

Tunisian Crochet Vol Basic Textured Stitches: A Comprehensive Tutorial



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Tunisian crochet, also known as Afghan stitch, is a unique and versatile crochet technique that combines the elements of knitting and crocheting. It creates a beautiful fabric with a dense and pliable texture, perfect for warm and cozy projects.

Tunisian crochet is similar to regular crochet but uses a long hook that resembles a knitting needle. The stitches are worked in alternating rows, with the hook being inserted into the loops of the previous row. This technique creates a fabric that is both stretchy and stable, making it ideal for garments, blankets, and other home décor items.

Basic Tunisian Crochet Stitch

The basic Tunisian crochet stitch is the foundation of all Tunisian crochet techniques. It is a simple and easy stitch to learn, even for beginners with no prior crochet experience.

Materials:

- Tunisian crochet hook (size will depend on the yarn you are using)
- Yarn (worsted weight or bulky weight recommended)
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. **Make a slip knot:** Create a slip knot on the hook. This will be the beginning of your chain.
2. **Chain:** Pull up a loop through the slip knot and onto the hook. This will create the first chain stitch (ch).
3. **Tunisian simple stitch (tss):** Insert the hook into the next chain stitch. Yarn over (yo) the hook and pull up a loop. You now have two loops on the hook.
4. **Yo and draw through both loops:** Yarn over the hook again and draw it through both loops on the hook. This will create a single Tunisian simple stitch.
5. **Repeat:** Continue until you have reached the desired width of your fabric.

Textured Tunisian Crochet Stitches

Once you have mastered the basic Tunisian crochet stitch, you can begin exploring different textured stitches to create unique and beautiful fabrics.

Raised Single Tunisian Stitch (rstss)

This stitch creates a raised texture that adds visual interest to your fabric.

1. Make a tss as described above.
2. Yo and insert the hook into the same stitch as the tss.
3. Yo and draw through the first two loops on the hook.
4. Yo and draw through the remaining two loops on the hook.

Tunisian Full Stitch (tfs)

This stitch creates a dense and durable fabric with a subtle texture.

1. Make a tss as described above.
2. Yo and insert the hook into the vertical bar of the next stitch (the stitch below the tss).
3. Yo and draw through the first two loops on the hook.
4. Yo and draw through the remaining two loops on the hook.

Tunisian Knit Stitch (tkn)

This stitch resembles the knit stitch in knitting and creates a soft and stretchy fabric.

1. Insert the hook into the first stitch of the previous row.
2. Yarn over (yo) the hook and pull up a loop.
3. Yo again and draw through the first two loops on the hook.

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until you have reached the desired width of your fabric.

Tunisian crochet is a versatile and rewarding craft that allows you to create beautiful and unique fabrics. The basic Tunisian crochet stitch is easy to learn and can be used to create a variety of textured stitches. With practice and experimentation, you can master these stitches and elevate your Tunisian crochet projects to the next level.

So grab your hook and yarn, and let's get started on creating something beautiful!



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