



CHOOSING YARN COLORS

If you don't know the recipient's favorite color, here are two different methods for selecting yarn colors.

THE MEANINGS OF COLORS

Whether you are creating a prayer shawl as a gift for healing, for protection, or for celebration, you may find a color that symbolizes the quality or sentiment you want your shawl to convey. Listed below are traditional meanings for several colors. If more than one color holds meaning(s) you choose, consider using a variegated or “painterly” shade of yarn that combines these colors.

COLOR	MEANINGS
Red	Energy, strength, power, determination, love, courage
Pink	Joy, friendship, femininity
Brown	Stability, masculinity
Orange	Happiness, success, encouragement, endurance
Gold	Illumination, wisdom
Yellow	Cheerfulness, energy, joy, confidence
Green	Healing, harmony, safety, hope, protection, peace
Blue	Stability, trust, loyalty, faith, truth, tranquility
Purple	Wisdom, dignity, independence, creativity, mystery
White	Goodness, purity, innocence, faith, safety, light

Source: The Prayer Shawl Ministry, Leisure Arts



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Another method for choosing yarn colors is to base your selection on the recipient's birthstone color.

MONTH	GEM	GEM COLOR
January	Garnet	Dark Red
February	Amethyst	Purple
March	Aquamarine	Pale Blue
April	Diamond	Clear
May	Emerald	Green
June	Pearl	Cream
July	Ruby	Bright Red
August	Peridot	Pale Green
September	Sapphire	Dark Blue
October	Opal	Variegated
November	Topaz	Yellow
December	Turquoise	Sky Blue

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