

## **Comfort Shawl #1 Directions (Courtesy of Agrace Hospice Care)**

### **Crochet Instructions**

#### **Supplies:**

- 4 skeins of Lion Homespun yarn or about 600+ yards
- of other soft, machine-washable bulky-weight yarn
- Size M crochet hook

#### **Pattern:**

Chain 54 stitches or desired width of the shawl. Chain 1, turn, single crochet in each of the stitches at the end. Chain 3 and turn. Double crochet in top of each single crochet.

Repeat this row two more times. Chain 1 and do 1 row of single crochet to end. Chain 3 and turn. Do 3 rows of double crochet. Repeat pattern to end (1 row single, 3 rows double). End with 1 row of single.

Finish with fringe or crochet chain. (Crocheting may use more yarn than knitting so you may want to purchase 4 skeins of yarn).

With Homespun yarn, it is important to tie a knot at the end of the fringe pieces as this yarn frays badly! Some people crochet an edging rather than using fringe.

### **Knit Instructions**

#### **Shawl**

#### **Supplies:**

- 3 skeins of Lion Homespun yarn, or about 600 yards of other soft, machine-washable bulkyweight yarn.
- Size 11 or 13 needles. Some knitters prefer circular needles (knit back and forth, not in the round) and some prefer size 15, although they can be harder to hold. The idea is to get a loose, comfortable weave.

#### **Pattern:**

Cast on 57 or 63 stitches. All rows are knit 3, purl 3 and all rows begin with knit stitches. A weave pattern will develop. Knit about 2 and 2/3 skeins of the pattern. Use the rest of the yarn for fringe.

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### **Lap Blanket (an alternative to a shawl)**

Cast on 87 stitches. This will give you a blanket that is approximately 45" wide. You may want to use four skeins for this project.

Completed comfort shawls and lap blankets can be delivered to North Oaks Volunteer Services Department, 15790 Paul Vega MD Drive, Hammond, LA 70404. Please call Volunteer Services at (985) 230-6674 if you have any questions about making or donating a comfort shawl.