other end of the shawl)  
Chain 2 and turn

Row 55 DC in open stitch of row 54, DC in next DC, repeat to end of row (there should be 63 DC's in this row.)  
Chain 2 and turn

Rows 56-60 DC in each DC of preceding row (63 DC's in all rows)  
Tie off and add fringe - 6-9 strands per tassel.

An Additional Tip for this shawl:  
When I say chain 3 and turn, those are the rows (3 on each end of the shawl) that create the open "lattice" effect. Try to visualize this--the shawl is a series of sideways rows, the first three rows are created from the simple double crochet in each stitch. Now we get to the forth row where instead of chain 2 and turn, you will 3 and turn and SKIP ONE double crochet and dc in the third stitch, repeat across entire row, thus creating an open hole. If the Xs represent stitches below you see three "solid" rows of stitches, followed by an open row followed by a closed row. Do this solid row followed by an open row three times and continue on with all solid rows until you come to the other end of the shawl. You can determine how long you want the shawl and continue to crochet until you reach a good length for you. Then repeat what you did on the other end of the shawl--one open stitch row followed by one closed stitch row until you have 3 open rows separated by a closed row, if you repeat the design of the beginning end, you will end the shawl with three solid rows.

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*Note: I now begin by crocheting three solid rows as in my first instructions, but I then alternate one open row with one solid row, ending with an open row followed by three solid rows of stitches, the same as the other end. I find that this pattern gives the shawl a more light and airy feeling; it also moves along much more quickly. This has proved quite important to me; in many situations, God adds a time line and this helps to be able to complete the shawl on HIS schedule.*

## SIMPLE THREE'S SHAWL PATTERN

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The inspiration for this easy shawl pattern was a desire to further emphasize the Significance of Three's. The "groups of 3 double crochet stitches" serve as a reminder of the many groups who are stitching, praying and presenting prayer shawls as part of this ministry. The shawl is worked using three basic stitches: single crochet, double crochet, and the triple crochet stitch used in the scallops on each end. This pattern solved three major areas of concern: having reverse row ridges on both sides of shawl body; our

"forgetting to work that single crochet row, then having to unravel back to work it" tendency; and lastly, our dislike of having to cut all the yarn lengths and to knot them into fringe. The rhythmic flow of the two rows continuously repeating allows each stitcher's mind to center on offering prayers.

Suggestions for attaching decorations with elimination of fringe on Simple Three's Shawl:

The stitcher may wish to include beads or trinkets. The frequent washing and drying that a shawl may require can damage such items. Attach the decorations using three 14" lengths of yarn knotted with loose loops or 24" lengths tied with "shoelace bows" into any space along the middle to lower neck edge between binding-off-round and groups-of-3-dc stitches of body. This will also help identify the neck edge of the shawl. Leave a few rows of separation between each set of yarn strands on both sides of neck edge. Don't let any decorations hang below the body of shawl into the scalloped area of ends. Both methods for attaching these decorations allow for easy removal of the yarn strands with any attached beads or trinkets while the shawl is being laundered and then will permit their quick reattachment when the clean shawl is again ready for wearing.

If the stitcher does not wish to include such items, but feels that the wearer might wish to do so, please copy and place this paragraph in the "user kit" which should accompany each shawl as it is presented. This prepared kit should contain extra yarn for repairs and the label from one yarn skein, which will give laundry instructions for the specific type yarn used in the shawl, along with the extra yarn for attachments that the wearer may select.

These methods for any bead and trinket attachments along the neck edge only will place all such decorations within easy reach of the wearer's hands and will place these personal items nearer to the heart of the shawl wearer.

Finished Shawl is 26-27 inches by 70-72 inches; it requires 22-23 ounces of any color 4 ply yarn.

Differences in yarn thickness, hook sizes used, personal tension and the number of "groups of 3 dc" will vary the shawl width. Make sample swatch or measure your shawl width after stitching the second Row 4. If necessary, rework piece to achieve your desired width, minus edging, making adjustments for all the variables before you continue to stitch. You may wish to change hook size or number of chains/groups.

With "K" (or smaller) hook, make foundation of 97 chains for 24 groups of 3 dc stitches; a total of 74 stitches on each Row 3. Chain 1, turn work.  
(Note: foundation is in multiples of 4 chains plus 1. Width can also be adjusted by using 89 chains for 22 groups with total of 68 dc stitches; or using 93 chains for 23 groups with total of 71 dc stitches in Row 3.)

Row 1: Work in back loop of chains. Single crochet in first 4 chains, chain 1, skip 1 chain, \*work single crochet in next 3 chains, chain 1, skip 1 chain\*; repeat from \* to \* across foundation, end with single crochet in last 4 chains. Chain 1, turn work.

Row 2: Continue with same hook. Sc in first sc of Row 1, \*ch 3, skip 3 sc, and sc in ch-1 space of row below\*, repeat from \* to \* across row; end with sc in last sc of Row 1. This is back side of your shawl. Chain 3, turn work.

Row 3: Switch to "L" (or smaller) hook to stitch balance of shawl body. Now and hereafter on all repeats of Row 3, the turning chain 3 counts as first double crochet of Row. \*Work 3 dc stitches in ch-3 space of row below\*; repeat from \* to \* across row; end with dc in top of sc st at the end of previous row. There are 4 dc or 3 dc and tc3 on each end of Row 3. Chain 1, turn work.

Row 4: Sc in last dc of previous row; \*ch 3, skip 3 dc, sc between two groups of 3 dc\*; repeat from \* to \* across row; end with sc between last group of 3 dc and turning chain 3 (1st dc). This is the back side of your shawl. Chain 3, turn work.  
(Reminder: measure width after working second Row 4; if necessary, adjust for all variables.)

Repeat Row 3 and Row 4 until shawl reaches desired length. Shawl should measure 68 or 69 inches at this point.

Switch to "K" hook (or hook first used) to finish shawl and work the last repeat of a Row 4. Chain 1, turn work.

(Note: the ruffled scallops on both ends will add about 3 inches to total length.)

Final Row: Sc in sc st at end of previous row; \*3 sc in ch-3 space, ch 1, skip next sc\*, repeat from \* to \* across row; end with sc in sc st at end of previous row.  
This is the front side of shawl. Do not cut yarn!

Binding Off Round: Continue with "K" (or smaller) hook; chain 1 and mark it as first stitch of Binding Off Round.

First Edge -- Turn work so edge faces you. \*Sc into sc at end of last Row 4; work 2 sc sts over last dc of each Row 3 and sc into last sc of each Row 4; repeat from \* to \* along length; sc into sc at end of Row 2; sc over last stitch at end of Row 1.

First End - Turn work so end faces you; sc, chain 1 in first ch of foundation; \*skip next ch; and in the center ch of 3 sc group, work triple crochet stitch, chain 1 three times; skip next ch; sc and chain 1 in ch-1 space\*; repeat from \* to \* across the foundation; end with sc in last chain of foundation.

Second Edge - Turn work so second edge faces you; sc into stitch at end of Row 1; sc into sc at end of Row 2; \*work two sc sts over turning ch 3 (1st dc) of each Row 3; sc into sc at end of each Row 4\*; and repeat from \* to \* along length of second edge; sc into sc at end of last Row 4; end with sc into stitch at the end of Final Row.

Second End - Turn work so second end faces you; sc into same st as above of Final Row; ch 1; \*skip 1 sc; and in center sc of 3 sc group, work triple crochet stitch, chain 1 three times; skip next sc; sc and chain 1 in the ch-1 space below\*; repeat \* to \* across Final Row; end with skip 1 sc; sc into sc at end of Final Row.

Slip stitch into marked chain 1 stitch at the beginning of Binding Off Round; leave 5" length of yarn, cut yarn; draw thru loop and tighten. Securely weave this yarn end through the previous stitches of shawl body to conceal yarn end and prevent it unraveling during laundering.

Stitch your name label at the center of neck edge on the back side of shawl.

May stitching shawls using this pattern always bring you blessings in "groups of three's"!

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SINGLE, DOUBLE, TRIPLE Shawl  
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Using the hook and yarn of your choice, create a chain the width of your intended shawl.

Make sure the total number of stitches on your chain is divisible by 3. Then, chain one more.

ROW 1: in the second stitch from the chain, DC, TC, \* SC, DC, TC\* repeat from \* to end of chain. chain 1 and turn

ROW 2: chain 1 counts as first sc. DC, TC, \*SC, DC, TC\* repeat from \* to end of row.

Repeat 2nd row until piece measures desired length.