



Use Afghan Stitch (also known as Tunisian Simple Stitch) to make an easy potholder that looks great while the two layers form an extra level of protection. This is a great first project for crocheters who are new to this technique!



ABBREVIATIONS

ch-chain; rep-repeat; sc-single crochet; st(s)-stitch(es);
yo-yarn over

SIZE

7 1/2" (19 cm) square

MATERIALS

- #4 worsted weight yarn: we used Peaches & Creme (100% cotton), 2.5 oz (70.9 g), 120 yd (109 m) – 1 ball #2613 Daffodil Daze
- Boye® Afghan crochet hook size I-9 (5.5 mm) or size needed to obtain gauge
- Boye® hand sewing tapestry needle

GAUGE

15 sts & 14 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Tunisian Simple Stitch
Gauge is not critical for this project.

Note: This technique has a tendency to curl; the potholder will lie flat once you add the edging.

PATTERN STITCHES

Tunisian Simple Stitch

Work is done with right side facing at all times.

Row 1: Insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yo and pull up a loop; *leaving loops on hook, insert hook in next ch, yo and pull up a loop; rep from * to end.

Row 2: Working back along row in opposite direction, yo and pull through 1 loop, *yo and pull through next 2 loops; rep from * across – 1 loop on hook.

Row 3: Skip first vertical bar, insert hook under next vertical bar, yo and pull up a loop; *insert hook under next vertical bar, yo and pull up a loop; rep from * to end.

Row 4: Rep Row 2.

Rep Rows 3 and 4 for desired length.

Fasten off.

DIRECTIONS

(Make 2): Ch 24. Work in Tunisian Simple Stitch until piece is square.

Last row: Skip first vertical bar, slip st in each vertical bar across. Fasten off.

Edging

You can use your afghan hook or a regular crochet hook to make the edging.

Rnd 1: Holding squares with wrong sides together, join yarn in any st, ch 1, sc evenly around through both layers, placing 3 sc in each corner st, join with slip st to first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, slip st in each sc to last corner, ch 10, slip st in next sc to form a loop, slip st in each sc to end. Fasten off. Weave in ends.



BEGINNER