Tunisian blanket border

Baby blanket · US terms



Finished size
About 33¼ × 37¼ in (84 × 95 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Tunisian simple and purl stitch, joining as you go, a round along row ends

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge
14 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In Tunisian simple stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: cream, blanket and last round **about 1,125 yd (1,029 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: denim, border **about 375 yd (343 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 750 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, pins that do not rust and a Tunisian hook of the same size as the hook above, with a cord long enough for all the stitches of a blanket row.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. For another length of edge, the yarn of a band is in proportion to its rows.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Baby blanket (this file)	**33¼ × 37¼ in (84 × 95 cm)**	**about 1,500 yd (1,372 m)**
Lap blanket	41¼ × 49¼ in (105 × 125 cm)	about 2,450 yd (2,240 m)
Throw	49¼ × 61¼ in (125 × 156 cm)	about 3,650 yd (3,338 m)

Gauge

14 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in Tunisian simple stitch.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 24 the blanket, held flat, is about 8 in (20.3 cm) from the starting chain to the last row, and about 28 in (71.1 cm) wide. If yours is smaller, use a larger hook; if it is larger, use a smaller one.

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For another Tunisian blanket the stitches of a row are a multiple of 7: 7 × a. Any number of rows will do. Then, in the edge round, the square brackets are worked a times along the starting chain and a - 1 times along the top, and there is one hdc for each row along the sides. A side band has two rows more than the blanket. An end band has 6 × a + 14 rows: 6, then 1, then 6 × a, then 1, then 6. In the rim there is one sc for each row end of a band, and the ends of the bands are worked as printed. This holds while 7 stitches of the blanket are as wide as 6 rows are tall, as they are at this gauge.

Notes

- Where several stitches have one place after them, as in "3 sc in next st", they are all worked into that one place.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- The count of the edge round names its 4 ch-2 sps as well as its stitches. They are the corners, and the bands are joined in them: each ch-2 sp takes the jTss of one row of a side band and, later, the jTss of one row of an end band, as the bands say.
- Rows: the right side faces you and you do not turn. A row is a forward pass and a return pass; its count is the loops on the hook at the end of the forward pass. The loop on the hook when a row begins is its first stitch, so the first front vertical bar, right at the edge below it, is passed over.
- For straight edges put the hook under two strands in the last st of every row, the last front vertical bar and the thread beside it, and draw the first loop of the return pass through one loop only.
- In row 1 of the blanket and of a band there are no bars yet. The loop on the hook stands on the first ch from the hook; for each st insert the hook in the ch named, yo, pull up a loop and keep it on the hook. The jTss of row 1 goes through its ch and the edge.
- The band is worked to the right of the edge (to the left if you are left handed), so its last st, the jTss, is next to the blanket. The next place of the edge is always the next one in the order in which the edge round was worked. A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.
- The blanket is about 28 in (71.1 cm) by 32 in (81.3 cm) without its border and about 33.3 in (84.6 cm) by 37.3 in (94.7 cm) with it. The border is about 2.7 in (6.9 cm) wide all round.

Instructions

Baby blanket. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **rnd** round, **sp** space, **st** stitch.
sk skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **hdc in next 5 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 13 times: work what is inside 13 times in all.
(98 Tss): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

Tss (Tunisian simple stitch): Insert the hook from right to left (from left to right if you are left handed) behind the next front vertical bar, yo and pull up a loop, and keep the loop on the hook. Working along a row so is the forward pass; "return" at the end of a row is the return pass, worked back without turning: yo and draw through 1 loop, then [yo and draw through 2 loops] until 1 loop is left on the hook.

Tps (Tunisian purl stitch): Bring the yarn to the front, under the hook; insert the hook from right to left (from left to right if you are left handed) behind the next front vertical bar; take the yarn to the back, under the hook, yo and pull up a loop, and keep the loop on the hook.

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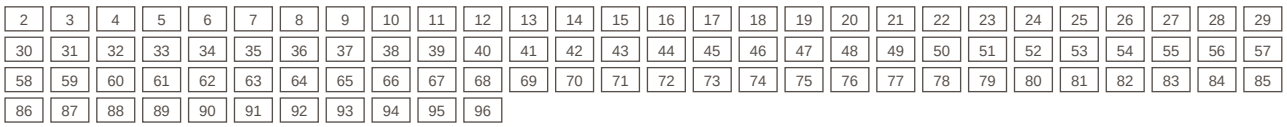
jTss (joined Tunisian simple stitch): Insert the hook behind the last front vertical bar and the thread beside it, then from front to back into the next place of the edge named in the note, yo and pull up one loop through all of it, and keep the loop on the hook.

Blanket

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 98.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Loop on hook counts as first Tss, Tss in 2nd ch from hook, Tss in next 96 chs; return (98 Tss)
☐ **Rows 2 to 96**	Loop on hook counts as first Tss, Tss in next 96 sts, Tss in last st; return (98 Tss)



☐ **End**	Bind off: [insert the hook behind the next front vertical bar, yo and draw through the bar and the loop on the hook] 97 times, beginning with the second bar of the row. Fasten off.

Edge

Yarn B, denim.

The right side faces you; do not turn. With the last row of the blanket at the top, the first st is the one at the right-hand end of the bound-off edge (the left-hand end if you are left handed), and the round goes along the top, down the row ends of the next side, along the starting chain and up the row ends of the last side. The 98 sts of the bound-off edge are the edge st where the bind off began, worked under the two strands at its side, and the 97 sts of the bind off, each worked under the two strands on its top. Work along the starting chain into each chain from its other side, and at a row end under two strands of the edge st. That edge st where the bind off began is also the end of row 96, so this one place is used twice: the first hdc of the round and, after all the others, the last hdc of the round go into it, round the corner from each other, with the last ch 2 between them.

☐ **Foundation**	A finished piece of 98 sts by 96 rows, RS facing.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in first st, hdc in next 5 sts, sk next st, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, sk next st**] 13 times**, ch 2, hdc in end of each of next 96 rows, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 chs, sk next ch**] 14 times**, ch 2, hdc in end of each of next 96 rows, ch 2, sl st in first hdc to join (360 hdc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Side band: make 2

Yarn B, denim.

One side band goes along each of the two edges of row ends. Turn the blanket, right side facing you, so that the edge is at its right-hand side, with the blanket to the left of it (the other way round if you are left handed). Begin at the bottom of that edge: row 1 is joined in the ch-2 sp there, rows 2 to 97 to the 96 hdc one after another, under both loops, and row 98 in the next ch-2 sp. In a ch-2 sp the hook goes into the open space under the chain.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 7.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Loop on hook counts as first Tss, Tss in 2nd ch from hook, Tss in next 4 chs, jTss in next ch; return (6 Tss, 1 jTss)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 98** Loop on hook counts as first Tss, **[**Tps in next st, Tss in next st**] 2 times**, Tps in next st, jTss in last st; return (3 Tss, 3 Tps, 1 jTss)

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53
54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79
80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98							

☐ **End** Bind off: [insert the hook behind the next front vertical bar, yo and draw through the bar and the loop on the hook] 6 times, beginning with the second bar of the row. Fasten off.

End band: make 2

Yarn B, denim.

Work one end band along the top edge and one along the bottom edge, when both side bands are done. Hold the blanket as for the side bands. An end band is joined to the end of a side band, to the edge and to the end of the other side band: rows 1 to 6 to the bound-off end of the first side band (its 7 sts are the edge st where the bind off began, which is the end of its last row, and the 6 sts of the bind off; take them one after another from the outer edge in, the 4th left out), row 7 in the ch-2 sp, where the last row of the side band is joined too, rows 8 to 91 to the 84 hdc one after another, row 92 in the next ch-2 sp, and rows 93 to 98 to the 7 chs at the start of the other side band (from the blanket outward, the 4th left out).

In the jTss of these rows the hook goes into the place of the edge, from front to back as always, like this: in the edge st where the bind off began, under the two strands at its side; in a st of the bind off, under the two strands on its top; in a ch-2 sp, into the open space under the chain; in an hdc, under both loops; in a ch at the start of the side band, into the chain from its other side, the side without the stitches of row 1.

☐ **Foundation** Ch 7.

☐ **Row 1 (RS)** Loop on hook counts as first Tss, Tss in 2nd ch from hook, Tss in next 4 chs, jTss in next ch; return (6 Tss, 1 jTss)

☐ **Rows 2 to 98** Loop on hook counts as first Tss, **[**Tps in next st, Tss in next st**] 2 times**, Tps in next st, jTss in last st; return (3 Tss, 3 Tps, 1 jTss)

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53
54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79
80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98							

☐ **End** Bind off: [insert the hook behind the next front vertical bar, yo and draw through the bar and the loop on the hook] 6 times, beginning with the second bar of the row. Fasten off.

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Rim

Yarn A, cream.

The right side faces you; do not turn. The first st is the end of row 1 of the top end band at its outer edge, which is at the right-hand end of the top of the blanket (at the left if you are left handed). Each row end counts as one st, worked into under two strands; at the start of a band each of the 7 chs is one st, worked into from its other side; at the bound-off end of a band the edge st where the bind off began is one st, under the two strands at its side, and so is each of the 6 sts of the bind off, under the two strands on its top. That edge st is also the end of row 98 of the end band, so this one place is counted twice and worked into twice, with no other st between: the last sc of "sc in next 97 sts" goes into it as the end of row 98, and then the 3 sc of the corner go into it as the edge st, 4 sc in all. (The end of row 98 of a side band holds row 1 of an end band already; work 1 sc into it like any row end.) Where "sk next st" stands, the 4th of 7 is left out. The 3 sc in one st are the corners.

☐ **Foundation**	The outer edge of the blanket: 420 sts round, that is, for each end band in turn the 98 row ends along its outer edge and then the side of the blanket that follows: the 7 sts of the bound-off end of the band (the first of them in the same place as the last row end), the 98 row ends of the side band, and the 7 chs at the start of the other end band.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 97 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sk next st, sc in next 104 sts, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 97 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sk next st, sc in next 104 sts, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(424 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends. The totals count 2 for each of the 7 pieces: the blanket, the edge round, the two side bands, the two end bands and the rim. Every time a new ball of yarn is begun there are 2 more. Where an end band begins and ends, draw its tail through the corner of the side band, so that no gap is left.
- Wet the blanket, press the water out in towels, pin it out square and let it dry flat.

In all: 6 pieces; 14 ends to weave in.

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