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TUNISIAN CROCHET IS MUCH MORE than a fascinating new crochet stitch. And you don't have to be an experienced or even an intermediate crocheter to pick up a Tunisian crochet hook and create something amazing. Tunisian crochet is a crochet technique with similarities to both crochet and knitting but also brings many of its own benefits to the table.

Worked with a single crochet hook with either a long symmetrical shaft or a long flexible cord, Tunisian crochet is created by picking up a loop in the stitch and leaving that loop on the hook, then moving to the next stitch. Once all of the indicated loops have been picked up, work the return pass, yarning over and drawing through the loops on the hook to work the loops off the hook and finish the stitch. That's all there is to it.

In this free crochet eBook, you will find seven fabulous Tunisian crochet projects for Tunisian crochet students plus information on finding the perfect Tunisian crochet hook and a guide to seaming your Tunisian crochet project.

Using the correct hook is critical when working Tunisian crochet. Some regular crochet hooks work well for smaller Tunisian projects and specialized Tunisian crochet hooks make working large projects easy and fun. Interchangeable crochet hooks are a great addition to your tool kit.

Discover how to seam Tunisian crochet using whipstitch or slip stitch. Written instructions and detailed photographs show you how to create sturdy, smooth seams for the perfect finish.

Kim Guzman's **Summer's Day Placemats** are a great introduction to double ended Tunisian Crochet. These fabulous striped placemats are worked in a combination of Tunisian knit stitch and Tunisian purl stitch. Crochet a set in vertical and horizontal stripes in a variety of colors for any festive occasion.

At an amazing thirty-six inches, The **Flip-Flop Floor Pillow** by Drianna Mewborn is big enough for two children or one very large dog. The spiral top and bottom as well as the Tunisian band that encircles the pillow are all crocheted separately and then joined with reverse-singlecrochet-piping.

The **Tunisian Striped Hat** by Toni Rexroat is a great introduction to double-ended Tunisian crochet in the round. The crown of this multisized hat is worked in single crochet before loops are picked up to begin working in Tunisian knit stitch and Tunisian purl stitch. I love the look of these textured stripes.

The **Zeena Tunisian Ruana** by Kristin Omdahl is the perfect accessory for days that are too cold for a cardigan but too warm for a winter coat. This dense Tunisian ruana can be worn open, cinched with a belt, or even with one side slung over a shoulder.

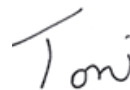
Learn Tunisian crochet lace with the **Tunisian Lace Ascot** by Ellen K. Gormley is a great introduction to this technique. This quick and simple crochet lace scarf transitions seamlessly through the seasons, and the easily memorized lace pattern makes it an ideal travel project.

Rediscover the chevron with the **Chevron Cowl** by Sheryl Thies. A clever combination of yarn overs and Tunisian decrease stitches create the subtle chevron texture, and the pattern is easy to memorize and work. Crochet this beautiful cowl in a single color or use stripes to highlight the design.

The **Aubrey Jacket** by Tram Nguyen is worked in a single piece using Tunisian single stitch and twisted Tunisian simple stitch. These easy stitches create a thick fabric that is cozy and warm but also retains elasticity and stretch. The length of this Tunisian jacket is easily customizable and the bulky yarn works up quickly.

Enjoy the beauty of Tunisian crochet with *7 Free Tunisian Crochet Patterns Plus Tips on Basic Tunisian Crochet Stitches and How to Tunisian Crochet*. Share photographs of your finished project in the Crochet Me member Gallery.

Best wishes,



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P.S. Visit Crochet Me to find step-by-step tutorials on Tunisian crochet. You will find our videos on Tunisian simple stitch, Tunisian purl stitch, Tunisian knit stitch and Tunisian crochet in the round at <http://bit.ly/TunisianVideos>.

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Tunisian Crochet Hooks

TUNISIAN CROCHET, SOMETIMES KNOWN AS Afghan crochet, has found a strong foothold in crochet fashion, and I am thrilled. I love the sturdy thickness of Tunisian fabric and the gentle rhythm of the stitches. Tunisian crochet designers are busy experimenting with stitches, colors, and silhouettes to create innovative projects. You don't want to miss out.

It may bear a striking resemblance to knitting, but Tunisian crochet is a fabulous technique using a crochet hook to create a unique fabric with an oftentimes woven look. Although it is a form of crochet, Tunisian crochet is a skill in itself with myriad stitches and its own hooks, but some regular crochet hooks also work well.

Tunisian crochet is worked using either a Tunisian hook (sometimes called an Afghan hook) or a regular crochet hook that has an even shaft, or in other words does not widen at the grip. A Tunisian hook looks like a regular crochet hook, only longer, and without a wide grip. Some Tunisian hooks are made extra long with a cord or wire that extends from the end of the hook. It is longer because you pick up stitches across the row, much like knitting, then work the stitches off the hook as in crochet. A single row is made up of both a forward pass and a return pass. With Tunisian crochet, the right side of the work is always facing you.

Double-ended Tunisian crochet requires a crochet hook with a "hook" at either end. This allows you to pick up loops with the front hook and work them off with the back hook.

Even Shaft

On the forward pass of any Tunisian crochet row, you will pick up a loop in each stitch across. You may have 2 loops or you may have 200 loops on your hook at the end of the row, depending on your pattern. The loops you pick up will slide down the shaft of your hook. It is important that the shaft be even. If the grip widens, it will increase the size of the loops that slide over it, distorting the finished fabric.

This doesn't mean you have to go out and buy all new hooks. Look through your current collection. There are sev-



Regular crochet hooks with an even shaft



Denise Interchangeable Tunisian crochet hooks

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eral wooden hooks with smooth, even shafts that are perfect for narrower Tunisian projects such as scarves and cowls, though you will never fit all of the stitches for an entire afghan or sweater on the shaft.

Sufficient Length

Most Tunisian crochet afghans, sweaters, and shawls will require you to pick up more loops than will fit on a traditional crochet hook. This is where a Tunisian hook will come in handy. Many Tunisian hooks have a relatively short shaft connected to a longer wire or cord. This cord is narrower than the shaft of the hook, but the smaller circumference does not affect the size of the loops.

Some Tunisian crochet hooks, such as the Denise Interchangeable Crochet hooks, allow you to control the length of your Tunisian crochet hook. A variety of different length cords can be attached to a short crochet hook, ensuring your hook is long enough without being too long and unwieldy. These interchangeable hooks also work well for your regular crochet projects and can be used to create double-ended Tunisian hooks.

So pull out an even-shafted crochet hook from your collection or pick up a new Tunisian crochet hook and explore Tunisian crochet today.

Seaming Tunisian Crochet

by Dora Ohrenstein

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CROCHET GARMENTS CAN BE SEAMED in several ways, depending on the structure of the stitch. In the Fall 2008 issue of *Interweave Crochet*, Annette Petavy wrote an article detailing five ways to work seams for crocheted garments.

Here, we'll highlight two types of seaming well suited to Tunisian crochet. Tunisian crochet produces an edge that can be somewhat looser than regular crochet and calls for seaming that produces a smooth finish. I consulted Kim Guzman, Tunisian crocheter extraordinaire, for the best seaming methods to use on Tunisian pieces.

The two methods here are mattress stitch and chain stitch or slip stitch.

Mattress stitch, or woven stitch, is the go-to method for seaming knit garments, so it makes sense to use it with Tunisian, which is a fusion of knit and crochet. Mattress stitch creates a thicker seam than whipstitch, but it is an even seam that closes all the gaps that can be produced with Tunisian. It works very well with Tunisian simple stitch.

To work it, lay pieces right side up, side by side. Pin at top and bottom and a few places in between to

match. Thread matching yarn on a tapestry needle. Tack a couple of base stitches at the bottom. Starting on either side, insert the needle one full stitch in from the edge and under two horizontal bars of a stitch (Figure 1). Then insert the needle on the other side, under two horizontal bars one full stitch in (Figure 2). Work back and forth, weaving from one side to the other. After five or six stitches, pull gently on the yarn to pull the two sides together (shown at the bottom of the swatch); do not pull too hard or the seams will pucker. Continue weaving back and forth to the top of the seam, pulling the sides together every five stitches or so. Tack at the end of the seam and weave in ends.

Another type of seam is the chain-stitch seam. The chain stitch works especially well on Tunisian knit stitch, because it mimics the knit stitch. It works well for Tunisian simple stitch as well, so we've shown both swatches. Note that the seams are worked on different sides for the different stitches.

For the Tunisian knit stitch, hold the two pieces wrong side together, so you are stitching on the right side. Use



Figure 1



Figure 2

the same hook size you used to make the garment; you want the chain stitches to be the same size as the garment stitches. Join with a slip stitch at the base. Working a half stitch in, chain stitch through both layers of fabric. On the front, it will mimic the knit stitch (Figure 3); on the back it will form a dotted line that disappears into the fabric (Figure 4).

For the Tunisian simple stitch, hold the fabric right sides together, so the chain stitch is on the wrong side of the garment. Working a half stitch in, work chain stitch up the seam through both layers (Figure 5). Keep the work loose, so the seam does not pucker (Figure 6).

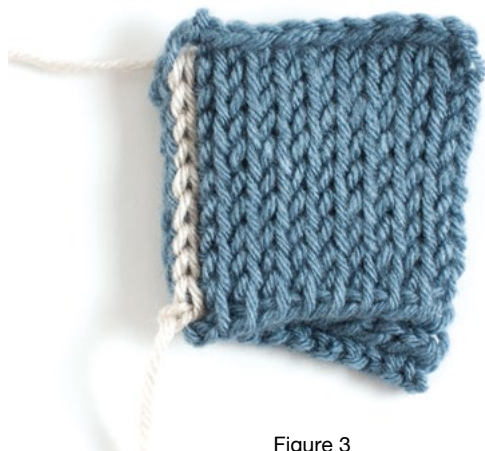


Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Summer's Day Placemats

design by Kim Guzman

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A QUICK STUDY IN DOUBLE-ENDED CROCHET, these festive placemats let you practice this technique. One mat is worked lengthwise, the other widthwise to give a little diversity.

Finished Size About 11" tall and 18" wide.

Yarn Louet MerLin Fine/Sport Weight (60% linen, 40% merino; 250 yd [229 m]/3½ oz [100 g]; **3**): #01 champagne (A), 3 hanks; #65 golden rod (B), #47 terracotta (C), #64 dusty rose (D), 1 hank each. Note: Makes 4 placemats.

Hook Sizes F/5 (3.75 mm) double-ended crochet hook and E/4 (3.5 mm) regular crochet hook. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Gauge 21 sts and 21 rows = 4" in st patt, blocked.

Notes

Curling at the bottom and top of project is to be expected due to the use of Tunisian knit stitch. Natural fibers are recommended for this project, since the curling will block out more effectively.

Always turn work to begin working with the other color

when hook is full, not when there is one lp on the hook.

For this st patt, Tunisian purl stitch is always worked with one of secondary colors from the WS of work. Tunisian knit stitch is always worked with A from the RS of work.

If sts slip off the end of the unused hook, try wrapping a rubber band around the end as a temporary stopper.

Horizontal Stripe Placemat

Row 1: FwP: With A and double-ended hook, ch 90, sk first ch, *insert hook in back horizontal bar of next ch, yo, pull up lp, leave lp on hook; rep from * across, turn (90 lps on hook); with B RetP (see Glossary)—1 lp rem on hook here and throughout.

Row 2: FwP: With B, sk first vertical bar, Tunisian purl stitch (tps; see Glossary) across, turn (90 lps on hook); with A RetP.

Row 3: FwP: (RS) With A, sk first vertical bar, Tunisian knit stitch (tks; see Glossary) across, turn (90 lps on hook); with B RetP.

Rows 4–7: Rep Rows 2–3 two more times.

Row 8: Rep Row 2.

Fasten off B. Do not fasten off A until instructed.

Row 9: FwP: With A, sk first vertical bar, tks across, turn (90 lps on hook); with C RetP.

Row 10: FwP: With C, sk first vertical bar, tps across, turn (90 lps on hook); with A RetP.

Rows 11–16: Rep Rows 9–10 three more times. Fasten off C.

Row 17: FwP: With A, sk first vertical bar, tks across, turn (90 lps on hook); with D RetP.

Row 18: FwP: With D, sk first vertical bar, tps across, turn (90 lps on hook); with A RetP.

Rows 19–24: Rep Rows 17–18 three more times. Fasten off D.

Row 25: Rep Row 3.

Rows 26–31: Rep Rows 2–3 three times.

Row 32: Rep Row 2.

Rows 33–56: Rep Rows 9–32.

Beg working in rnds. **Edging: Note:** Top row of sc for Rnd 1 is worked bet 2 vertical bars as if working tks.

Rnd 1: With regular crochet hook and A, ch 1, 3 sc in first st (see Note above), sc to last st, 3 sc in last st, *work 40 sc evenly in row-ends *, 3 sc in corner, work 88 sc in unworked lps of foundation ch, 3 sc in corner, rep from * to *, sl st in first sc to join.



Rnds 2–3: Ch 1, sc around working 3 sc in each corner, sl st to first sc to join. Fasten off and weave in loose ends.

Finishing

Soak project in cool water. Lay flat and shape as necessary. Allow to dry completely.

Vertical Stripe Placemat

Row 1: With A and double-ended hook, ch 50, sk first ch, *insert hook in back horizontal bar of next ch, yo and pull up lp; rep from * across, turn (50 lps on hook); with B RetP (see Glossary)—1 lp rem on hook here and throughout.

Row 2: FwP: With B, sk first vertical bar, Tunisian purl stitch (tps; see Glossary) across, turn (50 lps on hook); with A RetP.

Row 3: (RS) FwP: With A, sk first vertical bar, Tunisian knit stitch (tks; see Glossary) across, turn (50 lps on hook); with B RetP.

Rows 4–13: Rep Rows 2–3 five more times.

Row 14: Rep Row 2.

Fasten off B. Do not fasten off A.

Row 15: FwP: With A, sk first vertical bar, tks across, turn (50 lps on hook); with C RetP.

Row 16: FwP: With C, sk first vertical bar, tps across, turn (50 lps on hook); with A RetP.

Rows 17–28: Rep Rows 15–16 six more times. Fasten off C.

Row 29: FwP: With A, sk first vertical bar, tks across, turn (50 lps on hook); with D RetP.

Row 30: FwP: With D, sk first vertical bar, tps across, turn (50 lps on hook); with A RetP.

Rows 31–42: Rep Rows 29–30 six more times. Fasten off D.

Row 43: Rep Row 3.

Rows 44–55: Rep Rows 2–3 six times.

Row 56: Rep Row 2.

Rep Rows 15–56. Beg working in rnds.

Edging: Note: Top row of sc for Rnd 1 is worked bet 2 vertical bars as if working tks.

Rnd 1: With regular crochet hook and A, ch 1, 3 sc in first st (see Note above), sc to last st, 3 sc in last st, *work 88 sc evenly in row-ends*, 3 sc in corner, work 50 sc in unworked lps of foundation ch, 3 sc in corner, rep from * to *, sl st in first sc to join.

Rnds 2–3: Ch 1, sc around working 3 sc in each corner, sl st in first sc to join. Fasten off and weave in loose ends.

Finishing:

Soak project in cool water. Lay flat and shape as necessary. Allow to dry completely.

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Flip-Flop Floor Pillow

design by Brianna Mewborn

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THIS MARVELOUS PILLOW IS WORKED IN SPIRALS of alternating Tunisian knit and Tunisian purl stitches worked in short rows. An eye-popping 36 inches in diameter, this pillow is large enough for two children and a puppy. Let the puppy use the brown side and then flip it to the turquoise side so you can meditate or crochet (or both). A Tunisian band encircles the pillow, with reverse-single-crochet piping holding it all together. The Eco-Ways Bamboo Wool is soft to the touch and easy to work with.

Finished Size 36" in diameter.

Yarn Red Heart Eco-Ways Bamboo Wool (55% bamboo, 45% wool; 87 yd [80 m]/1¼ oz [50 g]; **(4)**): #3365 cocoa (A), 15 skeins; #3525 peacock (B), 13 skeins; #3920 cayenne (C), 5 skeins. Yarn distributed by Coats & Clark.

Hook Size K/10½ (6.5 mm) Tunisian hook and regular K/10½ (6.5 mm) hook. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions One 36" round pillow insert; yarn needle.

Gauge 12 sts and 15 rows = 4" in tss.

Notes

Lp already on hook counts as first st, both in starting ch and at beg of forward pass.

Back ridge lp is backside of top 2 lps. When you flip over ch, the rem third lp is back ridge.

Tunisian rows are worked in 2 passes; first pass is forward pass (FwP), where lps are picked up and left on hook. The 2nd pass is return pass (RetP), where lps are worked off of hook, always leaving 1 lp on hook to beg next row.

Top and bottom of pillow are each made of 6 wedges that build on each other.

Stitch Guide

Tunisian simple stitch (tss) forward pass (FwP):

*Insert hook from right to left behind front vertical bar of next Tunisian st of row below or under top lps of next non-Tunisian st, yo and pull up lp, leave lp on hook; rep from * across.

Tss return pass (RetP): Yo, draw through first lp on hook, *yo and draw through 2 lps on hook; rep from * across.

Tunisian purl stitch (tps): Bring yarn to front of work, work as for tss (see above).

Tunisian purl sl st: With yarn in front of hook, insert hook behind vertical bar of next st, yo and pull up lp, pull lp through next lp on hook.

Tss sl st: With yarn behind hook, insert hook behind vertical bar of next st, yo and pull up lp, pull lp through next lp on hook.

Pillow

Wedge #1: With A, ch 67.

Row 1: Insert hook in 2nd back ridge lp from hook, yo and draw through 1 lp, yo and draw through 2 lps, leaving last lp on hook (see Notes).



Row 2: Tss (see Stitch Guide) in edge (vertical bar) of 2nd st just created, yo and draw through 1 lp, insert hook in next ch, yo and pull up lp; RetP (see Stitch Guide).

Row 3: Tss FwP in (vertical bar of 2nd st and edge of 3rd st), yo and draw through 1 lp, insert hook in next ch, yo and pull up lp; RetP.

Row 4: Tss FwP in (vertical bar of 2nd st, vertical bar of 3rd st, and edge of 4th st), yo and draw through 1 lp, insert hook in next ch, yo and pull up lp; RetP.

Rows 5–65: Tss in sts of previous short rows and pick up lp in 1 ch st with every FwP until all ch have been worked. **Note:** Last st of final FwP in each wedge is worked differently: insert hook in both vertical lps on side, creating a cleaner finished edge. Do not fasten off. First wedge complete.

Wedge #2:

Row 1: Tps (see Stitch Guide) in 2nd st of previous tss wedge, yo and pull up lp, yo and draw through 2 lps.

Row 2: Tps in edge (vertical bar) of 2nd st just created, yo and draw through 1 lp, insert hook in next tss from previous wedge, yo and pull up lp; RetP.

Row 3: Tps FwP in (vertical bar of 2nd st and edge of 3rd st created on previous short row), yo and draw through 1 lp, insert hook in next tss from previous wedge, yo and pull up lp; RetP.

Row 4: Tps FwP in (vertical bar of 2nd st, vertical bar of 3rd st, and edge of 4th st), yo and draw through 1 lp, insert hook in next tss from previous wedge, yo and pull up lp; RetP.

Rows 5–65: Tps in sts of previous short rows and pick up a lp in 1 st with every FwP until all sts have been worked.

Alternate rem 4 wedges working them in tss, tps, tss, tps. When 6th wedge is complete, use Tunisian Purl sl st to finish wedge. With RS of unworked edges of wedges #1 and #6 tog, whipstitch (see Glossary) back lps tog. Fasten off and weave in loose ends. Rep for side 2 in B. **Gusset:** With C, ch 15.

Row 1: Insert hook in 2nd back ridge lp (see Notes) from hook, yo and pull up lp leaving it on hook, *insert hook in next back ridge lp, yo and pull up lp, leaving it on the hook; rep from * until all ch have been picked up (14 lps on hook); RetP.

Row 2: Tss FwP in vertical bar of 2nd st, [tss FwP in next st] 12 times; RetP.

Rep Row 2 four hundred times (1 row for every edge st around the 6 wedges). To finish gusset, end with tss sl st. With RS of gusset short ends tog, whipstitch back lps tog. Fasten off. **Piecing:** Place side 1 and gusset WS tog. Match up first few sts. Hold 2 strands of A tog and form slipknot. Slide slipknot onto regular K hook. Insert hook below top 2 lps of a st from gusset and top 2 lps of its companion st from side 1, yo and pull up lp, ch 1. Rev sc (see Glossary) around working in each st, aligning st from gusset with those of side 1, sl st in beg ch-1 to join. Fasten off loosely leaving a 6–8" tail. To smooth and hide fasten off, thread tail in yarn needle, *wrap tail over fasten-off area, pushing yarn needle from back of rev sc row through to front; rep from *, moving each new wrapped portion slightly off to the side to mimic rev sc corded look. After covering small area, weave in tail, careful not to disrupt corded edge. Rep for side 2 and gusset until half of side 2 and gusset have been pieced tog. Slip pillow in. Cont in rev sc until pillow is completely closed. Weave in tail as for first gusset.

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Tunisian Striped Hat

design by Toni Rexroat

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Finished Size 14¾ (16½, 18½, 20¼, 22)" to fit baby (toddler, child, woman, man); 6 (7½, 7½, 8, 8½)" long. Hat shown measures 18½".

Yarn Debbie Macomber Blossom Street Collection Rosebud (100% superwash extrafine merino; 137 yd [125 m]/1¾ oz [50 g]; **3**): #504 petunia (dark purple; MC) and #503 lilac (light purple; CC), 1 ball each. Yarn distributed by Universal Yarn.

Hook Size H/8 (5 mm) double-ended hook. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions Yarn needle.

Gauge 13 sts = 3" and 20 rows = 4".

Notes

Crown is worked in sc in the rnd without joining.

One rnd includes both FwP and RetP.

Sts are picked up for FwP with MC, then worked off from the opposite end of the hook for the RetP with CC.

Work FwP for several sts, then move them toward opposite end of hook. Work lps off opposite end as you work, then cont to pick up lps with forward end.

When working stripe patt, trs sts will push CC forward, creating the color change.

Stitch Guide

Tunisian reverse stitch (trs): Insert hook from right to left in back vertical bar and pull up lp.

Hot Crown:

Ch 3, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Work 8 (8, 10, 8, 8) sc in ring, pm in first sc to mark beg of rnd. **Note:** Beg working in rnds, moving m up.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around—16 (16, 20, 16, 16) sc.

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around—24 (24, 30, 24, 24) sc.

Rnd 4: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; rep from * around—32 (32, 40, 32, 32) sc.

Rnd 5: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc; rep from * around—40 (40, 50, 40, 40) sc.

Rnd 6: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 4 sc; rep from * around—48 (48, 60, 48, 48) sc.

Cont in patt, working 1 more sc each rnd bet inc, until 64 (72, 80, 88, 96) sts have been worked.

Beg double-ended Tunisian:

Rnd 1: Pull up lp blo in each sc around; RetP (see Glossary).

Rnd 2: *Tks (see Glossary; see Notes) in next 4 sts, trs (see Stitch Guide) in next 4 sts; rep from * around working RetP as needed (see Notes)—64 (72, 80, 88, 96) sts.

Rep Rnd 2 until hat measures 5½ (7, 7, 7½, 8)" from top of crown.

Brim:

Rnd 1: Inserting hook as for tss (see Glossary), sc in each st around—64 (72, 80, 88, 96) sc.

Rnd 2: Sc blo around.

Rnd 3: Sc blo around, sl st in next sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

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Zeena Tunisian Ruana

design by Kristin Omdahl

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THERE COMES A TIME OF YEAR WHEN IT'S TOO COLD FOR JUST A CARDIGAN, but it's not quite time to pull out your winter coat. It is the perfect time to snuggle into this ruana-style wrap. The Tunisian stitch pattern is quite dense and is worked in two colors, resulting in a fabric with an interesting woven look. A versatile piece, Zeena is easy to throw on while retaining a structured look. It can be worn open, cinched with a belt, or even with one side slung over a shoulder.

Yarn: Chunky weight (#5 Bulky), 1,001 yd (915.3 m) A; 429 yd (392.3 m) B—1,144 yd (1,046 m) total.

Shown: Plymouth Yarns, Encore Chunky (75% acrylic, 25% wool; 143 yd [131 m]/3.5 oz [100 g]): chocolate (A), 9 balls; teal (B), 3 balls.

Notions: Tapestry needle

Hook: M/9mm Tunisian hook and K/10.5 (6.5mm) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge.

Gauge: 10 sts and 9½ rows = 4" (10 cm) with Tunisian hook and working in Tunisian Simple Stitch (Tss).

Finished Size: 34½" wide x 33" long (87.5 cm x 84 cm) at the back. Each front panel is 16" (40.5 cm) wide.

Tunisian Simple Stitch (tss)

Row 1 (forward row): Chain number of stitches indicated in pattern, insert hook in second chain from hook, yarn over hook, pull up loop, *insert hook in next chain, yarn over hook, pull up loop; repeat from * across, leaving all loops on hook. Do not turn.

(Return row): To complete row, work loops off hook as follows: yarn over hook, pull through 1 loop on hook, *yarn over hook, pull through 2 loops on hook; repeat from * across, until 1 loop remains on hook (counts as first stitch of next row).

Row 2 (forward row): Skip first vertical bar, insert hook under next vertical bar, yarn over hook, pull up loop, *insert hook under next vertical bar, yarn over hook, pull up loop; repeat from * across. Do not turn.

(Return row): To complete row, work loops off as follows: yarn over hook, pull through 1 loop on hook, *yarn over hook, pull through 2 loops on hook; repeat from * across, until 1 loop remains on hook (counts as first stitch of next row).



Wrap

See Diagram A on page 16 for sample of patt.

Right Front

With A and Tunisian hook, ch 40.

Row 1: Work Row 1 of Tss—40 sts.

Rows 2–3: Work Row 2 of Tss.

Row 4: Continue in Tss, working forward row with A, drop A to RS of work, change to B for return row.

Row 5: Continue in patt, working forward row with B, drop B to RS of work, change to A for return row.

Rows 6–32: Rep Rows 4 and 5 thirteen more times. Fasten off B.

Rows 33–79: With A, work in Tss. Fasten off.

Back Neck

With A, ch 6 and fasten off. This piece will be used to

join the right front and left front pieces.

Left Front

Work as for Right Front, but don't fasten off.

Back

Row 1: With RS facing, work forward row of Tss across Left Front, insert hook in 1st ch of ch-6 piece, yo, pull up loop, *insert hook in next ch of ch-6

piece, yo, pull up loop; rep from * to end of ch-6 piece, working across last row of Right Front, with RS facing, insert hook under first vertical bar, yo, pull up loop, *insert hook under next vertical bar, yo, pull up a loop; rep from * across right front—86 loops on hook. Work return row.

Row 2–48: Work Row 2 of Tss.

Row 49–76: Work Rows 4 and 5 of Right Front 14 times.

Row 77–79: Work Row 2 of Tss. Fasten off.

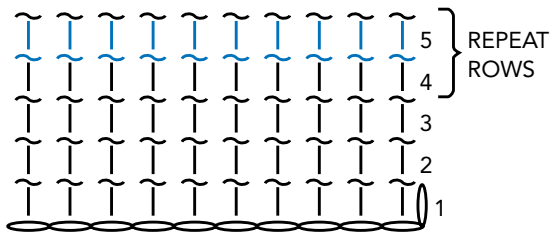
Finishing

With regular crochet hook and RS facing, join A with sl st to center of lower back in a vertical bar, ch 1, sc in same vertical bar. Work 1 sc in each vertical bar to end of row, 3 sc in corner sp, work 1 sc in end of every row along to next corner, 3 sc in corner sp, sc in each beg chain across bottom of Right Front, 3 sc in corner sp, work 1 sc in each end of row along to neck, sc in each beg ch of Back Neck, work 1 sc in each end of row along to next corner, 3 sc in corner sp, sc in each beg ch of Left Front, 3 sc in corner sp, work 1 sc in each end of row across to next corner, 3 sc in corner, work 1 sc in each vertical bar to beg of rnd, join with sl st to first sc at beg of rnd. Fasten off.

Wash, block to finished measurements, and let dry.

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Diagram A



Reduced Sample of Pattern

Stitch Key

- = chain (ch)
- | = Tunisian simple stitch (Tss) first half of row
- ~ = Tunisian simple stitch (Tss) second half of row
- = color A
- = color B



Tunisian Lace Ascot

design by *Ellen K. Gormley*

Originally published in *Interweave Crochet Spring 2008*

THIS ELEGANT AND LACY TUNISIAN SCARF is made from a one-row repeat that is easily memorized. Though simple, the result is elegant and practical. Excellent drape and loft are hallmarks of this design and are owed in part to the wool/linen yarn.

Finished Size: About 3" wide and 36" long.

Yarn: Louet MerLin (60% linen, 40% merino; 250 yd [229 m]/3½ oz [100 g]; **(2)**): #60-2013-6 champagne, 1 skein.

Hook: Tunisian hook size J/10 (6 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions: Yarn needle.

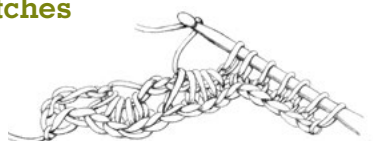
Gauge: 17 sts = 3" and 10 rows = 4" in shell patt.

Skill Level: Easy.

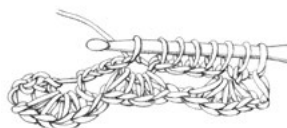
Notes

- When working Tunisian crochet, the RS of the piece is always facing. FwdP and RetP tog counts as 1 row (see Stitch Guide.)
- Always work the first st of every FwdP in the 2nd vertical bar from the edge. To keep edge neat, always work the last st of every row by inserting hook under final vertical bar plus the strand just behind it before pulling up a lp.

Stitches



Row 1 RetP



Row 2 FwdP

Stitch Guide

Pull up a lp: Insert hook in indicated st or sp, yo and pull up a lp.

Tunisian Cluster Stitch

Forward Pass (FwdP): Sk first vertical bar, pull up a lp in each of next 2 ch, *pull up a lp in top of sh, pull up a lp in each of next 4 ch; rep from * to last sh, pull up a lp in top of sh, pull up a lp in each of next 2 ch, pull up a lp in last vertical bar. Do not turn.

Return Pass (RetP): Yo, draw through first lp on hook, ch 1, yo, draw through 6 lps on hook (sh made), *ch 4, yo, draw through 6 lps on hook; rep from * until 2 lps rem on hook, ch 1, yo and draw through last 2 lps on hook (1 lp rem on hook).

Rep FwdP and RetP for patt.

Scarf

Loosely ch 17.

Row 1: Pull up a lp in back ridge of 2nd ch from hook and in back ridge of each rem ch; do not turn—17 lps on hook. Work Tunisian cluster st RetP (see Stitch Guide)—1 lp rem on hook.

Row 2: Work Tunisian cluster st FwdP and RetP (see Stitch Guide)—1 lp rem on hook.

Rep Row 2 until piece measures 35" or desired length (1 lp rem on hook). **Next Row:** Sc in each of next 2 ch, [sc in top of sh, sc in each of next 4 ch] twice, sc in top of sh, sc in each of next 2 ch, sk last vertical bar, turn—15 sc. **Next Row:** Ch 1, sc in each of next 5 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 3 sc, 3 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 5 sc—19 sc. Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in loose ends. Steam-block to measurements.

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TONI REXROAT



Chevron Cowl

by Sheryl Thies

Finished Size: 24" in circumference and 14" deep

Yarn: Interlacements Tippy Toes (100% Superwash Merino; 560 yd [512 m]/8 oz [226 g];  #403 Irish Heather, 1 skein. Pattern uses approximately 370 yd.

Hook Size: L/11 (8 mm) crochet hook or 2 sizes larger than Tunisian hook; J/10 (6 mm) Tunisian hook. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Gauge: 17 sts and 12 rows = 4" in chevron pattern.

Skill Level: Easy



Stitch Guide

Foundation Forward pass: *Insert hook in next ch, yo and pull up lp, leave lp on hook; rep from * across ch. Do not turn.

Foundation return pass: Yo and pull through 1 lp, *yo and pull through 2 lps; rep from * until 1 lp remains on hook.

Tss forward pass: *Insert hook from right to left behind front vertical bar, yo and pull up lp, leave lp on hook; rep from * across.

Tss return pass: Yo and pull through 1 lp, *yo and pull through 2 lps; rep from * until 1 lp remains on hook.

Yo: Wrap yarn over hook without pulling through

Tss3tog: Working right to left, insert hook behind next 3 vertical bars, yo and pull up lp.

Sc BO: Insert hook from right to left behind front vertical bar, yo and pull up lp, yo and pull through 2 lps on hook; rep from * until all sts are bound off.

Chevron pattern (14 sts + 3)

Every forward pass: Tss, *yo, Tss 5, Tss3tog, Tss 5, yo, Tss; rep from * to last st, end Tss.

Return pass: Work as for Tss return pass.

Notes:

Yo appears as a slant on next forward pass and is worked as a stitch.

Cowl

With larger hook, chain 101. Change to Tunisian hook and work foundation forward pass(see Stitch Guide)—101 lps on hook. Work foundation return pass. Work chevron pattern (see Stitch Guide) until piece measures 14". With larger hook, Sc BO (see Stitch Guide). Fasten off.

Finishing

Slip st seam side edges. Weave in loose ends. Block by misting to smooth and even stitches.

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JOE COCA

Aubrey Jacket

design by Tram Nguyen

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FLEX YOUR TUNISIAN SKILLS WITH THIS EASY-FITTING, classically styled jacket. Worked in one piece from the collar down, this jacket allows for a custom fit. Work the raglan top, then try it on for fit before working the sleeves. The body is then picked up and worked to the hem, so it's easy to customize the length. A clever combination of Tunisian simple stitch and twisted Tunisian simple stitch creates the stretchy rib texture.

Finished Size: 34 (36½, 39, 42, 47)" bust circumference. Garment shown measure 34"; modeled with 0" ease.

Yarn: Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Superwash Bulky (100% wool; 110 yd [101 m]/3½ oz [100 g]; **5**): sw188 golden bronze, 9 (9, 10, 10, 11) skeins.

Hook Size: O (11 mm) Tunisian crochet hook. Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

Notions: Stitch markers (m); five 1" shank buttons; yarn needle.

Gauge: 11 sts and 9 rows = 4" in rib patt.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Notes

- A “rib” is formed by a combination of 1 tss and 1 twtss next to each other.
- Tunisian FwP and RetP equal 1 row.
- Jacket is worked in one piece from the top down to the underarm beg with collar. Sleeves are then worked flat to cuff. Then body is worked from armhole to hem across all rem sts.

Stitch Guide

Tunisian simple stitch (tss) forward pass (FwP):

*Insert hook from right to left behind front vertical bar of next Tunisian st, yo and pull up lp, leave lp on hook; rep from * across.

Return pass (RetP): Yo and draw through 1 lp (counts as selvedge stitch), *yo and draw through 2 lps; rep from * across, last lp on hook counts as selvedge st on next row.

Twisted Tunisian simple stitch (twtss): *Insert hook from left to right behind front vertical bar of next Tunisian st, twisting counterclockwise (see Twisted Tunisian Stitch diagram on page 23), yo and pull up lp, leave lp on hook; rep from * across.

Inc: Insert hook under back lp bet 2 sts, yo and pull up lp, leave lp on hook.

Inc Row 1: Beg with selvedge st on hook, work Tunisian rib patt (see below) to first m, *inc (see above), work 2 sts in patt, inc, work in Tunisian rib patt to next m; rep from * to end; RetP.

Inc Row 2: Beg with selvedge st on hook, work Tunisian rib patt to 1 st before first m, tss in next st, *inc, work 2 sts, inc, work in Tunisian rib patt to 1 st before next m, tss in next st, rep from * to end; RetP.

Sl St Row: Beg with selvedge st on hook, *tss in next st, sl both sts through lp, twtss in next st, sl both sts through lp; rep from * to end.

Tunisian rib patt

Row 1: Beg with selvedge st on hook, *tss (see above) in next st, twtss (see above) in next st; rep from * to last st, tss in last st; RetP.

Rep Row 1 for patt.

Buttonhole

FwP: Work as indicated in patt to last 4 sts, yo, sk next post, work next step (1 tss twtss, tss).

RetP: Work as indicated to st before yo, yo and draw through 2 lps and extra yo, cont in patt as indicated.

Next FwP: Inc (see above) in back lp of skipped st to resume st count.

Jacket

Collar: Ch 48 (50, 56, 60, 66). Border row: Sc in bottom ridge lp across, turn—47 (49, 55, 59, 65) sts. **Set-up row:** Beg with selvedge st on hook throughout, pick up a lp through back loop only (blo) of each st across leaving lps on hook; RetP (see Stitch Guide)—48 (50, 56, 60, 66) sts.

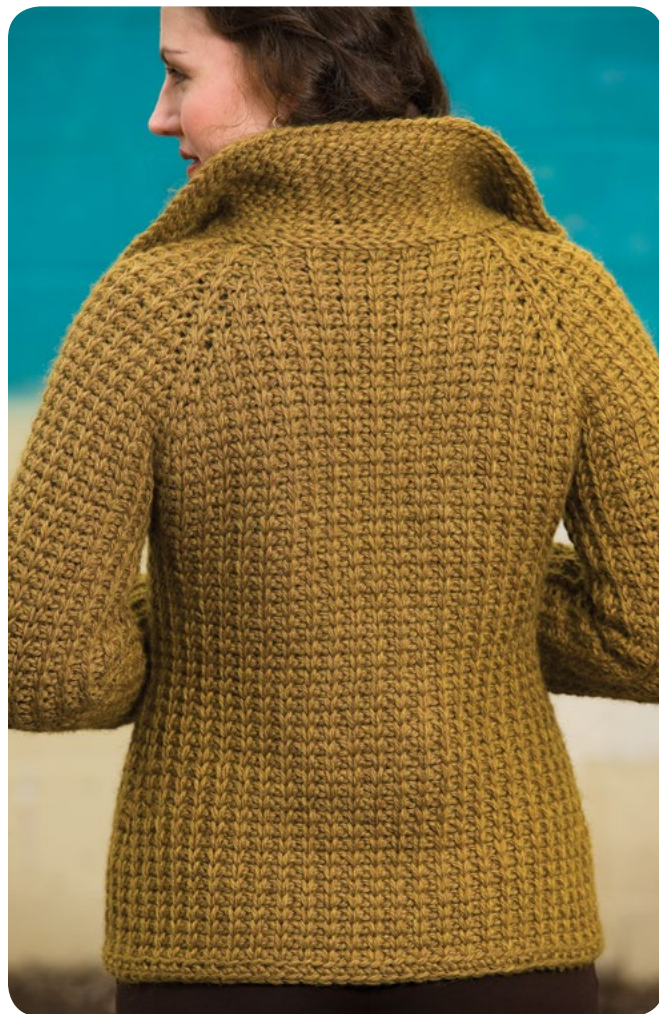
Rows 1–8: Work Tunisian rib patt (see Stitch Guide).

Row 9: Work Sl St Row (see Stitch Guide), turn.

Shape yoke: Note: Front, sleeves, and back are formed.

Set-up row: (WS) Pick up st through blo only of each st across; RetP—48 (50, 56, 60, 66) sts.

Row 1: (RS) Work in Tunisian rib patt.



Place markers (pm) as foll: **Note:** M is placed by securing a m around a "rib" of the patt. There should be 23 (24, 27, 29, 32) ribs and 2 selvedge sts. Separate left-front, left-sleeve, back, right-front, and right-sleeve sections by placing m around the 6 (6, 7, 7, 8)th, the 8 (8, 9, 10, 10)th, the 16th (17th, 19th, 20th, 22nd), and the 18th (19th, 21st, 23rd, 25th) ribs. **Shape shoulder:**

Row 2: Rep Row 1 and at the same time add a buttonhole on this and every 9 (9, 9, 10, 11)th row.

Row 3: Work Inc Row 1 (see Stitch Guide)—56 (58, 64, 68, 74) sts.

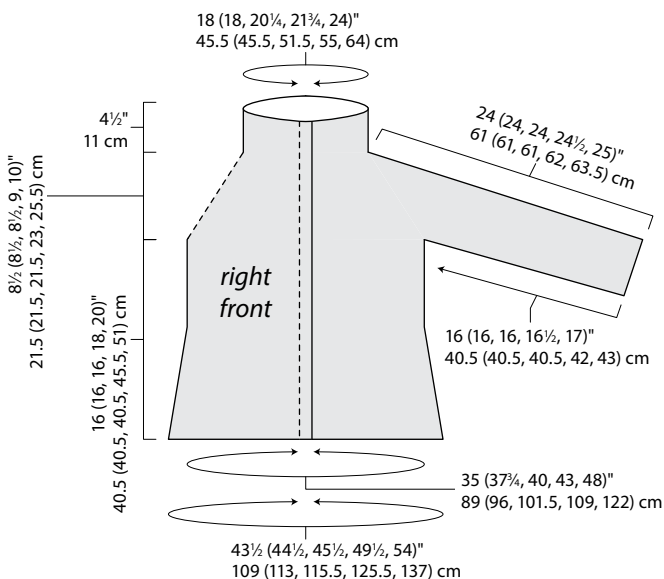
Row 4: Work Inc Row 2 (see Stitch Guide)—64 (66, 72, 76, 82) sts.

Rows 5–16 (16, 16, 18, 20): Rep Rows 3–4 six (six, six, seven, eight) times—160 (162, 168, 188, 210) sts.

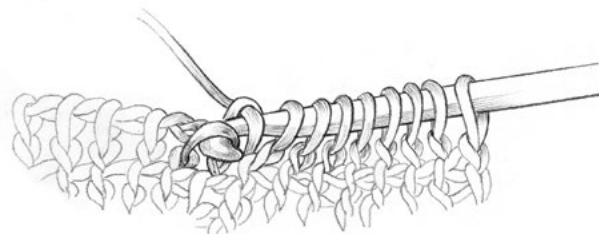
Next row: Rep Row 1. **Next row:** Rep Row 3—168 (170, 176, 196, 218) sts. **Next row:** Rep Row 1. **Next row:** Rep Row 4—176 (178, 184, 204, 226) sts. **Next row:** Rep Row 1. Place selvedge st on holder. **Left sleeve: Note:** Both sleeves are worked straight. With RS facing, join yarn at left-front m. **Set-up row:** Inc, work next 36 (36, 36, 42, 46) sts in Tunisian rib patt, tss in next st, inc; RetP—38 (38, 38, 44, 48) sts.

Rows 1–33: Work in Tunisian rib patt.

Sizes 39 (42)" only: Work 1 (2) rows in Tunisian rib patt.



Twisted Tunisian Stitch



All sizes: Edging: Next row: Work Sl St Row. **Next row:** *Sk next st, sc in next 3 sts; rep from * to end, turn. **Next row:** Sl st across. Fasten off. **Right sleeve:** With RS facing, join yarn at right-back m. Work as for left sleeve.

All sizes: Body: Place selvedge st from holder back on hook. Work first 26 (26, 28, 30, 32) sts in Tunisian rib patt, tss in next st, twtss in next st, work next 46 (48, 50, 54, 60) sts in Tunisian rib patt, tss in next st, twtss in next st, work next 26 (26, 28, 30, 32) sts in Tunisian rib patt, tss in last st; RetP—104 (106, 112, 120, 130) sts. Pm to separate left front, back, and right front as foll: Pm around 14 (14, 15, 16, 18)th and 38th (39th, 41st, 44th, 48th) ribs.

Rows 1–14: Work Tunisian rib patt.

Row 15: Work Inc Row 1—108 (110, 116, 128, 138) sts.

Rows 16–17: Work Tunisian rib patt.

Row 18: Work Inc Row 2—116 (118, 124, 136, 146) sts.

Rows 19–20: Work Tunisian rib patt.

Rows 21–26: Rep Rows 15–20—120 (122, 128, 140, 150) sts.

Work in Tunisian Rib patt for another 2 (2, 2, 6, 10) rows or to desired length. **Edging: Next row:** Work Sl St Row, turn. **Next row:** *Sk next st, sc in next 3 sts; rep from * to end, turn. **Next row:** Sl st across. Fasten off and weave in loose ends.

Finishing

Using sc, sew sleeve seams. Sew on buttons. Block to measurements.

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Glossary

Abbreviations

beg	begin(s); beginning	rem	remain(s); remaining
bet	between	rep	repeat; repeating
blo	back loop only	rev sc	reverse single crochet
CC	contrasting color	rnd(s)	round(s)
ch(s)	chain	RS	right side
cm	centimeter(s)	sc	single crochet
cont	continue(s); continuing	sk	skip
dc	double crochet	sl	slip
dec(s)('d)	decrease(s); decreasing; decreased	sl st	slip(ped) stitch
est	established	ss	slip stitch
fdc	foundation double crochet	sp(s)	space(es)
flo	front loop only	st(s)	stitch(es)
fol	follows; following	tch	turning chain
fsc	foundation single crochet	tog	together
g	gram(s)	tr	treble crochet
hdc	half double crochet	WS	wrong side
inc(s)('d)	increase(s); increasing; increased	yd	yard
k	knit	yo	yarn over hook
lp(s)	loop(s)	*	repeat starting point
MC	main color	**	repeat all instructions between asterisks
m	marker	()	alternate measurements and/or instructions
mm	millimeter(s)	[]	work bracketed instructions a specified number of times
patt(s)	pattern(s)		
pm	place marker		
p	purl		

Glossary

Crochet Gauge

To check gauge, chain 30 to 40 stitches using recommended hook size. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures at least 4" (10 cm) from foundation chain. Lay swatch on flat surface. Place a ruler over swatch and count number of stitches across and number of rows down (including fractions of stitches and rows) in 4" (10 cm). Repeat two or three times on different areas of swatch to confirm measurements. If you have more stitches and rows than called for in instructions, use a larger hook; if you have fewer, use a smaller hook. Repeat until gauge is correct.

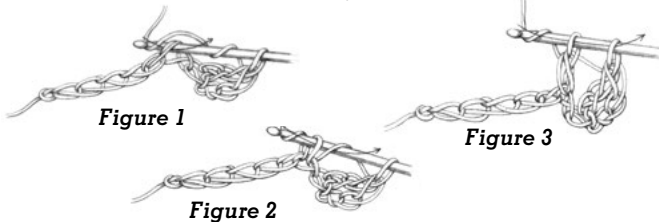
Crochet Chain (ch)

Make a slipknot on hook. Yarn over hook and draw it through loop of slipknot. Repeat, drawing yarn through the last loop formed.



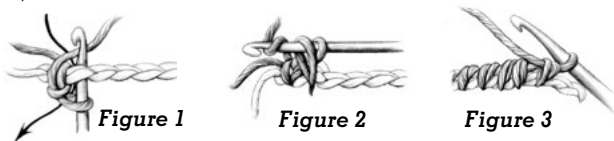
Double Crochet (dc)

*Yarn over, insert hook into a stitch, yarn over and pull a loop through stitch (three loops on hook; Figure 1), yarn over and draw it through two loops (Figure 2), yarn over and draw it through the remaining two loops (Figure 3). Repeat from *.



Reverse Single Crochet (rev sc)

Working from left to right, insert crochet hook into an edge stitch and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw this loop through the first one to join. *Insert hook into next stitch to right (Figure 1), pull up a loop, yarn over (Figure 2), and draw through both loops on hook (Figure 3). Repeat from *.



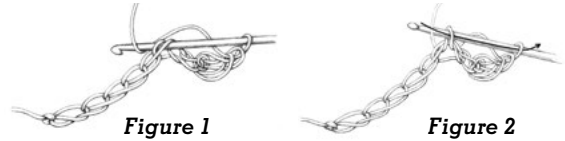
Whipstitch Seams

Place pieces with right sides together. Hold pieces with the 2 edges facing you.
Step 1: Secure seaming yarn on wrong side of one piece. Pass needle through pieces from back to front at start of seam. This creates a small stitch to begin seam.
Step 2: A little farther left, pass needle through pieces, again from back to front, wrapping seam edge. Repeat Step 2 to complete seam. Secure end of seaming yarn.



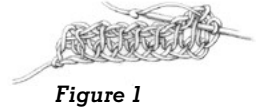
Single Crochet (sc)

Insert hook into a stitch, yarn over hook and draw a loop through stitch, yarn over hook (Figure 1) and draw it through both loops on hook (Figure 2).

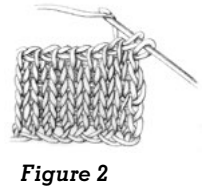


Tunisian Knit Stitch (tks)

Tks forward pass (Fwp): Skip first vertical bars, *insert hook between next vertical bars under horizontal strands (Figure 1), yarn over and pull up loop, leave loop on hook; repeat from * to end, ending with 1 loop on hook; return pass.



Return pass (RetP): Yarn over and draw loop through first loop on hook, *yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook: repeat from * across (Figure 2), ending with 1 loop on hook.



Tunisian Purl Stitch (tps)

Tps forward pass (FwP):

*Insert hook from right to left behind front vertical bar, yarn over and pull up loop (see Figure), leave loop on hook; repeat from * to last vertical bar at edge, pick up front and back loops of last bar to create firm edge; return pass.

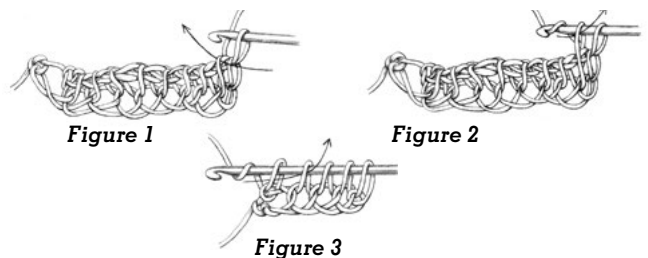


Return pass (RetP): Yarn over and draw loop through first loop on hook, *yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook: repeat from * to end, ending with 1 loop on hook.

Tunisian Simple Stitch (tss)

Tss forward pass (FwP): *Insert hook from right to left behind front vertical bar (Figure 1), yarn over and pull up loop (Figure 2), leave loop on hook; repeat from * to last vertical bar at edge, pick up front and back loops of last bar to create firm edge; return pass.

Return pass (RetP): Yarn over and draw through first loop on hook, *yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (Figure 3); repeat from * to end, ending with 1 loop on hook.



Slip Stitch Crochet (sl st)

Insert hook into stitch, yarn over hook and draw loop through stitch and loop on hook.

