

TUNISIAN SIMPLE STITCH

NOTE:

This stitch is often called the "afghan stitch" and is the most common of all Tunisian stitches. The Tunisian Stitch is worked in two passes – The Foundation Row and the "Return Pass Row".

You start with the traditional crochet chain. make a chain the desired length of the piece you will be making or the number listed in the pattern you are using. If you crochet tightly, you will want to use a larger hook – one to two sizes larger than your "working" hook. You do not turn the work in the Tunisian Stitch unless told to do so in the instructions except to go back down the chain.

1st PASS: (Foundation Row or Forward Pass) You will be working in the "bumps" on the back of the chain. Skip the first "bump" and insert your hook thru the second "bump", YO and draw up a loop and hold this stitch on the hook, ** Insert your hook into the next" bump", YO and draw up a loop and hold this loop on the needle. Repeat from ** across row. DO NOT TUEN.

2nd PASS: (Close or Return Row) YO, draw thru 1st loop on hook, **YO, draw thru two (2) loops. Repeat from ** across row. There will be one loop left on the hook. .

3rd PASS: You will see that the return pass made vertical bars across the row. (See Fig 8) Skip the 1st bar, insert your hook from right to left thru the next vertical bar, (See Figure 11) YO, pull up a loop, hold the loop on the needle, ** insert your hook thru the next vertical bar, YO pull up a loop, hold it on the needle. Repeat from ** across row.

4th PASS: Repeat 2nd Pass to close.

Repeat Pass 3 and Pass 4 for pattern.

TO BIND OFF: End with Pass 4. Insert the needle into the 2nd vertical bar, YO, draw up a loop, bring this loop thru the stitch on the needle. (This is a slip stitch in regular crochet). Continue across row. Fasten off.

Fig. 8

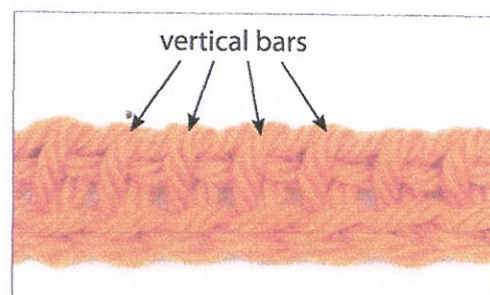
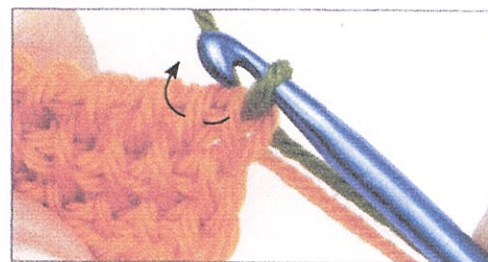


Fig. 11



TUNISIAN KNIT STITCH ((tks))

This stitch is worked the same as the "Tunisian Simple Stitch" for the 1st two passes.

Start with traditional chain. Chain loosely. If you crochet tightly, you will want to use a larger hook – one to two sizes larger than your "working" hook.

1st PASS: (This row is worked the same as the Tunisian Simple Stitch Foundation Row_ Working in "bumps" on back of chain, insert hook into the 2nd "bump" from the hook. YO and draw up a loop and hold it on the needle, ** Insert your needle into the next "bump", YO and draw up a loop and hold the loop on the needle. Repeat from** across until you have pulled up a loop in each chain, holding all loops on the needle. **DO NOT TURN. (You do not turn in the Tunisian Stitch unless otherwise told to do so.)**

2nd PASS: (This row is worked the same as the Tunisian Simple Stitch Return Pass or Close) YO and draw up a loop thru 1st loop on hook, **YO and draw thru next 2 loops. Repeat from ** across row.

Look closely at the stitches. You will see the front vertical bar going up and into the chain and then back down in the back of your work. (See Fig. 16). To make the stitches look like "knit" stitches, you will be going in between these two vertical bars with your hook. It is important that you go BETWEEN the bars (See Fig. 17) or your work will have a different look.

3rd PASS: Skip the first vertical bars, insert your hook between the next vertical bars going from front to back. YO and draw up a loop, holding the loop on the needle. ** Insert your hook between the next vertical bars going from front to back, YO and pull up a loop, holding the loop on the needle;. Repeat from ** across row.

4th PASS: Repeat 2nd PASS.

Repeat Pass 3 and 4 for stitch pattern.

TO BIND OFF: End the work with the 2nd PASS. ** Insert needle into 2nd vertical FRONT bar from right to left. YO and draw up a loop. Slip this loop thru the loop on the needle (This makes a slip stitch as in traditional crochet). Repeat from ** across row. Fasten off.

See Fig 14 for a swatch with the right side of the tks showing. See Fig 15 with the wrong side showing.

Fig. 16 *

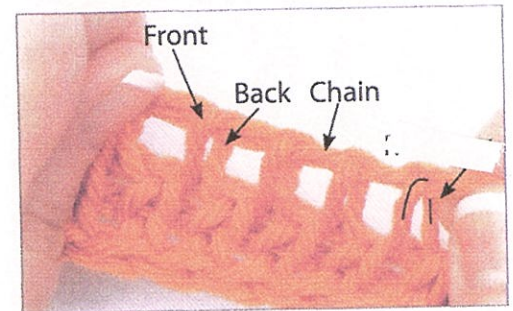


Fig. 17

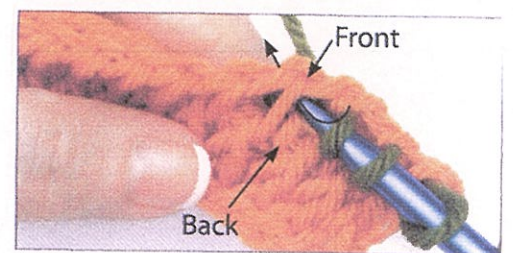


Fig. 14

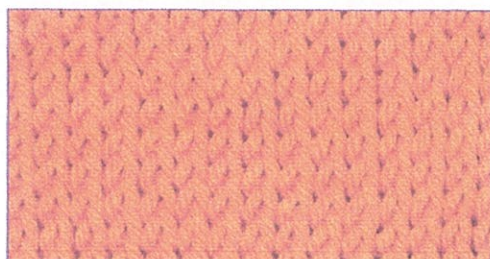


Fig. 15

