

Marion's Shawl

A prayer shawl designed by Marion Howe

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This shawl was designed by Marion Howe of the Lansing United Methodist Church Prayer Shawl Ministry. Marion created this shawl with the trinity in mind (hence the multiples of 3 stitches in the ribbing sections), as well as the twelve disciples (the twelve row garter sections).

Finished size

Approximately 60" long by 15" wide

Materials

3 skeins Red Heart Supersaver
(5 oz./141 grams - 224 yards/223 meters each,
or equivalent worsted weight yarn. The shawl
shown was made in color 0995 Ocean.)

U.S. size #10 needles

Gauge

Approximately 3 stitches/inch
(Gauge is not critical)



DIRECTIONS:

Cast on 63 stitches (preferably using long-tail method).

Knit 12 rows (6 garter ridges).

BEGIN PATTERN:

You will always be knitting the first and last 6 stitches of each row to form a garter stitch borders on the sides. The middle section will be a 3x3 rib, which alternates for each section to avoid puckering.

Section 1:

Row 1: K6, *K3, P3* end K3, K6.

Row 2: K6, *P3, K3* end P3, K6.

Repeat these 2 rows five more times for a total of twelve rows.

Knit 12 rows (6 garter ridges).

Section 2:

Row 1: K6, *P3, K3* end P3, K6.

Row 2: K6, *K3, P3* end K3, K6.

Repeat these 2 rows five more times for a total of twelve rows.

Knit 12 rows (6 garter ridges).

Repeat:

Repeat Sections 1 and 2 twice more, for a total of 12 sections.

So the end mirrors the beginning, repeat Section 1.



Bind off very loosely.

Add fringe or tassels as desired. The tassels shown in the photos were each made by cutting 10 strands of yarn (each about 12" long), pulling all strands through the corner of the shawl, and making an overhand knot to secure them.

To make this shawl wider, add stitches in multiple of 6 and incorporate them into the 3x3 rib section.

Note: Acrylic yarn can sometimes create a scratchy, "stiff" product. Washing and drying the finished shawl will usually soften it.



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