

Prayer Cloth

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The idea here is to pray for the recipient as you work. When the person touches or views the cloth, he or she will be reminded of God's infinite power, wisdom and love, and that they have been loved and prayed for by you. You can do this even if you do not know who will receive your cloth. Just pray for the recipient - God knows who will get it before you've even finished the prayer cloth. :-)

Remember that the cloth itself, the yarn, the crocheting are not endowed with any special power. Only God can answer prayer. In His infinite wisdom His answer may be yes, no, or wait. If there is healing, peace, or protection it is because God answers our prayers in the affirmative. It is important to realize it is not the cloth itself that gives the comfort or healing, but the power of Almighty God.

Special Note:

If making a prayer cloth for a person in the military, choose appropriate colors (no neons, pinks, white, but rather choose brown, charcoal grey, black, navy, dark green, tan, olive... Check with the contact person or charity coordinator to find out what colors are currently acceptable.)

100% Wool is needed for troops in harm's way (acrylic will melt in a firefight and cause further damage), but other materials (and colors) are okay for wounded in hospitals.

If you don't know if your yarn is wool or acrylic, here's a test from [Crochet World](#):

If your yarn becomes separated from the original labels, and you're not sure if it's wool or acrylic, here's an easy method to find out. Burn the end of the yarn with a match. If the burn brushes off and leaves only a scorch, the yarn is wool. If the end of the yarn turns black and hard, it's acrylic.

Here is a little note that I enclose with my own cloths:

Please accept this pocket prayer cloth as a reminder of God's love and care for you. May God hold you in His arms and give you comfort in times of trouble. May He keep you safe in times of danger. Know that you are in my thoughts, in my heart and in my prayers. Thank you for the sacrifices you and your family make to keep me and my family safe and free.

Sandie's Filet Prayer Cloth

Materials: G or H hook (or whatever size goes with the yarn you chose), smallish ball of yarn, worsted weight gives the size listed but you can actually use any weight if size doesn't matter

Size: depends on hook, but try to make them no larger than 4" x 5"

Time commitment: about 20-30 minutes

Note: If you prefer to have all the "holes" the same size, ch one less and do (ch 1, sk 1) instead of (ch 2, sk 2)



Instructions:

ch 16 (or 15—see note)

Row 1: dc in fourth chain from hook and in ea chain across. ch 2, turn. (14 dc)

Row 2: dc in ea of next 5 dc, ch 2, sk 2 dc, dc in ea of next 6 dc (including tch), ch 2, turn

Row 3-5: repeat row 2

Row 6: dc, (ch 1, sk 1, dc) twice, ch 2, sk 2, dc, (ch 1, sk 1, dc) twice, dc in tch, ch 2, turn

Row 7: (dc in next dc and in next ch-1 sp) twice, dc in next dc, ch 2, sk 2 chains, (dc in next dc and in next ch-1 sp) twice, dc in last two stitches, ch 2, turn.

Row 8: repeat row 2

Row 9: dc in each st across, working 2 dc in ch-2 sp

You will end on right side. With either same yarn, or contrasting color, work border on this side.

Border: ch 1, sc around, working (sc, hdc, sc) OR (sc, ch 2, sc) in corners (whatever keeps your corners from curling). Work 2 sc in post of each dc along side and 1 sc in each stitch along top and bottom. If your work does not lie flat, try using a hook one size smaller for border.

Sandie's Puff Stitch Prayer Cloth

Materials: same as filet

Size: depends on hk

Special Stitch:

Puff Stitch: yo, insert hk in next sc, yo, pull through (3 lps on hk), yo, insert hk in same sc, yo and pull through (5 lps on hk), yo, insert hk in same sc, yo and pull through (7 lps on hk), yo and pull through all 7 loops.

Note: The puffy part will be on the wrong side. That's okay. Work your border on that side.

Instructions:

ch 14

Row 1: sc in second chain from hk and in ea chain across. ch 1, turn. (13 sc)

Row 2: sc in ea of next 6 sc, puff st in next sc, sc in ea of next 6 sc, ch 1, turn

Row 3: sc across, ch 1, turn

Row 4-9: repeat rows 2 and 3

Row 10: sc in ea of first 2 scs, (puff, sc) 5 times, sc in last sc, ch 1, turn

Row 11: sc across, ch 1, turn

Row 12-15: repeat rows 2 and 3

You will end on wrong side. That is where you want to work your border.

Border: same as filet

Hint: Don't bring your puff stitch up too high or it will be higher than your sc.

