

Simple Stockinette Shawl

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Materials: Any yarn, any needles you wish! If you want something light & lacy, try worsted weight yarn and size 13-15 (9-10 mm) needles, or lace weight yarn and size 7-8 (4.5-5 mm) needles. If something warmer is desired, try worsted weight yarn and size 9-10 (5.5-6 mm) needles. There's a built in 5 st border, so no fringe is needed. You'll also need a tapestry needle for weaving in ends!

Gauge: Not important, as you're knitting to suit your particular needs/wants.

Size: However big you want to make it! A good rule of thumb is to make your shawl as wide as the wearer is tall. Thus if you are 5 feet tall, your shawl should measure 60" across before binding off. You can also just stop when it suits you, or when you're just plain sick of knitting! This also makes FABOO head scarves/kerchiefs! Use size 3 crochet cotton, size 5 needles, and knit until it's about 11" across the top. Then using a size "F" crochet hook, make a 10" long ch in each top corner for ties.

Abbreviations: K-Knit, P-Purl, Inc-Increase, YO-Yarn Over, st(s)-stitch(es)

Cast on 3 stitches, then knit across the row.

1 - Inc in the first st, k to last st, inc in last st.

2 - K all sts. Repeat rows 1-2 until you have 11 sts. **Now begin the body of the shawl:**

1 - **K 5**, YO, K to end.

2 - **K 5**, YO, P to last 5 sts, **K 5**

Rep rows 1-2 for body of shawl, **making sure to keep 1st and last 5 sts in garter stitch (always knit them!)** When shawl is desired size, bind off all sts and weave in all ends. Wash & block shawl, if necessary.

Please consider making a few of these for your local women's shelter, or Prayer Shawl ministry!