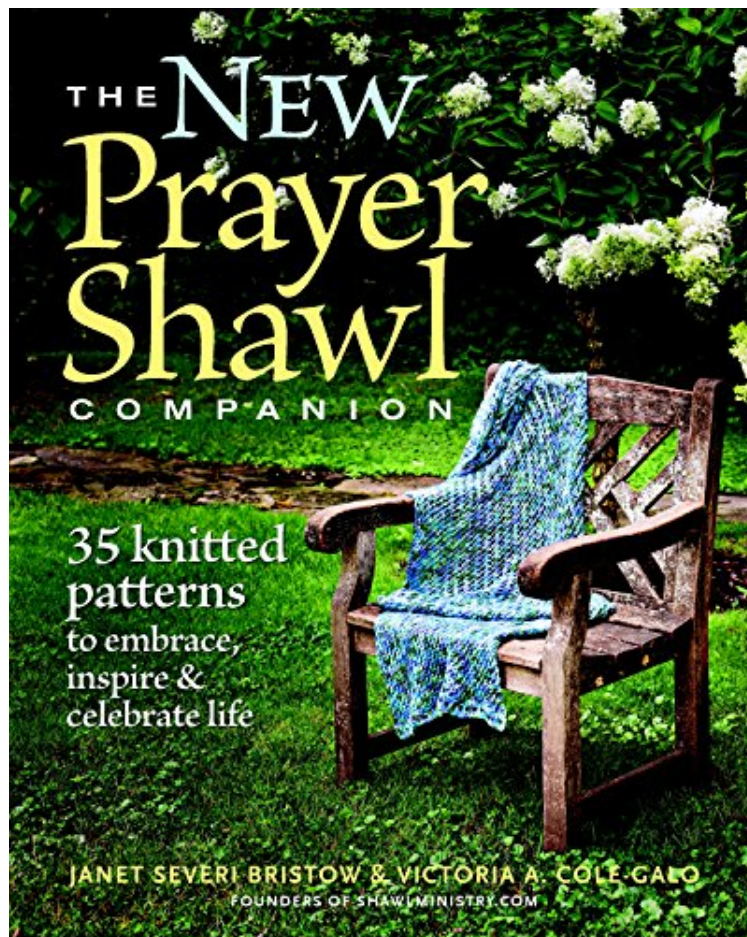


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**Janet Severi Bristow, Victoria A. Cole-Galo : The New Prayer Shawl Companion: 35 Knitted Patterns to Embrace Inspire Celebrate Life** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The New Prayer Shawl Companion: 35 Knitted Patterns to Embrace Inspire Celebrate Life:

15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. More knitting inspirationBy GigiIf you are active in knitting prayer shawls, you'll welcome these new patterns. I appreciated the fact that they reference yarns available at JoAnn's or Michael's and not the pricy yarns I couldn't afford for a service project. They have included some similar to those you would already have seen in the first Prayer Shawl Companion but that's the only way to have some easy or beginner ones. I wish they had illustrations or photos of new stitches on the "experienced" patterns such as a complicated cast-on or knitting in the row below. Based on my experience with the original book, do a swatch to

check the pattern on intricate ones as there may be some errors. I like the lengthier stories behind the shawls and the poems and prayers sprinkled throughout. Happy Knitting!  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. **NEW PRAYER SHAWL COMPANION** By Fluffy  
The New Prayer Shawl Companion is very special because it was written by Janet Severi Bristow one of the Prayer Shawl co-founders of the Ministry. There are 35 knitted patterns and also many thoughts of people who are also Prayer Shawl Ministry Volunteers and how they feel about the Prayer Shawl Ministry, etc. It includes patterns for beginners up to experienced knitters. It's a very thoughtful and meaningful book for those who are involved in this kind of charity work. JM4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. **New and Improving** By Katfish  
I had done little knitting before beginning to make prayer shawls one year ago. Of the three pattern books by Janet Bristow and Victoria Cole-Galo, this one is my favorite. There seems to have been more careful editing so the patterns have fewer errors than in the first knitting book. This book has patterns that are "doable" for a knitter like me who has reached at best the intermediate stage, but shows variations on ideas presented in the earlier knitting book that encourage me to also try my own ideas and grow as a knitter. Just weaving a lengthwise strand through the original prayer shawl pattern opens up new possibilities of color and texture for a novice knitter. The flames of the Candle of Hope pattern were a welcome challenge; a Post-it arrow helps me keep track of my row, and visions of light in the darkness keep the yarn running through my fingers. Examples of combining textures, colors, and patterns are numerous and invite trying to combine them in yet another way. As ever, the prayers and stories are inspiring. This is a valuable resource for prayer shawl ministry groups where members have vastly different skill levels. I hope there will be a second crochet book of similar quality.

There's something extraordinary about a handmade shawl and the sense of warmth, love, and support in which it wraps the wearer, especially during hard times. As our world unravels in various ways, caring circles of knitters are stitching together blessings--in the form of prayer shawls--to send to friends and strangers in need. The New Prayer Shawl Companion the latest book in the best-selling Prayer Shawl series, supports and inspires these dedicated knitters with a host of new stories and patterns for boundless creativity. Knitting enthusiasts, both amateur and professional, will embrace the 35 easy-to-follow prayer shawl patterns in the book--some designed for times of celebration, others for solace and remembrance. In addition to clear instructions, each pattern is accompanied by encouraging stories from other crafters, and blessings to knit by. Co-founders of the Prayer Shawl Ministry and lifelong knitters themselves, the authors offer readers bountiful design inspiration, stitching ideas, and patterns for creating beautiful shawls.

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