

The Envelope Afghan

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It isn't really my pattern per se, but I *was* the one who put it "out there" years ago. In fact, if you go here: <http://www.knitlist.com/00gift/envelope-afghan.htm> you will see that it was posted by me in 2000, as a Solstice gift to the Knit List. The swatch on that page, and in the pattern below was knitted & photographed by Anne T. Briggs.

It is a very versatile pattern, and I can't recommend it highly enough as a charity afghan pattern. It uses virtually any and all scraps of yarn you may have lying about, and can be as tight or as lacy a fabric as you like, simply by varying the needles. With the colder weather almost upon us here on the east coast of the U.S., it's a great time to think about those who will need some help keeping warm this year. As it has been observed by others,

"Hands that help are far better than lips that pray"

Here, then, is one way to help.

The name came about because this pattern, with no name, was passed on to me on the back of an envelope. The dear friend who gave it to me got *her* copy passed on to her on the back of an envelope, and so on. The afghan is worked in strips and is infinitely variable by using different size needles, weights of yarn, and so on. It is a VERY easy pattern, goes VERY quickly, and looks beautiful!

Materials:

Worsted Weight yarn. Amount will vary depending on afghan size, but for a normal (44" wide x 60" long) afghan it uses around 6 3.5 ounce skeins.

Size 8 or 9 straight needles. Size 10 will give you a wider strip, and size 13 a lovely lacy effect.

Gauge:

Not important

A typical adult afghan would be 5 strips wide

Pattern for strip:

Cast On 36 sts

Row 1: K1, K2tog, k6, YO, K1, YO, K6, (K2tog) twice, K6, YO, K1, YO, K6, K2tog, K1.

Row 2: Purl all sts across.

Row 3: Knit all sts across.

Repeat rows 1-3 until strip is desired length. ALWAYS BIND OFF ON ROW 3!!!