



Birds On A Wire

There is an area in town where there are often birds on top of a telephone wire over the freeway. When Mom was in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease (and I believe she did this before her illness with my dad) she would see these birds on the wire and say, "LOOK!" Every time she saw them it was like the first time and she was always so excited. That little "LOOK!" has kind of become her trademark. You see, at her funeral, my husband said the eulogy and he told everyone the story. He asked them to think of Alice when they see birds on a wire. Friends and family have told me countless times that they have seen birds on a wire and thought of Alice. How wonderful is that?!



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.

Birds On A Wire Prayer Shawl



Skill Level: 

Size: Approximately 20" x 60"

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

kfb = knit into front and back of stitch

p = 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 58 stitches

Starting Border: Knit 10 rows

Row 1: Knit across row (placing marker on this row to denote right side of prayer shawl)

Row 2: k5, p1, *k2tog until 6 stitches left, p1, k5 (35 stitches)

Row 3: k6, *kfb across row until 6 stitches left, k6 (58 stitches)

Row 4: k5, p48, k5

Repeat Rows 1-4 until prayer shawl measures 58 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.