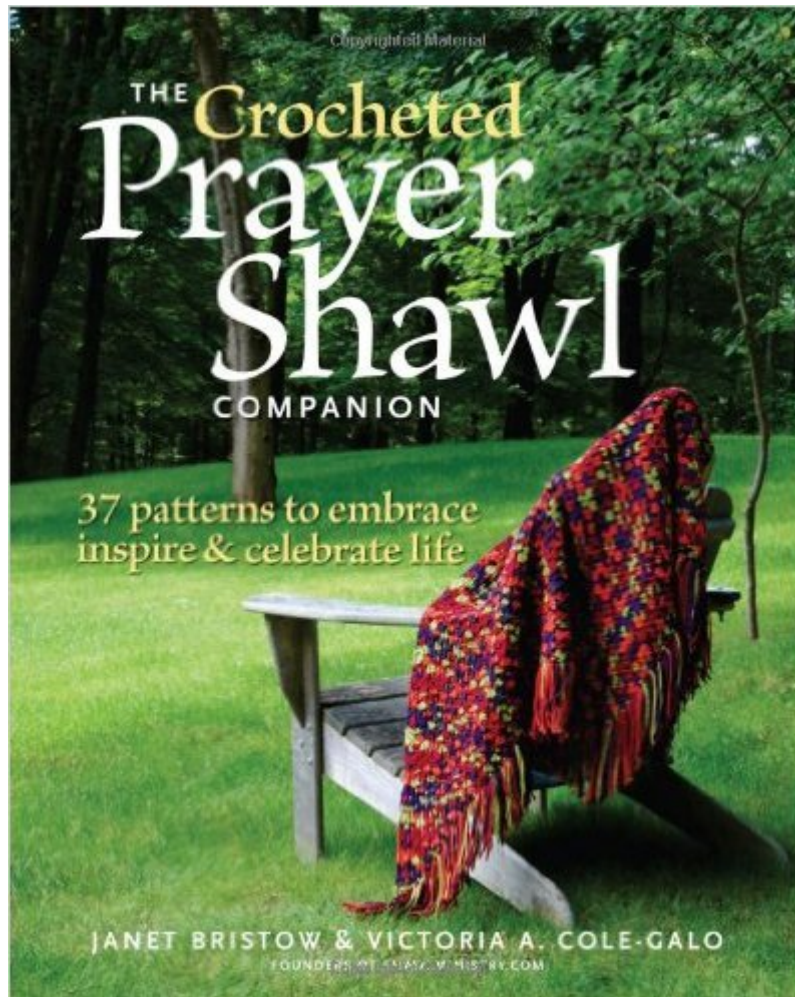


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# The Crocheted Prayer Shawl Companion: 37 Patterns To Embrace, Inspire, And Celebrate Life



## Synopsis

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is an extraordinary group that has touched lives in extraordinary ways across the world for more than a decade. With their latest book, Janet Bristow and Victoria A. Cole-Galo continue to reach out to people of all faiths in sadness and celebration, this time with crocheted wraps, or prayer shawls. In their follow-up to the 2008 bestseller *The Prayer Shawl Companion*, the authors have once again brought together crafters, their inspiring tales, and comforting, thoughtful blessings. *The Crocheted Prayer Shawl Companion* features 37 beautifully designed prayer shawl patterns contributed by everyday crocheters and professional knitwear designers alike, including Nicky Epstein, Mary Beth Temple, and Doris Chan, among others. The instructions are easy to follow and the patterns represent a range of skill levels.

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## Customer Reviews

I am so pleased with this book of just crocheted patterns. I highly recommend this book to anyone that loves to crochet. With the pattern sequence noted, each shawl can be expanded into an afghan or lap wheelchair afghan. I have made three shawls so far and will make many more. The instructions are easy to follow and the prayers and stories inspirational. I am a ministry of one at the moment but hope to start a group in our parish soon. The joy the gifts have produced makes this book a true blessing. Even if you don't pray while you crochet the joy is still there in the giving of these beautiful shawls.

This is the first of the Prayer Shawl books that I've delved into and I really liked the concept from the beginning. I crochet and knit premie hats and blankets for my hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit among other ministry items. I just simply haven't gotten to making shawls...until now. This book is well laid out with excellent photos of the finished items interspersed with ideas on how to bless others with a shawl. My favorite part of the patterns is that the yarns are easily found or substituted. Why is this my favorite? What a boring reason, right? Because I live in an area that is yarn challenged...to say the least. Most yarns in patterns that I like are simply not to be found locally, and by locally, I mean over an hour radius! Because the nature of yarn is to be touched, I have yet to order yarn online without already having touched it first. I've only ordered online because the store told me they'd not get any more or the website had a color that the store didn't carry. My next favorite part of Prayer Shawl Companion is that the patterns are simple enough that my yarnie students could make any of these shawls and yet I can make the same shawl and not get bored by it. I've just simply added beads to mine and \*POOF\*, I have a fun project that also feeds my soul. Now all I need is to find enough time to make each pattern for our church's Interfaith Hospitality Network. It's a network of area churches that take turns housing homeless families for a week. I love the thought that's gone into each pattern and it's symbolism is amazing also. Thanks to Taunton Press for providing me this great eBook. I was a bit skeptical of an ebook version for crochet but I've enjoyed this version. My review is my own opinion and mine only.

The subtitle or tagline, if you will, for this lovely book says it all: "37 Patterns to Embrace, Inspire & Celebrate Life." This collection of beautiful patterns and incredible images would be enough to make any crochet enthusiast rush to their nearest craft shop or bookstore. But, what sets this book apart, are the stories. Remembrances shared by the people who share their work. Although, work may not be the right word. These crocheters are sharing their faith along side the patterns and stitches. Sharing their prayers and blessings, woven as beautifully as the yarns into gifts of love for people they often don't know. \*This is the second book from the founders of Prayer Shawl Ministry\*. And they offer much more than patterns and prayers. There are the expected, or at least hoped-for, crochet terms, yarn descriptions, and designer biographies. What isn't expected, is the appendix covering colors and symbolism. As an example, I made an afghan in varying sizes of squares and rectangles, in red and black a few years ago. I thought it was cool; so did the recipient. Little did I know that, with those colors and shapes, I was promoting energy, vigor, and health (red); strength, self-confidence, and harmony (black); and balance (squares). Important needs to the young man who received the afghan. \*\*\*\*\*I have never made a prayer shawl, but I can't resist crochet books.

This one is beautiful - patterns, stories, and images that touch the mind, the heart, and inspire a need to pick up some yarn and a hook. Whether you're part of a prayer shawl ministry, want to be, or just love crocheting shawls - you're going to want to add this book to your library.\* "Whether they are called Prayer Shawls, Comfort Shawls, Peace Shawls, or Mantles, etc., the shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way." Disclosure of Material Connection: I received a complimentary electronic galley of this book from the publisher through NetGalley.com professional readers program. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own.

This book is so interesting and beautiful. It has all the prayer that go along with the shawls. which is nice and a story about how it got started. And it tells you how to go about starting a prayer shawl ministry. It makes you feel wonderful and crochet for a purpose. It is a awesome book and everyone needs it I love it and can't say enough of about it. Its amazing and get it as fast as you can. I read it from cover to cover twice!

There is an error on the shawl One Step at a Time. When I downloaded the correction I further discovered that they need a correction to the correction. I was very disappointed as that particular shawl was what drew me to the book. I hope it is the only one in the book with a serious mistake.

Some lovely shawls. Most are easy to intermediate in skill level. Unfortunately there are numerous errors in the patterns, including in the "One Step at a Time" shawl which makes it impossible to work. You need to go to the shawlministry dot com website to find their pages of errata and corrections. And in this case, even their correction needed a correction! That said, the patterns here are nice, and you can find something appropriate for everyone, man, woman, child. Warm and snuggly or light and breezy. Wheelchair user or active adult. Lots of options, and the yarns recommended are usually worsted weight (although there are some in chunky and a couple in sport or fine, also), so you probably have in your stash something appropriate. Just be aware that if you stumble on something, for a change it probably is NOT you, it's the pattern that's wrong, so look for the corrections.

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