Tunisian gingham blanket

Throw · US terms



Finished size
About 44½ × 56½ in (113 × 144 cm)

Skill
Easy
One stitch in strips, sewn together, and a border

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 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: deep blue	**about 710 yd (649 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: light blue	**about 1,060 yd (969 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white	**about 570 yd (521 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 1,150 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: a Tunisian (afghan) hook or a hook with a cable, 6.5 mm, long enough for about 8 in (20 cm) of loops, a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

Before you start

- The last row of a piece is plain single crochet, with no loops left on the hook and no return. Do not turn. Its ch 1 counts as no stitch: the first sc goes under the first vertical bar, straight below the ch. Work the others with the hook put in as for a tss, and the last one under the two strands at the very edge: each time yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through both loops on the hook. It counts as the last row of the last block.
- In rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into, and the ch 1 does not count as a stitch.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Baby	32½ × 44½ in (83 × 113 cm)	about 1,350 yd (1,234 m)
Throw (this file)	**44½ × 56½ in (113 × 144 cm)**	**about 2,340 yd (2,140 m)**

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Gauge

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

Check it on the first strip itself, laid flat and not stretched, when its first block of 18 rows is done: the 21 stitches of a row are about 6 in (15 cm) wide and the 18 rows are about 6 in (15 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Instructions

Throw. US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sl st** slip stitch, **st** stitch.
3 sc in the last st: **all three in that one stitch**. Sc in next 19 sts: one in each.
(21 tss): the row now has 21; a check, not a step. Not 21? **Pull it back**.
Also: RS right side, yo yarn over.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

tss (Tunisian simple stitch): Insert hook from right to left behind the front vertical bar of the st, yo, pull up a loop and leave it on the hook. In row 1 it is worked into the chain, as the notes say. In UK terms it has the same name.

Dark strip: make 4

☐ **Start**	With A, make a slip knot and ch 21.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 2 to 18**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Block 2, in B, light blue

☐ **Row 19**	With B, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 20 to 36**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36

Block 3, in A, deep blue

☐ **Row 37**	With A, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 38 to 54**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54

Block 4, in B, light blue

☐ **Row 55**	With B, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 56 to 72**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72

Block 5, in A, deep blue

☐ **Row 73**	With A, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 74 to 90**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90

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Block 6, in B, light blue

☐ **Row 91**	With B, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 92 to 108**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108

Block 7, in A, deep blue

☐ **Row 109**	With A, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 110 to 126**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126

Block 8, in B, light blue

☐ **Row 127**	With B, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 128 to 144**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144

Block 9, in A, deep blue

☐ **Row 145**	With A, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 146 to 161**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161

☐ **Row 162**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 19 sts, sc in last st	(21 sc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Light strip: make 3

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 21.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 2 to 18**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Block 2, in C, white

☐ **Row 19**	With C, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 20 to 36**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36

Block 3, in B, light blue

☐ **Row 37**	With B, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 38 to 54**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54

Block 4, in C, white

☐ **Row 55**	With C, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 56 to 72**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72

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Block 5, in B, light blue

☐ **Row 73**	With B, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 74 to 90**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90

Block 6, in C, white

☐ **Row 91**	With C, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 92 to 108**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108

Block 7, in B, light blue

☐ **Row 109**	With B, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 110 to 126**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126

Block 8, in C, white

☐ **Row 127**	With C, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 128 to 144**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144

Block 9, in B, light blue

☐ **Row 145**	With B, loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)
☐ **Rows 146 to 161**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 19 sts, tss in last st; return	(21 tss)

146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161

☐ **Row 162**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 19 sts, sc in last st	(21 sc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends. Lay the 7 strips side by side with the right side up and their last rows at the top, a dark strip first and last and dark and light strips in turn between. Every block lies level with the block beside it.

2. Sew each seam in two halves, with the right side facing you. Cut two lengths of B, each about 76 in (193 cm) long. Thread the first on the needle and fasten it at the foundation with two small stitches one over the other, through both strips. Pass the needle under the two strands at the very edge of row 1 of the right-hand strip, then under the two strands at the very edge of row 1 of the left-hand strip, and go on in this way, the same row on both, up to row 81. Every few rows draw the yarn up until the two edges touch and lie flat. Fasten the first length there, at row 81, with two small stitches one over the other, and cut it 6 in (15 cm) from the seam. Thread the second length on the needle, fasten it in the same way at row 82, sew rows 82 to 162 as before, and fasten it at row 162. There are 6 seams of 162 rows.

3. Border, Round 1: Hold the blanket with the right side facing you and the last rows at the top. Join C with sl st in the first st of the last row, at the right-hand corner, ch 1, 3 sc in this st, sc in each of the next 145 sts of the last rows, all the strips one after another, 3 sc in the last st, sc in the end of each of the 162 rows down the side, 3 sc in the first ch of the foundation, sc in each of the next 145 chs, 3 sc in the last ch, sc in the end of each of the 162 rows up the other side; join with sl st in the first sc (626 sc). Nothing is worked into a seam.

4. Border, Round 2: Ch 1, sc in the same st as the join, 3 sc in the next st, which is the middle one of a corner, then sc in each st around, with 3 sc in the middle st of each of the other three corners; join with sl st in the first sc (634 sc).

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5. Border, Round 3: Ch 1, sc in the same st as the join, sc in the next st, 3 sc in the next st, which is the middle one of a corner, then sc in each st around, with 3 sc in the middle st of each of the other three corners; join with sl st in the first sc (642 sc).

6. Border, Round 4: Ch 1, sc in the same st as the join, sc in each of the next 2 sts, 3 sc in the next st, which is the middle one of a corner, then sc in each st around, with 3 sc in the middle st of each of the other three corners; join with sl st in the first sc, and make this sl st with A: put the hook in the first sc, take A over the hook and pull it through (650 sc). Cut C.

7. Border, Round 5: With A, ch 1, sc in the same st as the join, sc in each of the next 3 sts, 3 sc in the next st, which is the middle one of a corner, then sc in each st around, with 3 sc in the middle st of each of the other three corners; join with sl st in the first sc (658 sc). Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends of the seams and of the border.
- Dampen the blanket, lay it out flat with the right side up, pat it out to its size with its corners square (Throw about 44½ × 56½ in (143.5 cm) or 113 × 144 cm; Baby about 32½ × 44½ in (113 cm) or 83 × 113 cm), and leave it to dry.

In all: 7 pieces; 126 ends to weave in.

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 of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Notes

- Every row has two halves. The forward half picks up loops from right to left and leaves them all on the hook; "return" is the half that works them off again from left to right: yo, pull through 1 loop, then [yo, pull through 2 loops] until 1 loop is left on the hook. Do not turn: the right side always faces you.
- The loop left on the hook is the first stitch of the next row. It stands over the first vertical bar, so pass that bar over. In row 1 it stands over the ch nearest the hook. From row 2 on the last stitch of a row goes under the two strands at the very edge, so that the edge is firm.
- In row 1 there are no bars yet: put the hook under the bump at the back of each ch, yo, pull up a loop and leave it on the hook. The two strands of the V of each ch are left free for later.
- A block is 21 stitches wide and 18 rows tall. In every strip blocks of two yarns follow each other, so that only one yarn is in use in a row.
- The strips curl as they are worked. They lie flat when they are sewn together, framed and dried flat. Work loosely, with the hook named here.
- In Round 1 of the border, work the sc of the sides under both strands at the end of each row: row 1 of the strip, the row of sc and all between them count. The end of the row of sc is the side of its last sc on the left, and the side of its first sc on the right. Work the sc of the top under both top strands of each sc of the last row, and the sc of the foundation under the two strands of the V of each ch.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the return before the change with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn at the end of its stripe, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out, change to the next in the last yarn over of a stitch, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both yarns. In the rows of Tunisian stitches do it at the end of a row, in the last yarn over of the return. In the last row of a piece, which is single crochet, and in the border do it in any sc: yo with the new yarn for the pull through both loops.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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