

# Yarns 'n Prayers



## St. Giles Prayer Shawl Ministry

News from the 3rd Quarter, 2019

1- **Do you know someone in need of our community's prayers?** Whether it's a physical, emotional or spiritual problem, our prayer shawls and blankets carry our prayers to those in need. You can get a shawl or blanket for that someone you know at the Parish Center when it's staffed, or ask someone on the Pastoral Team, or the contact below.

2- **There is no charge for this** but donations of yarn, or money to buy yarn, are appreciated to carry on this ministry.

3- **Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to participate in this ministry?** We gather at the Parish Ministry Center on the second Monday of each month at 1 PM to bless and record new shawls and blankets, share patterns and ideas, and get yarn for new projects. Attendance is not required. You can join this ministry by making at least one shawl or lap blanket. Send your contact info to Paul Joseph Schleitwiler, FCM to be added to the roster

4- **Do you have a story to share about prayer shawls or blankets?** Or other things related to this ministry or the making of shawls and blankets? Did something in this newsletter inspire you to comment about it?

Share what you have to say by email to [pjschleitwilerfcm@yahoo.com](mailto:pjschleitwilerfcm@yahoo.com)



Kristin Lindner three months after car crash in Atlanta, Georgia, with sons Otto (4 years) and Linus (3 months)

### Prayer Works

Dear Friends,

I first became known to your faith community when Mary Ellen Lesniak kindly hired me to work at the Tolton Literacy Program under De LaSalle Institute. So thanks for your support also of that worthy cause.

But I am writing to express my appreciation of the shawl and prayers represented for my daughter. A driver who was dying smashed into her head-on. She is still in PT for a hand and foot that were badly smashed.

But angels protected her 4-year-old who was safe in is car seat. Also her unborn baby had to be delivered 2 months early but is now thriving.

Prayer works! ~ Ann Lindner

*If you play Bolero backwards,  
does it unRavel?*

### Statistics for the Quarter

Members in this ministry made and submitted Thirty-eight shawls and lap blankets this quarter.

Twenty-nine shawls and lap blankets went to people in need of our prayers.

Two new members joined us.

## LOLA



## Who else are we praying for?

- \*A neighbor who is very ill.
  - \*A woman diagnosed with kidney cancer who is facing chemotherapy and surgery.
  - \*The neighbor of a niece of a community member, a woman dying of cancer.
  - \*A member of the Family Mass Community who had a knee replaced.
  - \*The sister of a community member who lost her husband, mother and dearest aunt in the last 24 months. She also has Parkinson's and family difficulties.
  - \*A nun with asthma who is grieving the death of her mother and the nun who was her living companion for fifty years.
  - \*A woman grieving the death of a close cousin with Down's Syndrome whom she cared for as sponsor and friend for over seventy years. This woman also broke her elbow.
  - \*The friend of a community member's family whose husband died in a car crash. She is still struggling with this loss.
  - \*A man with prostate cancer.
- and many others.

## Comforting Hug Prayer Shawl

**By: Katherine Eng for Red Heart Yarns**

The Comforting Hug Prayer Shawl is just what everyone needs when they are going through a hard time. This cozy crochet shawl will wrap around your shoulders and provide endless hours of comfort. It's an intermediate crochet pattern that is worked up using one jumbo skein of worsted weight yarn. Prayer shawls are always a great way to show someone that you care. Work up this free crochet prayer pattern today for someone you know that's going through a difficult time.

### MATERIALS:

RED HEART® "Super Saver®" Jumbo: 1 skein 313 Aran. Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Crochet Hook: 6mm [US J-10]

Yarn needle

SIZE:Shawl measures 15" x 55"

GAUGE:Rows 1 and 2 = 14" wide x 2" at shell points.

CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge

NOTES:This shawl is worked from the center out on both sides of beginning ch.

### SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS:

Vst = (dc, ch 1, dc) all in same st or space.

Shell = (hdc, 2 dc, hdc) all in same space.

### SHAWL

#### First Half

Ch 54.

Row 1 (Wrong Side): Dc in 6th ch from hook (counts as first Vst), \* ch 2, skip next 5 ch, ([dc, ch 2] 3 times, dc) all in next ch, ch 2, skip next 5 ch, Vst in next ch; repeat from \* across; turn.

Row 2: Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), dc in first ch-1 space, \* skip next ch-2 space, [shell in next ch-2 space] 3 times, skip next ch-2 space, Vst in next ch-1 space of next Vst; repeat from \* across working last Vst in ch-4 space; turn.

Row 3: Ch 4, dc in ch-1 space of first Vst, \* ch 2, skip next shell, ([dc, ch 2] 3 times, dc) all in first dc of next shell, ch 2, Vst in ch-1 space of next Vst; repeat from \* across working last Vst in ch-4 space; turn.

Rows 4-36: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 sixteen more times, then Row 2 again. Fasten off.

#### Second Half

Turn to work across remaining loops of beginning ch.

Row 1 (Wrong Side): With wrong side facing, join yarn in first ch; ch 4, dc in same ch, \* ch 2, skip next 5 ch, ([dc, ch 2] 3 times, dc) all in next ch, ch 2, skip next 5 ch, Vst in next ch; repeat from \* across; turn.

Rows 2-36: Repeat Rows 2-36 same as for First Half but do NOT fasten off at end of Row 36.

#### Edging

With right side still facing, ch 1, sc over end of last row, \* (sc, ch 2, sc) all over end of next row; repeat from \* across. Fasten off.

With right side facing, attach yarn on opposite side and repeat Edging. Weave in ends.

## **Ambition and Cunning**

### **knit shawl by Lotta Groeger**

You need some ambition to knit this shawl. The construction is not for the light hearted. The shawl is worked top down in a half-pi increase method. The waves are created using short rows. The lace on the top part has a short repeat to keep the short rows simpler. The lace on the border gives the shawl a nice complex ending. The optional beads in the bind off add their own sparkle to match your personality.

#### **FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

Width along top: 25.5 inches/ 65cm

Depth: 51 inches/130 cm

#### **MATERIALS**

[MC] Lana Gatto Silky [100% silk; 234yd/214m per 50g skein]; color: 8176 (silver); 2 skeins

[CC] SweetGeorgia Yarns Merino Silk Lace [50% merino wool; 50% silk; 765yd/100m per 100g skein]; color: Basil; 1 skein

Recommended needle size US #2.5/3mm circular needle, 24 inch/60 cm or longer

#### **Notions**

US C-2/2.75mm crochet hook

729 9/0 seed beads (optional, see Pattern Notes)

small crochet hook, beadle needle or similar for adding beads (optional, see Pattern Notes)

spacer yarn needle

GAUGE 31 sts/40 rows = 4 inches/10cm in stockinette stitch in Lana Gatto Silky

#### **PATTERN NOTES**

The beads are used for the bind off row only. If you prefer, you can omit them.

p2togtbl: purl two sts together through back loop. 1 st decreased.

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Garner Tab:

CO 3 sts in MC.

Work 12 rows in garter stitch.

Knit one more row, then turn work 90 degrees clockwise and pick up and knit 6 sts from the garter bumps at the side and then pick up and knit 3 sts from the cast on edge. 12 sts

Section 1:

Row 1 [WS]: K3, p6, k3.

Increase row [RS]: K3, \*k1, M1R, repeat from \* to last 3 sts, k3. 18 sts

Row 3 [WS]: K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 4 [RS]: Knit.

Row 5 [WS]: K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.

Work Increase row. 30 sts

Work Rows 3–4 2 times, and work Row 3 once more.

Work Increase row. 54 sts

Work Rows 3–4 5 times, and work Row 3 once more.

Increase row [RS]: K3, M1R, \*k1, M1R, repeat from \* to last 3 sts, k3. 103 sts

Break MC.

Section 2:

Join CC.

Row 1 [WS]: K3, purl to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 2 [RS]: K3, work Chart 1, working repeat as required, to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 3 [WS]: K3, work Chart 1, working repeat as required, to last 3 sts, k3.

Work as set until Chart 1 is complete, then work Chart Rows 1-10 once more.

Next row, increase [RS]: K3, \*k1, yo, repeat from \* to last 4 sts, k4. 199 sts

Next row [WS]: K3, purl to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 1 [RS]: K3, work Chart 1, working repeat as required, to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 2 [WS]: K3, work Chart 1, working repeat as required, to last 3 sts, k3.

Work as set until you have worked Chart 1 4 times in total.

Next row, increase [RS]: K3, \*k1, yo, repeat from \* to last 4 sts, k4. 391 sts

Next row [WS]: K3, purl to last 3 sts, k3.

Section 3:

Note: This section is built by working short rows. For the lace sections, you'll need to keep the lace pattern aligned. Use the purl columns to help you navigate.

Row 1 [RS]: K3, work chart 1 for 113 sts, w&t.

Row 2 [WS]: Work in chart 1 to last 4 sts, w&t.

Row 3 [RS]: Work as per chart to 1 stitch before wrap, w&t.

Row 4 [WS]: Work in chart 1 to 1 stitch before wrap, w&t.

Repeat Rows 3–4 44 times more. 22 sts left unwrapped in the center of the lace section.

Next row [RS]: K across 22 unwrapped sts, work across all wrapped sts, working wraps together with the stitch, k23.

Starting at this point, repeat from Row 1 of this section twice more – after second repeat after wrapped sts have been worked, 3 sts will remain at end of row, knit to end of row.

Break CC. Join MC.

Row 1 [WS]: K3, p1, turn.

Row 2 [RS]: Return 1 from right needle to left needle, k2tog, m1, k to end.

Row 3 [WS]: K3, k to last st in MC, m1p, p2tog, turn.

Repeat Rows 2–3 20 times more, and work Row 2 again.

Row 4 [WS]: K3, p66, pick up wrap and purl together with its stitch, pm, p22, m1p, p2tog, turn.

Row 5 [RS]: S11 from right needle to left needle, k2tog, m1, k to 1 before marker, m1, remove marker, ssk, turn.

Row 6 [WS]: S11 from right needle to left needle, p2togtbl, m1p, p to stitch made at beginning of row, m1p, p2tog, turn.

Row 7 [RS]: S11 from right needle to left needle, k2tog, m1, k to stitch made at beginning of row, m1, ssk, turn.

Repeat Rows 6–7 21 times more.

Row 8 [WS]: P to next wrapped stitch, pick up wrap and purl together with its stitch, pm, p22, m1p, p2tog, turn.

Repeat Row 5.

Repeat Rows 6–7 21 times.

Row 9 [WS]: P to next wrapped stitch, pick up wrap and purl together with its stitch, k3.

Row 10 [RS]: K4, turn.

Row 11 [WS]: S11 from right needle to left needle, p2togtbl, m1p, p to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 12 [RS]: K3 to stitch made, m1, ssk, turn.

Repeat Rows 11–12 20 times then work Row 11 again.

Section 4:

Continue with MC.

Increase row [RS]: K3, \*k1, M1, repeat from \* to last 3 sts, k3. 776 sts

Row 1 [WS]: K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 2 [RS]: Knit.

Repeat the last 2 rows once more.

Break MC; join CC.

Row 1 [WS]: K3, purl to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 2 [RS]: K3, starting with st 15 and ending with st 7, work Chart 2 to last to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 3 [WS]: K3, starting with st 7 and ending with st 15, work chart 2 to last 3 sts, k3.

Work as set until Chart 2 is complete. 729 sts

Bind off:

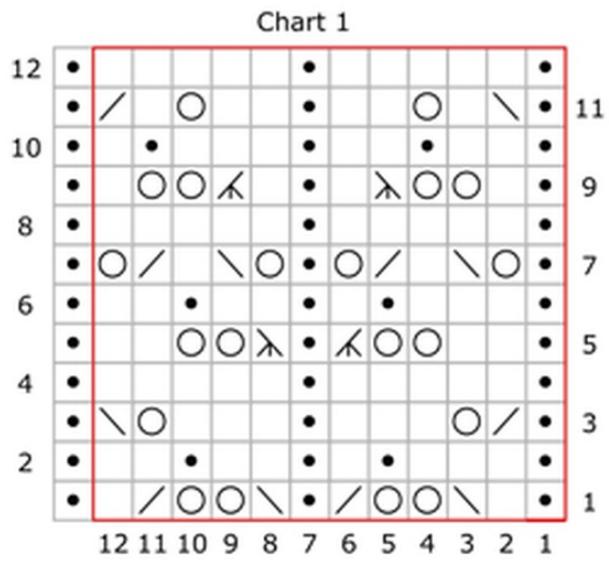
Work with MC.

Note: You can work the edge without the beads if you prefer. Note that you need the larger crochet hook for working, and a smaller one (or beadle needle or tool of your choice) for placing beads on the stitches as you go.

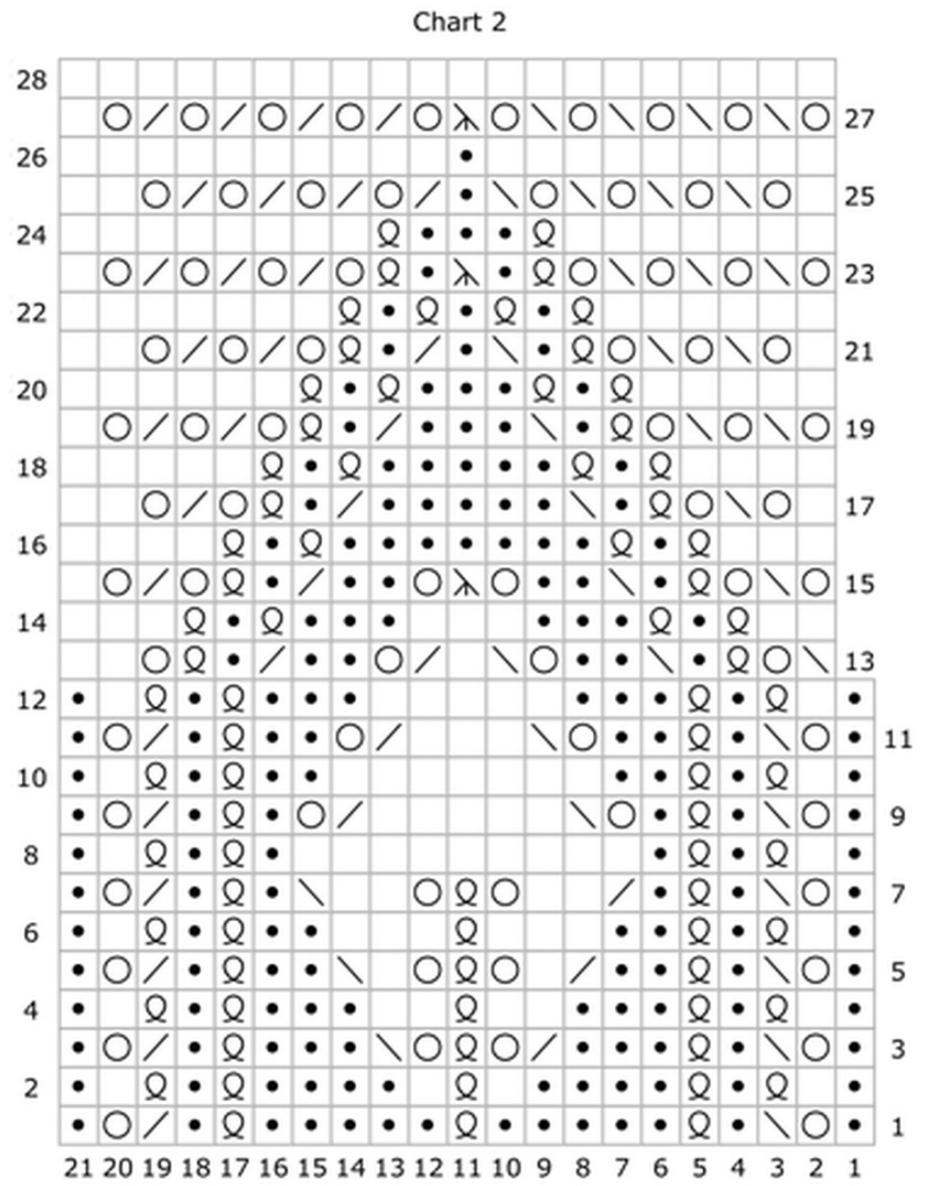
Place a bead on each of the next 4 sts, using a small crochet hook or similar, then slip these 4 sts to the crochet hook, wrap the yarn around the hook and pull it through the 4 sts, [ch 6, place beads on next 3 sts, slip these 3 sts to the crochet hook,

wrap the yarn around the hook and pull it through the four sts on the hook] to last 4 sts, ch 6, place beads on the last 4 sts, slip these sts to the crochet hook, wrap the yarn around the hook and pull it through the five sts. Cut yarn and pull through final st to secure.

FINISHING Weave in ends.  
Block to a half circle, pin out every loop from crochet bind off.



- Key
- RS: knit  
WS: purl
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WS: knit
  - Q RS: k tbl  
WS: p tbl
  - O yo
  - / k2tog
  - \ ssk
  - / k3tog
  - / sl 1, k2tog, pssso
  - Repeat



**Our Blessing for Shawls and Lap Blankets**

adapted from Janet Severi Bristow - 2000

May God's grace be upon these shawls and blankets ...  
warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.

May these mantles be a safe haven ... a sacred place of security and well being ...  
sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.

May those who receive these shawls and blankets be cradled in hope,  
kept in joy, graced with peace,  
and wrapped in love.

Blessed be!