

All About Tunisian Crochet

Materials Needed for Tunisian Crochet:

 Tunisian crochet hook: As mentioned earlier, this hook is also known as an afghan hook or a cro hook. These specialty hooks look similar to your average crochet hook but they are longer and have a different end.

A Tunisian crochet hook is around 10–14 inches but there are various sizes available. Because this crochet technique involves moving on and off the hook, the length is important. There is also some sort of cap on the end to keep the yarn from going off the end.

Besides the straight hook and cap version, there are also versions with hooks on both ends, circular Tunisian hooks, and more.

Your pattern should tell you what version and length of Tunisian hook you will need. If it doesn't, you may have to do some deductive reasoning based on what you're making. A smaller project won't need a longer hook, so a 10-inch straight hook should suffice. If you'll be crocheting in the round, buy the circular afghan hooks.



2. **Yarn:** There is no set yarn for Tunisian crochet but the hooks tend to be thinner, which means a lighter weight yarn is more common. However, again, your pattern should include the type of yarn or a specific brand of yarn suggested. Chunkier yarns can be used with longer or larger hooks.

If your pattern doesn't specify, simply practice with the hook and yarn you plan to use. If the yarn first the hook and the movements are natural, you should be good to go.



- 3. **Standard crochet materials:** The special hook is the only extra supply you would need if you already crochet. Some other tools you should have before starting include:
 - Scissors
 - Yarn needle
 - Stitch markers
 - row counters
 - Ruler/tape measure



Tunisian Crochet Stitches Instructions:

Start Tunisian just like regular crochet, with a set of crochet chains. Then, it's time to work your Tunisian stitch.

- 1. How to Crochet the Tunisian Simple Stitch (Tss): One row of Tunisian simple stitch is worked in two steps and using the front post of your work as follows, with yarn behind your work:
- 2. **Forward Pass:** Skip the first vertical bar; *insert hook under next vertical bar, yarn over and draw up a loop; repeat from * across, keeping all the loops you draw up on your afghan hook.





3. **Return Pass:** Yarn over and draw through one loop on your hook; *yarn over and draw through 2 loops on your hook; repeat from * until only one loop remains on hook (one row of Tss complete).



4. **Bonus!** How to Crochet the Tunisian Knit Stitch (Tks): One row of Tunisian knit stitch is worked quite similarly to the Tss above, except that you use the space under the vertical bar or space where you would normally insert your hook for a standard crochet stitch. The reverse pass is the same.

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