

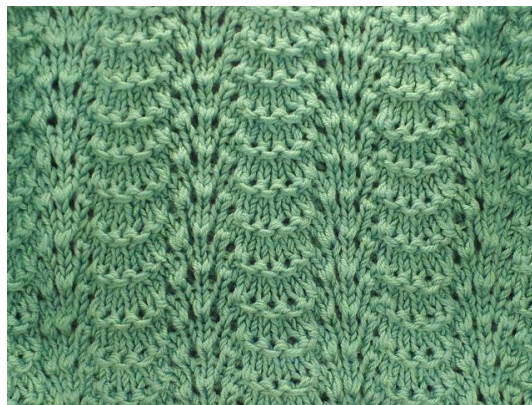


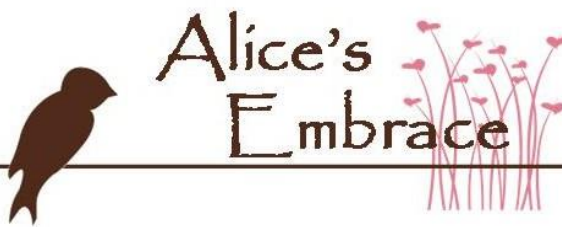
Bargain Matinee

Wednesdays were our days together. Mom and I did something every Wednesday for many, many years. We would shop. We would go on drives, but what we did most was go to the movies... always bargain matinees. Typically it was the first showing of the day. We would sneak our lunch inside. Yes, I know... we are supposed to buy the popcorn and candy there, but we were too thrifty for that! Once in a while we would treat ourselves to a small bag of popcorn and that was always special. I remember one time in particular that we went to a movie at a different theater than usual. For whatever reason, we both felt like corn dogs for lunch, but the show was starting very soon. We bought them at Hot Dog on a Stick at the food court nearby and then I stuffed them into my purse and in we went. I'm sure that we must have smelled suspicious, but they were obviously a memorable treat.

Another special memory of bargain matinees is that we would have a girl's day out for our birthdays. Mom, Julie (older sister), Betsy (younger sister), and Jamie (Betsy's daughter) all gathered together to celebrate our birthdays. I was always the driver so you don't see me in these pictures. Usually we chose the showing that was the earliest in the day. We would all sneak in goodies. Each person brought treats for the others. We would watch the movie while we snacked on the goodies and then we would go to lunch where we always treated the birthday girl. She opened all of her gifts and the day was full of laughter and fun.

We continue this tradition to this day. It is always fun and I don't think there is a time when we are together that we don't mention Mom. We were a lucky bunch to have had her in our life.





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.

Bargain Matinee Lap Blanket



Skill Level: 

Size: Approximately 30" x 40"

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

Needles: US #13-32" circular needle

Notions: Right side marker, tapestry needle

Gauge: 10.5 stitches = 4" in garter stitch (knit every row)
11 stitches = 4" in pattern stitch

Abbreviations:

k = knit

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

p = purl

yo = yarn over, bring yarn around needle

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 82 stitches

Starting Border: Knit 10 rows

Row 1: knit across row (placing marker on this row to denote right side of lap blanket)

Row 2: k5, purl to last 5 stitches, k5

Row 3: knit across row

Row 4: k5, *k2tog twice, (p1, yo) 4 times, k2tog twice; repeat from * to last 5 stitches, k5

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.