

Pocket Prayer Cloths

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The idea here is to pray for the recipient before, during or after you make the cloth. 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 accepted.

Tip: I also suggest making your cloths one color rather than stripes.

100% Wool is needed for troops in harm's way (acrylic will melt in a fire 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. You are welcome to use it also.

Please accept this small token of thanks for your courageous service to our country. 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.

Abbreviations:

ch = chain
dc = double crochet
ea = each
hk = hook
sc = single crochet
sk = skip
Yo = yarn over

Sandie's Filet Prayer Cloth

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Materials: G or H hook, smallish ball of any kind of yarn unless it's for an active duty soldier. Then it must be 100% wool.

Size: 3 1/2" x 4 1/2"

can be any size but I generally try to keep it pocket size, around 3 or 4" x 4 or 5"

Time commitment: about 20-30 minutes

Instructions:

ch 15

Row 1: dc in fourth chain from hook and in ea chain across. ch 2, turn. (13 dc)

Row 2: dc in ea of next 5 dc, ch 1, sk 1 dc, dc in ea of next 6 stitches, ch 2, turn (12 dc and one ch-1 sp)

Row 3-5: repeat row 2

Row 6: dc, (ch 1, sk 1, dc) five times, dc in last stitch, ch 2, turn (8 dc and 5 ch-1 spaces)

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

Row 8: repeat row 2

Row 9: dc in each dc and ch-1 space across. (13 dc)

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

Edging:

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 edging.

Finish off. Sew in ends.

Sandie's SC Puff Stitch Prayer Cloth



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Materials: G or H hook, smallish ball of any kind of yarn unless it's for an active duty soldier. Then it must be 100% wool.

Size: 3 3/4" x 4 1/4"

can be any size but I generally try to keep it pocket size, around 3 or 4" x 4 or 5"

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.

Instructions:

ch 14

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

Row 2: sc across, ch 1, turn

Row 3 (right side): sc in ea of next 6 sc, puff st in next sc, sc in ea of next 6 sc, ch 1, turn

Row 4: sc across, ch 1, turn

Row 5-10: repeat rows 3 and 4

Row 11: sc in ea of first 2 scs, (puff, sc) 5 times, sc in last sc, ch 1, turn

Row 12: sc across, ch 1, turn

Row 13-16: repeat rows 3 and 4

Row 17: sc across, ch 1, turn

Edging:

On right side (puffy side) sc around, working (sc, hdc, sc) OR (sc, ch 2, sc) in corners (whatever keeps your corners from curling). If your work does not lie flat, try using a hook one size smaller for edging. Finish off. Sew in ends.

Sandie's HDC Puff Stitch Prayer Cloth

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Materials: G or H hook, smallish ball of any kind of yarn unless it's for an active duty soldier. Then it must be 100% wool.

Size: 3 1/2" x 5"

can be any size but I generally try to keep it pocket size, around 3 or 4" x 4 or 5"

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.

Instructions:

ch 15

Row 1: hdc in third chain from hk and in ea chain across. ch 2 (counts as a stitch on this and every row), turn. (13 hdc)

Row 2 (right side): hdc in ea of next 6 hdc, puff st in next hdc, hdc in ea of next 6 hdc, ch 2, turn

Row 3: hdc across, ch 2, turn

Row 4-9: repeat rows 2 and 3

Row 10: hdc in hdc, (puff, hdc) 5 times, hdc in last hdc, ch 2, turn

Row 11: hdc across, ch 2, turn

Row 12-17: repeat rows 2 and 3. On last row ch 1 instead of ch 2, turn.

Edging:

On right side (puffy side) 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 edging. Finish off. Sew in ends.