Tunisian strip blanket

Throw · US terms



Finished size
About 54 × 60 in (137 × 152 cm)

Skill
Easy
One stitch, worked the same in every row, edged and joined with single crochet

Yarn
Bulky (5), 5 colors

Hook
8 mm (US L-11)

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

What you need

Yarn A: pine green	**about 620 yd (567 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the cream strip	**about 620 yd (567 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rust, the rust strip	**about 620 yd (567 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: gold, the gold strip	**about 310 yd (283 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: slate gray, the pine edging, the cream edging, the rust edging and the gold edging	**about 390 yd (357 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 1,950 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 130 yd (119 m).

Hook: 8 mm (US L-11), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a Tunisian (afghan) hook or a hook with a cable, 8 mm, long enough for about 10 in (25 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.
- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Lap	44 × 48 in (112 × 122 cm)	about 1,690 yd (1,545 m)
Throw (this file)	**54 × 60 in (137 × 152 cm)**	**about 2,560 yd (2,341 m)**

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Gauge

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

Check it on the first strip itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 10 rows are done: the 19 stitches of a row in Throw are about 6 7/8 in (17.5 cm) wide and the 15 stitches of a row in Lap are about 5½ in (14 cm) wide, and the 10 rows are about 4 in (10 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 first st: **all three in that one stitch**. Sc in next 17 sts: one in each.
(19 tss): the row now has 19; a check, not a step. Not 19? **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.

Pine strip: make 2

Yarn A, pine green.

☐ **Start**	With A, make a slip knot and ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; return	(19 tss)
☐ **Rows 2 to 144**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 17 sts, tss in last st; return	(19 tss)

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 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113
114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141
142 143 144

☐ **Row 145**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 17 sts, sc in last st	(19 sc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Pine edging: make 2

Yarn E, slate gray.

Hold the piece with the right side facing you and the last row at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Start**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 19 sts of the last row, the ends of the 145 rows, the 19 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 145 rows.	
☐ **Round 1**	Join E with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 17 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 145 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 17 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 145 rows; join with sl st in first sc	(336 sc)
☐	Fasten off.	

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Cream strip: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; return	(19 tss)
☐ **Rows 2 to 144**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 17 sts, tss in last st; return	(19 tss)

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142 143 144

☐ **Row 145**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 17 sts, sc in last st	(19 sc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Cream edging: make 2

Yarn E, slate gray.

Hold the piece with the right side facing you and the last row at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Start**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 19 sts of the last row, the ends of the 145 rows, the 19 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 145 rows.	
☐ **Round 1**	Join E with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 17 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 145 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 17 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 145 rows; join with sl st in first sc	(336 sc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Rust strip: make 2

Yarn C, rust.

☐ **Start**	With C, ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; return	(19 tss)
☐ **Rows 2 to 144**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 17 sts, tss in last st; return	(19 tss)

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☐ **Row 145**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 17 sts, sc in last st	(19 sc)
☐	Fasten off.	

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Rust edging: make 2

Yarn E, slate gray.

Hold the piece with the right side facing you and the last row at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Start**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 19 sts of the last row, the ends of the 145 rows, the 19 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 145 rows.	
☐ **Round 1**	Join E with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 17 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 145 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 17 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 145 rows; join with sl st in first sc	(336 sc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Gold strip

Yarn D, gold.

☐ **Start**	With D, ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; return	(19 tss)
☐ **Rows 2 to 144**	Loop on hook counts as tss, tss in next 17 sts, tss in last st; return	(19 tss)

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142 143 144

☐ **Row 145**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 17 sts, sc in last st	(19 sc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Gold edging

Yarn E, slate gray.

Hold the piece with the right side facing you and the last row at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Start**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 19 sts of the last row, the ends of the 145 rows, the 19 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 145 rows.	
☐ **Round 1**	Join E with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 17 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 145 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 17 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 145 rows; join with sl st in first sc	(336 sc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of the strips. Lay the seven strips side by side with the right side up and their last rows at the top. From right to left they are pine, cream, rust, gold, rust, cream and pine.

2. The corner st of a strip is the middle one of the 3 sc at its corner. Along each long side there are 147 sc between the two corner sts, so that a long edge with its two corner sts has 149 sts.

3. Join the first two strips, the pine and the cream one at the right: hold them with wrong sides together, the pine strip in front of you with its right side facing you and its left-hand long edge at the top, and the cream strip behind it with its right-hand long edge at the top. The ends with the last rows are at your right. Put the hook under both top strands of the sc of the front strip and then under both top strands of the sc that lies behind it. Join E with sl st through the two corner sts at the right, ch 1, sc through the same two sts, then sc through each of the next 148 pairs of sts, as far as the two corner sts at the left (149 sc). Fasten off. The seam stands up as a ridge on the right side.

4. Join the other five strips one after another in the same way, always with the strips that are joined already in front of

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you: 6 seams of 149 sc.

5. Border, Round 1: Hold the blanket with the right side facing you and the last rows at the top. Join E with sl st in the corner st at the right-hand end of the top, ch 1, 3 sc in this corner st. Work along the top: sc in each of the 19 sts of a strip between its corner sts, and between two strips 1 sc in the end of the seam, under two strands of the sc at that end. The corner sts beside a seam are taken up by it, and nothing is worked into them. That makes 139 sc along the top. Then 3 sc in the corner st, sc in each of the 147 sts of the side, 3 sc in the corner st, 139 sc along the bottom in the way of the top, 3 sc in the corner st, sc in each of the 147 sts of the other side; join with sl st in the first sc (584 sc).

6. 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 (592 sc). Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends of the seams and of the border, changing direction once or twice.
- Dampen the blanket, lay it out flat with the right side up, pat it out to its size with its corners square (Throw about 54 × 60 in (152.5 cm) or 137 × 152 cm; Lap about 44 × 48 in (122 cm) or 112 × 122 cm), and leave it to dry.

In all: 7 pieces; 28 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.
- The strips curl as they are worked. They lie flat when they are edged, joined and dried flat. Work loosely, with the hook named here.
- In Round 1 of an edging, work the sc of the sides under both strands at the end of each row: row 1, 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.
- Where a strip is made two times, work its edging on both.
- 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 edgings, the seams and the border do it in any sc: yo with the new yarn for the pull through both loops.
- 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.
- Edging: work along the last row, down the ends of the rows, along the other side of the foundation chain and up the ends of the rows. The 3 sc in one place turn a corner.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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