



Tunisian Crochet - Entrelac Style Baby Blanket

I love the look of Entrelac, but let's be honest, it's not the quickest thing to knit up, and, for a beginner knitter, all of the turning can be a little intimidating. That's just another reason why I fell in love with Tunisian Crochet. This blanket works up in a third of the time, is so easy to make, and looks just as great as its knit counterpart. I have just one small, yet very important, note before you get started. Please be mindful of your tension! It is extremely easy to end up with a very wonky blanket!



Enjoy,

Nikki, In Stitches

Materials:

Any Medium Weight Yarn in Color A - 500 yards

Any Medium Weight Yarn in Color B - 500 yards

Size 10 Tunisian Crochet Hook

Notes:

1. For this pattern only, Return Pass is worked in the following way: *Yo, draw through 2 loops, rep from * across.
2. To bind off: Insert hook from front to back between 2 strands of vertical bar as if to knit, yo, pull up a loop. Yo, and draw through both loops on hook.
3. To pick up loops of bind-off row: Insert hook through both loops of bind-off chain, yo, pull up a loop.
4. To M1 (make one stitch): Insert hook in space between next 2 vertical bars, yo, pull up a loop

Directions:

With Color A, chain 74 **loosely**.

Starting Tier (12 Base Triangles):

Row 1: Insert hook in second ch from hook (next ch for successive triangles), yo, pull up a loop. (2 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 2: M1, TKS in next vertical bar. Insert hook in next ch and pull up a loop. (4 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 3: TKS in next 2 vertical bars, M1 between last vertical bar and selvedge edge of last row. Insert hook in next ch, pull up a loop. (5 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 4: TKS in next 3 vertical bars, M1 between last vertical bar and selvedge edge of last row. Insert hook in next ch, pull up a loop. (6 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 5: TKS in next 4 vertical bars, M1 between last vertical bar and selvedge edge of last row. Insert hook in next ch, pull up a loop. (7 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 6: TKS in next 5 vertical bars, M1 between last vertical bar and selvedge edge of last row. Insert hook in next ch,

pull up a loop. (8 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 7: BO 6 stitches. Sl st in same ch as last stitch from last row. (One triangle complete.)

Repeat Rows 1 - 7 11 more times, to give 12 base triangles total. For last triangle, sl st in last free chain. Fasten off.

Tier A (1 Right-Edge Triangle, 11 Squares, 1 Left-Edge Triangle):

Using Color B, join yarn in bottom corner of first base triangle made (or in last edge stitch of previous right-edge triangle for successive tiers).

Right-Edge Triangle:

Row 1: Ch 2, pull up a loop in 2nd ch from hook and in edge of first row of last tier. (3 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 2: M1, TKS in next vertical bar and in edge of 2nd row of last tier. (4 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 3: M1, TKS in next 2 vertical bars and in edge of 3rd row of last tier. (5 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 4: M1, TKS in next 3 vertical bars and in edge of 4th

row of last tier. (6 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 5: M1, TKS in next 4 vertical bars and in edge of 5th row of last tier. (7 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 6: M1, TKS in next 5 vertical bars and in edge of 6th row of last tier. (8 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 7: BO 6 stitches. Sl st in next stitch from last tier.

Square:

Row 1: Pick up 7 stitches along edge of previous tier. (8 loops on hook) RetP.

Rows 2 - 6: TKS in next 6 vertical bars and in edge of next row of last tier. (8 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 7: BO 6 stitches. Sl st in next stitch from last tier.

Repeat Rows 1 - 7 of the square 10 more times, to give 11 squares total.

Left-Edge Triangle:

Row 1: Pick up 7 stitches long edge of previous tier. (8 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 2: TKS across. (7 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 3: TKS across. (6 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 4: TKS across. (5 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 5: TKS across. (4 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 6: TKS across. (3 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 7: BO 1 stitch. Fasten off.

Tier B (12 Squares):

Using Color A, join yarn in first stitch of last tier and work 12 squares as for Tier A.

Repeat Tiers A, then B, 8 times more, then Tier A one more time.

Finishing Tier (12 Finishing Triangles):

With Color A, join yarn in first stitch of last tier.

Row 1: Pick up 7 stitches long edge of previous tier. (8 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 2: Skip next vertical bar, TKS in next 5 vertical bars and in edge of next row of last tier. (7 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 3: Skip next vertical bar, TKS in next 4 vertical bars and in edge of next row of last tier. (6 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 4: Skip next vertical bar, TKS in next 3 vertical bars and in edge of next row of last tier. (5 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 5: Skip next vertical bar, TKS in next 2 vertical bars and in edge of next row of last tier. (4 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 6: Skip next vertical bar, TKS in next vertical bar and in edge of next row of last tier. (3 loops on hook) RetP.

Row 7: Skip next vertical bar, sl st in next stitch of last tier. (One triangle complete.)

Repeat Rows 1 - 7 11 times more, to give 12 finishing triangles total. Fasten off.

Block.

Weave in all loose ends.

Abbreviations:

yo...yarn over

RetP...Return Pass

ch...chain

sl st...slip stitch

bo...bind off

M1...Make one

TKS...Tunisian Knit Stitch