

Tunisian Crocheted Pillow

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Interchangeable
Tunisian
Crochet Hooks



Materials

- Interchangeable Tunisian Crochet Hook I-5.5mm (Art. No 3695)
- Interchangeable Cord-29 in. (Art. No 3947)
- Interchangeable Cord Stopper (Art. No 3651)
- Two 100g/3.5 oz skeins of worsted weight yarn different colors
- Optional: Tassel Maker Large (Art. No 9941)
- Handy Thread Twister (Art. No 9942)
- Tapestry Needle

Abbreviations

YO: Yarn Over

Ch: Chain

Sk: Skip

St(s): Stitch(es)



Tip:

Tunisian crochet (or afghan stitch) looks like a cross between crochet and knitting.

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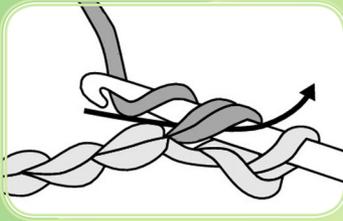
Tunisian Crochet is especially suited for making pillows, as the fabric is firmer and thicker than knitting.

Tip:

Tunisian crochet is worked back and forth without turning your work....work will curl!

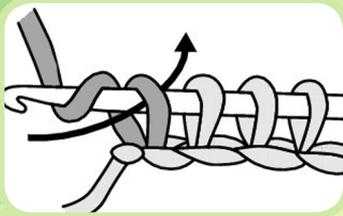
Pattern

Chain approximately $60 + 1$ stitches or width of pillow form. (Can be made any size-multiple is any number of $ch + 1$.)



Row 1: (Foundation row) sk 1 ch, *draw up a loop in the next ch and leave loop on the hook*

Continue across chain stitches leaving loops on the hook.



Row 2: With 60 loops on the needle, do not turn work and yo, draw yarn through first loop on hook, yo and *draw through 2 loops * repeat to end of row. The 1 remaining loop counts as the first stitch on the next row.

ALWAYS only draw through first loop on hook and then 2 loops for rest of row. (This leaves a chain stitch at each end for a finished edge)

Row 3: working right to left: ch 1, *insert hook under next vertical st and draw up a loop* Last loop is through chain st on edge. Repeat row 2

Repeat rows 2 & 3 for the basic Tunisian pattern stitches that resemble a woven textured fabric.

Alternate Row 3: This will look like a knitted version but will be thicker. Ch 1.

insert hook front to back through the center of the next vertical loop, draw up a loop (Pull up with left hand to easily see center of next vertical loop) Repeat row 2

Now you are the artist/designer! After a couple rows another color yarn can be added when starting row two and used alternately. You will get different looks changing the colors and using a different 3rd row by repeating or alternating rows. Solid stripes will appear using the same yarn for multiple rows. Ladder the alternate yarn up on left edge when changing yarns...no need to cut. Occasionally count loops to make sure you have not missed a stitch.

Finishing

- To end the last row, either slip stitch or single crochet.
- Blocking is required as it curls a lot during crocheting.
- Then single crochet the ends of the top and bottom of piece together to make a tube.
- With a tapestry needle weave double thickness of yarn around one outside edge (do not worry if edges are not completely straight) and draw up into a tight circle and tie a knot.
- Insert stuffing or pillow form and close the remaining end the same.
- Weave all loose yarn ends and trim.

*Could also be finished as a square or rectangle shaped pillow with tassels added to corners.

*Optional: Add tassels to each end for a finished look



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