

Creating a Simple Striped Tunisian Crochet Blanket



Tunisian crochet Blanket, often referred to as the “lovechild” of knitting and traditional crochet, is a versatile and beautiful craft that produces stunning textured fabrics. One of the most accessible projects for beginners is the Simple Striped Tunisian Crochet Blanket. This cozy and stylish blanket is not only a great introduction to Tunisian crochet but also an excellent way to create a functional and aesthetically pleasing home accessory.

In this article, we’ll explore the basics of Tunisian crochet and guide you through the process of making your own Simple Striped Tunisian Crochet Blanket.

The Simple Striped Tunisian Crochet Blanket predominantly employs the Tunisian Simple Stitch. This stitch is known for its loose texture, but to maintain the desired level of flexibility and comfort, it’s advisable to opt for a crochet hook that’s a few sizes larger than the standard recommendation for the yarn you’re using. This ensures that your stitches won’t become overly tight. The objective here is to strike a balance between a blanket that drapes gracefully and offers that delightful, plush coziness.

Reasons to love this Blanket



Elegance in Simplicity: The name itself suggests simplicity, but it's in this simplicity that the true beauty of the Simple Striped Tunisian Crochet Blanket lies. The clean lines and classic stripes bring a touch of timeless elegance to any space. Whether draped over a sofa or folded at the foot of a bed, this blanket adds an air of sophistication to your home.

Versatility: This crochet project offers limitless possibilities. You can choose any color combination that suits your taste and complements your decor. Whether you prefer soft pastels, vibrant neons, or calming neutrals, the Simple Striped Tunisian Crochet Blanket can be tailored to your preferences, making it a versatile addition to any room.

A Learning Journey: If you're new to Tunisian crochet, this pattern provides an excellent opportunity to expand your crochet repertoire. Learning the Tunisian Simple Stitch (TSS) and color changes will open doors to more intricate projects in the future. It's a wonderful stepping stone for crocheters eager to explore new techniques.

Materials You'll Need

Before we dive into the project, let's gather the materials you'll need:

Tunisian crochet hook: Choose a hook size that corresponds with your yarn weight. A 6.0 mm or 6.5 mm hook is suitable for worsted-weight yarn.

Yarn: Select a soft, durable yarn in your preferred colors. For this project, you can use a single color or a combination of colors for stripes. Approximately 1,800-2,000 yards of yarn should be enough for an average-sized blanket.

Yarn needle: This will be used for weaving in ends and seaming, if necessary.

Scissors: For cutting yarn.

Abbreviations:

st(s) – stitch(es)

sl st – slip st

ch – chain stitch

yo – yarn over

TSS – Tunisian Simple Stitch: (forward pass) insert hook behind the front vertical bar, yarn over and bring up a loop, leaving the loop on the hook.

MC – main color

C1 – Slate

C2 – Hudson Bay

C3 – Glacier



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Pattern Instructions

Chain 60 stitches.

Row 1 (Foundation row, forward): (MC) Start from the second chain from the hook, insert the hook into the back bump, yarn over (YO), pull up a loop, and leave the loop on the hook. Repeat this process from * to complete the first forward pass. Do not turn at the end of the row.

Row 1 (Foundation row, reverse): [MC] Yarn over (YO), pull the yarn through one loop. YO, pull the yarn through two loops. Repeat from * to complete the first reverse pass. This counts as the first row in the color chart. (60 sts)

Rows 2-6: [MC] (Forward pass) Tunisian Simple Stitch (TSS) across the row. (Reverse pass) YO, pull the yarn through one loop.

Row 7: Work TSS forward and reverse passes in Color 1 (C1), using MC to YO and pull through the last 2 loops.

Row 8: Work TSS forward and reverse passes in MC, using C1 to YO and pulling through the last 2 loops.



Rows 9-10: Repeat Rows 7-8. Cut MC after Row 10, leaving a 6-inch tail.

Rows 11-16: Work TSS forward and reverse passes in C1, using MC to YO and pull through the last 2 loops of Row 16.

Row 17: Work TSS forward and reverse passes in MC, using C1 to YO and pulling through the last 2 loops.

Row 18: Work TSS forward and reverse passes in C1, using MC to YO and pull through the last 2 loops.

Rows 19-20: Repeat Rows 17-18. Cut C1 after Row 20, leaving a 6-inch tail.

Rows 21-23: Work TSS forward and reverse passes in MC, using Color 2 (C2) to YO and pull through the last 2 loops of Row 23.

Rows 24-27: Repeat Rows 7-10, replacing C1 with C2. Cut MC after Row 27, leaving a 6-inch tail.

Rows 28-32: Work TSS forward and reverse passes in C2, using MC to YO and pull through the last 2 loops of Row 32.

Rows 33-39: Repeat Rows 17-23, replacing C1 with C2. Cut C2 after Row 36, leaving a 6-inch tail.

Rows 40-53: Repeat Rows 7-20, replacing C1 with Color 3 (C3). Cut MC after Row 43 and cut C3 after Row 53, leaving 6-inch tails.

Rows 54-80: Work TSS forward and reverse passes in MC.

Row 81 (Bind off): [MC] Insert your hook under the next vertical bar, YO, and pull through both the vertical bar and the loop on the hook, similar to a slip stitch. Repeat this process across the row.

Credits to the One Dog Woof page for inspiring us with this beautiful pattern.

Video Tutorial

If you prefer video tutorials, you're in luck! I recommend this video that shows how to make the Tunisian Simple Stitch. The tutorial was carefully created by The One Dog Woof Channel and you can access the video tutorial here below:

Conclusion



The Simple Striped Tunisian Crochet Blanket is a wonderful project for both beginners and experienced crafters. With the beauty of Tunisian crochet and the creativity of stripes, you can create a stunning and functional blanket that will keep you cozy and warm for years to come. So, pick up your Tunisian crochet hook, choose your favorite yarn colors, and embark on a crafting journey that will result in a cherished handmade masterpiece. Happy crocheting!

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