MarKiDini Cal 2019 - Info



About the Pattern

This pattern is made in association with Kiki Dumoulin and Dini Bleijenberg. The blanket will be available in 3 sizes. The size of each blanket will vary depend on yarn choice and size of hook used. The idea for the layout comes from Pinterest, which I adjusted to my own. The stitch-patterns are often inspired by knitting patterns, but translated into Tunisian Crochet and then finally adapted into the pattern.

It will be a blanket suitable for beginners all the way through advanced crocheters, with a variety of different stitches, patterns and cables. The large square can be used for a pillow/cushion if made alone.

Necessities							
Yarn							
Blanket	Size	lines in mtr	border in mtr	blocks in mtr			
Small	120x120cm	500	300	2100			
Medium	130x185cm	750	600	3200			
Large	175x175cm	1100	1200	4800			

1 basic color for lines and border

(4) Different colors are suggested, but you may use as many, or as few as you like Tunisian hook: suggested length about 18-25cm (7-10 inches)

Stitch markers

Cable needle or extra crochet hook

Scissors

Yarn Needle

Yarn and Hook

You can choose any yarn you would like to use. The thinner the yarn, the smaller your blocks will be when completed. For the small blanket I used a local yarn that is a mix of cotton and acrylic and worked with a 6.0mm. For my large blanket I used Stylecraft Special DK and a 6.5mm hook. I chose only 2 colors for the small blanket, but for my large blanket I used many colors from my stash.

Make a swatch to determine your hook size. Your hook needs to be 1-3 sizes larger than the advice on the label of the yarn. BUT your work must feel smooth. This is important because we are going to be making cables and they will not look good if they are too tight.

Blanket	Brand	Yarn borders	Yarn blocks	Hooksize
1 small	50% coton/acrylic	1500mtr	1500mtr	6.0mm
2 medium	100% acryl(local yarn)	2500mtr	2700mtr	7.0mm
3 large	Stylecraft Special DK	3400mtr	3750mtr	6.5mm

What will you learn?

This Cal is written for beginners of Tunisian Crochet. There will be step-by-step instruction for everything. I will be using charts as they are easy to read once you understand how. It is very important to read the instructions before you pick up your hook, even when you are familiar with Tunisian Crochet. Sometimes we will use different methods to achieve the final results.

What will you learn?

- Basics of Tunisian Crochet
- Different stitches
- Many different patterns
- Entrelac method to join as you go
- How to read a Tunisian chart

I have included the basics of Tunisian Crochet in this file. You should always work a swatch to determine the right hook size. If you use a smaller amount of stitches you can try it with a regular length crochet hook.

Thanks to Tania Leis, a member of the Cal – Crochet A Long Team, there will be videos on YouTube to help you along the way.

We wish you good luck and hope you enjoy making the MarKiDini Cal 2019

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Swatch

YouTube link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PtWku6yYPv4&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2YRwy0e8P KEgmx-jTww3MLGH_4Qy2oQf1N6ixgICRhOLalkO3aK2MpMhI

We will start with a swatch so you can learn how to do Tunisian Crochet AND to determine the right hook size for your yarn choice all at once. Try to crochet loosely and take your time when learning the stitch before you continue on to the blanket! Your hook needs to be 1-3 sizes larger than the recommended size on the yarn label. You MUST make a swatch to determine exactly what size your personal crochet tension requires.

Use the same type of yarn for the swatch as you will for the blocks, but if possible, a separate skein. This will allow you to practice with your swatch and not cut your yarn or fasten ends.

Tunisian Simple Stitch

Row 1 The Foundation Row

Forward Pass

Chain 15, but NOT too tight. Turn the chain sideways so you are able to work on the backside. You should see a small bump in the middle of the each chain stitch. You will insert your hook in the first bump behind the hook, do not skip a chain.

Insert hook and pull up a loop. You will have 2 loops on the hook now.

Repeat for all 15 stitches across. You will have 16 loops on the hook now.

Return Pass

Yarn over (YO) and pull through one loop, this is your chain one to get the height for your row. The remainder of the return pass you will YO and pull through 2 loops across piece, until you have 1 loop remaining on your hook, which is your working loop for beginning the next row.

This is the standard foundation row and is the beginning of most Tunisian projects.









Row 2 and further

Look for the vertical bars, these are actually your stitches. You *ALWAYS* skip the first bar. You will pick up the second bar from right to left.

Use only the bar on the front side of your work. Repeat this for all stitches **EXCEPT** the last one!

To get a nice looking border you need to pick up **2 bars** at the end of the row, YO and pull up a loop (16 loops on the hook). Make the return pass. *A Tunisian Row will have a Forward pass AND a Return pass*.

Repeat this for a few rows. Be careful that you do not crochet too tightly. This is an example of work that is crocheted too tight. It will curl a lot and cannot be removed by blocking or a border.

This is an example of work that has been done on a larger hook, it can work for other projects, but not for this blanket! The curl is almost gone, but it has large open holes in it.

This last swatch is correct. Your swatch should look like it. It will curl a small amount, but that is completely normal and will be resolved by making the border.

You can make your swatch as short or as long as you like, but no need to make a scarf out of it. *The MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO FIND THE RIGHT HOOK***!!!**













TPS - Tunisian Purl Stitch

The TPS is similar to TSS. You will need to lay your yarn in front of your work.

Move the yarn to the front of your work

Insert your hook under the vertical bar (like TSS) and move your yarn back into normal position

YO and pull up a loop (2 loops)







Tunisian Knit Stitch = TKS

Every stitch has a vertical bar in the front as well as a vertical bar on the backside. You need to insert your hook between those two vertical bars from the front to the back, from right to left. Not between 2 individual stitches!!!!

Repeat this for all stitches except the border stitch (pick up 2 strands).

You will be creating a V, almost the same as knitting.

Repeat for a few rows to practice this stitch.



