



Alice's Embrace



Alice's Embrace is devoted to providing hand-knit and hand-crocheted prayer shawls and lap blankets to those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. We seek volunteers to knit and crochet the patterns that we have created. Through the loving hands of many generous and talented people, this endeavor will help ease the anxiety that is often present in those suffering from the disease.

Hopeful Lap Blanket



Skill Level: 

Size: 30" x 40"

Materials: 1400 yards worsted weight yarn
or 700 yards chunky weight yarn

Needles: US #13-24" circular needle

Notions: Right side marker, tapestry needle

Gauge: 12 stitches = 4" in garter stitch (knit every row)
10.75 stitches = 4" in pattern stitch

Abbreviations:

k = knit

k2tog = knit two stitches together by working two stitches instead of one

p = purl

ssk = slip the first stitch as if to knit, slip the second stitch as if to knit, then slide the left-hand needle into the front part of both stitches and knit them together.

yo = yarn over, bring yarn to front as if to purl

Note:

If you are using worsted weight yarn you will be double stranding the yarn throughout the pattern. If using chunky yarn you will be using it single stranded throughout the pattern.

The Pattern:

Cast on 78 stitches

Starting Border: Knit 10 rows

Row 1: k5, *k2, p1, yo, ssk, p1; repeat from * until 7 stitches left, k7 (placing marker on this row to denote right side of lap blanket)

Row 2: k5, *p2, k1; repeat from * until 4 stitches left, k4

Row 3: k5, *k2, p1, k2tog, yo, p1; repeat from * until 7 stitches left, k7

Row 4: k5, *p2, k1; repeat from * until 4 stitches left, k4

Repeat Rows 1-4 until lap blanket measures 38 inches from the cast on edge, after having just finished Row 4

Ending Border: Knit 10 rows

Finishing:

Bind off loosely.

Weave in all ends.