

## Modified K3 - P3 Prayer Shawl Instructions @copyright 2008

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Use a straight rather than boucle type yarn so that the texture of the stitches will be worth the extra effort. The pattern forms the texture.

Cast on stitches in a multiple of 3 to the desired width depending on your yarn and the size needles you use.

Use a marker or piece of yarn to designate the "front" side from the "back" (return) side.

Odd rows will be front and even rows will be back. Basically, you're knitting the classic

K3P3 prayer shawl stitch, except you're offsetting the stitches by 1 stitch in pattern each row. This means you begin each odd-numbered (front) rows by adding a stitch in pattern and begin the even-numbered (back, return) rows by decreasing a stitch in pattern.

In the directions, I end with a K3, but in fact, once you understand the pattern, you could end with either.

Row 1: \*K3 P3\*K3

Row 2: K2\*P3K3\*P1

Row 3: P2\*K3P3\*K1

Row 4: \*P3K3\*P3

Row 5: K1\*P3K3\*P2

Row 6: P1\*K3P3\*K2

Repeat 1-6.

A chart that helps you orient when picking up the work after setting it down or dealing with an odd number of stitches:

	START																	START
Row 1	→	K	K	K	P	P	P	K	K	K	P	P	P	K	K	K		
Row 2		P	K	K	K	P	P	P	K	K	K	P	P	P	K	K	←	
Row 3	→	P	P	K	K	K	P	P	P	K	K	K	P	P	P	K		
Row 4		P	P	P	K	K	K	P	P	P	K	K	K	P	P	P	←	
Row 5	→	K	P	P	P	K	K	K	P	P	P	K	K	K	P	P		
Row 6		K	K	P	P	P	K	K	K	P	P	P	K	K	K	P	←	
Row 7	→	K	K	K	P	P	P	K	K	K	P	P	P	K	K	K		

From the front your threads will look as follows (“-” is a thread to the front, v is a thread to the back):

R7	v	v	v	-	-	-	v	v	v	-	-	-	v	v	v
R6	-	-	v	v	v	-	-	-	v	v	v	-	-	-	v
R5	v	-	-	-	v	v	v	-	-	-	v	v	v	-	-
R4	v	v	v	-	-	-	v	v	v	-	-	-	v	v	v
R3	-	-	v	v	v	-	-	-	v	v	v	-	-	-	v
R2	v	-	-	-	v	v	v	-	-	-	v	v	v	-	-
R1	v	v	v	-	-	-	v	v	v	-	-	-	v	v	v

After you’ve knit in the pattern for awhile, you’ll begin to see repeating patterns as you knit and vertically in the alignment of stitches. For instance, you’ll be doing the usual seed type prayer shawl stitch except on the front (odd-numbered) rows, the third stitch of the K3 or P3 stitches will be in stockinette or garter (highlighted in green). On the back (return, even-numbered) rows, the first stitch of the K3 or P3 stitches will be in stockinette or garter (highlighted in yellow). (Note: The rows are pictured as they hang from your needle, i.e. the most recent row knitted is on top.)

## Knitted variation of 'three'

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With size 13 needles cast on 57, 63 or 69 stitches.

Row 1: Knit 3, purl 3, to last three stitches, knit 3  
Row 2: Purl 3, knit 3, to last three stitches, purl 3  
Row 3: Knit 3, purl 3, to last three stitches, knit 3  
Row 4: Knit 3, purl 3, to last three stitches, knit 3  
Row 5: Purl 3, knit 3, to last three stitches, purl 3  
Row 6: Knit 3, purl 3, to last three stitches, knit 3

Repeat these 6 rows until desired length is achieved. The result is squares which are three stitches wide and three rows deep, and it is a very attractive pattern.

When beginning a row with knit 3, slip the first stitch purlwise. The yarn will be in front of your work. Carry the yarn to the back between the first and second stitch, knit 2, and continue with the pattern to the end of the row.

When beginning a row with purl 3, slip into the back of the first stitch. The yarn will be in front of your work. Carry the yarn behind the stitch to the back, then bring it to the front in between the first and second stitch, then purl 2 and continue with the pattern to the end of the row.

To complete the shawl I apply Victoria Galo's tassels to each end, through the side edge stitch and in every third stitch in between.

ADDED THREE SHAWL @copyright 2008  
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The added three stitches in this shawl pattern modification symbolize the knitter and recipient (side chain that is formed) and the group, church, or organization that is facilitating the gift (center knit stitch that unites all the parts of the shawl).

Instructions:

Cast on 51 (63) \*stitches. Work in pattern below until shawl has reached correct length. Cast off in pattern (knit the knits, purl the purls). Attach tassels.  
(Use 555 yards of yarn with size 11 or 13 needles.)

Row 1 and all odd rows: With yarn in front, slip the first stitch as if to purl, (K3, P3) 4 (5) times, K1, (K3, P3) 4 (5) times, K1.

Row 2 and all even rows: With yarn in front, slip the first stitch as if to purl, (P3, K3) 4 (5) times, P1, (P3, K3) 4 (5) times, K1.

# Lacy Knit Shawl © 2008 All rights reserved by Jodie Lucas

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This shawl is lovely and feminine. It is economical as well as it requires very little yarn. A single skein of boucle or slightly thicker yarn will make an entire shawl. Because of the very loose knit, this shawl can either be long and thin or short and wide when completed. I usually advise my recipients to hold shawl vertically by the short ends before wearing like a shawl or by the long dimension if they want a small afghan/lap robe. Finally, this shawl can be made in only a couple hours.

Using a bulky yarn, cast on 33 stitches onto size 35 knitting needles. Like the standard shawl pattern, work in K3, P3 across each row until shawl is "hug length" (or the length of your outstretched arms).

The shawl in the pictures was made using 1 skein of a boucle in a natural color.



## Prayer Shawl with Two Crosses



**By: Sandra Bellico**

Cast on 75 stitches. Knit 8 rows (garter stitch). Row 9: knit 5 stitches; purl 65 stitches; knit 5 stitches. Rows 10 thru 30: knit/purl stitches (end on a knit row). Remember to do the garter stitch at the beginning and ending of each row.

### **Making the cross:**

**Bottom of the cross:** Purl 31 stitches; knit 3 stitches; purl 31 stitches. (Remember to do the garter stitch at the beginning and end of each row.) Complete 8 rows.

**Middle of the cross:** Purl 28 stitches; knit 9 stitches; purl 28 stitches. (The 2nd row begin with knit 28 stitches; purl 9 stitches; knit 28 stitches.) Complete 3 rows.

**Top of the cross:** Knit 31 stitches; purl 3 stitches; knit 31 stitches for 4 rows. Reminder: The rows will alternate with either a knit row or a purl row.

**Center section of shawl:** knit and purl 175 rows ending with a knit row. Remember to do the garter stitch at the beginning and end of each row.

### **Making the cross:**

**Top of the cross:** Purl 31 stitches; knit 3 stitches; purl 31 stitches for 4 rows.

**Middle of the cross:** Purl 28 stitches; knit 9 stitches; purl 28 stitches for 3 rows.

**Bottom of the cross:** Knit 31 stitches; purl 3 stitches; knit 31 stitches. (Remember to do the garter stitch at the beginning and end of each row.) Complete 8 rows.

Repeat the beginning rows, knit/purl, 30 rows, beginning and ending with the garter stitch. Bind off.

### **Fringe:**

Cut 6 pieces of yarn 9 inches long. Using a crochet hook, pull all 6 pieces thru bottom and tuck ends thru loop and pull tightly.

I use a #5 size needle. This pattern takes 2 skeins of Simply Soft yarn.