

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.

## Pushpa 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:** 12 stitches = 4" in garter stitch (knit every row)  
13.5 stitches = 4" in pattern stitch

### Abbreviations:

k = knit

p = purl

yo = between a knit and a purl the yarn must go through the needles, around the right needle and through the needles again, ending up in a purl position.

yo = between a purl and a knit, leave your yarn in the purl position and when you knit the next stitch the yarn over will form.

**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 99 stitches

Starting Border: Knit 10 rows

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

Row 2: k5, purl until 5 stitches left, k5

Row 3: k5, \*yo, p1, p3tog, p1, yo, k2; repeat from \* until 3 stitches left, k3

Row 4: k5, purl until 5 stitches left, 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.