

Modern Tunisian Quilt

A Tunisian crochet pattern by Staci Perry, www.verypink.com



Getting Started.

Size: 40 inches (102 cm) square

Tunisian Hook: Size K (6.5mm)

Yarn: Twelve 100 gram hanks of worsted weight yarn; 6 in main color, 3 in border color, and one hank each of three accent colors (please see exact breakdown of what I used below)

Additional Materials: tapestry needle for seaming and cross stitch

Gauge: 4 stitches per inch

Detail on the yarn I used: I used Berroco Vintage, a worsted weight machine-washable yarn. Each hank is 100 grams and has 217 yards. Here is a breakdown of what I used:

Main Color, Snow Day, 6 hanks

Border Color, Dove, 3 hanks

Accent Color 1, Gingham, 1 hank

Accent Color 2, Tang, 1 hank

Accent Color 3, Sunny, 1 hank

Pattern Note: One finished row of Tunisian Crochet is made by working across all stitches from right to left, then back from left to right.

Video Links.

Video Link Part 1, Intro: <https://youtu.be/6Fy61juM9N0>

Video Link Part 2, Working Tunisian Crochet, changing colors, binding-off:
<https://youtu.be/6Fy61juM9N0?t=1m23s>

Video Link Part 3, Working cross stitch, seaming: <https://youtu.be/6Fy61juM9N0?t=17m8s>

Directions.

MAIN PANELS (make 3)

Using Border Color, chain 44 stitches. Working from the "spine" (back) of the chain, pick up 44 stitches, 45 stitches on hook. Work back across these stitches from left to right, one row complete. Work 6 more rows in border color for 7 rows total. Break yarn.

Using Main Color, work 42 rows. Break yarn.

Alternate 7 rows of Border Color and 42 rows of Main Color until 4 Border Color stripes are complete, and 3 Main Color squares. Bind off.

You may want to work the cross stitch in each Main Color square as you finish it. I find it's easier to work the cross stitch when the square when there isn't a lot of extra fabric above it.

OUTSIDE BORDER PANELS (make 2)

Using Border Color, chain 8. Working from the "spine" (back) of the chain, pick up 8 stitches, 9 stitches on hook. Work back across these stitches from left to right, one row complete. Work 154 rows total and bind-off.

INSIDE BORDER PANELS (make 2)

Using Border Color, chain 9. Working from the "spine" (back) of the chain, pick up 9 stitches, 10 stitches on hook. Work back across these stitches from left to right, one row complete. Work 154 rows total and bind-off.

SEAMING

Use mattress stitch to seam the strips together, left to right: outside border panel, main panel, inside border panel, main panel, inside border panel, main panel, outside border panel.

CROSS STITCHING

Referencing the charts below, you see that the cross stitching is made up of two empty boxes. A larger, border box, and a smaller box that changes position from square to square. The larger box begins on the fourth stitch from the left, third stitch from the top, as seen in Chart A below.

The "extra" stitches on the right and left sides will be used up in the seams. The smaller box inside is always two stitches from the larger box, and rotates around the blanket as seen in Chart B below.

CHART A

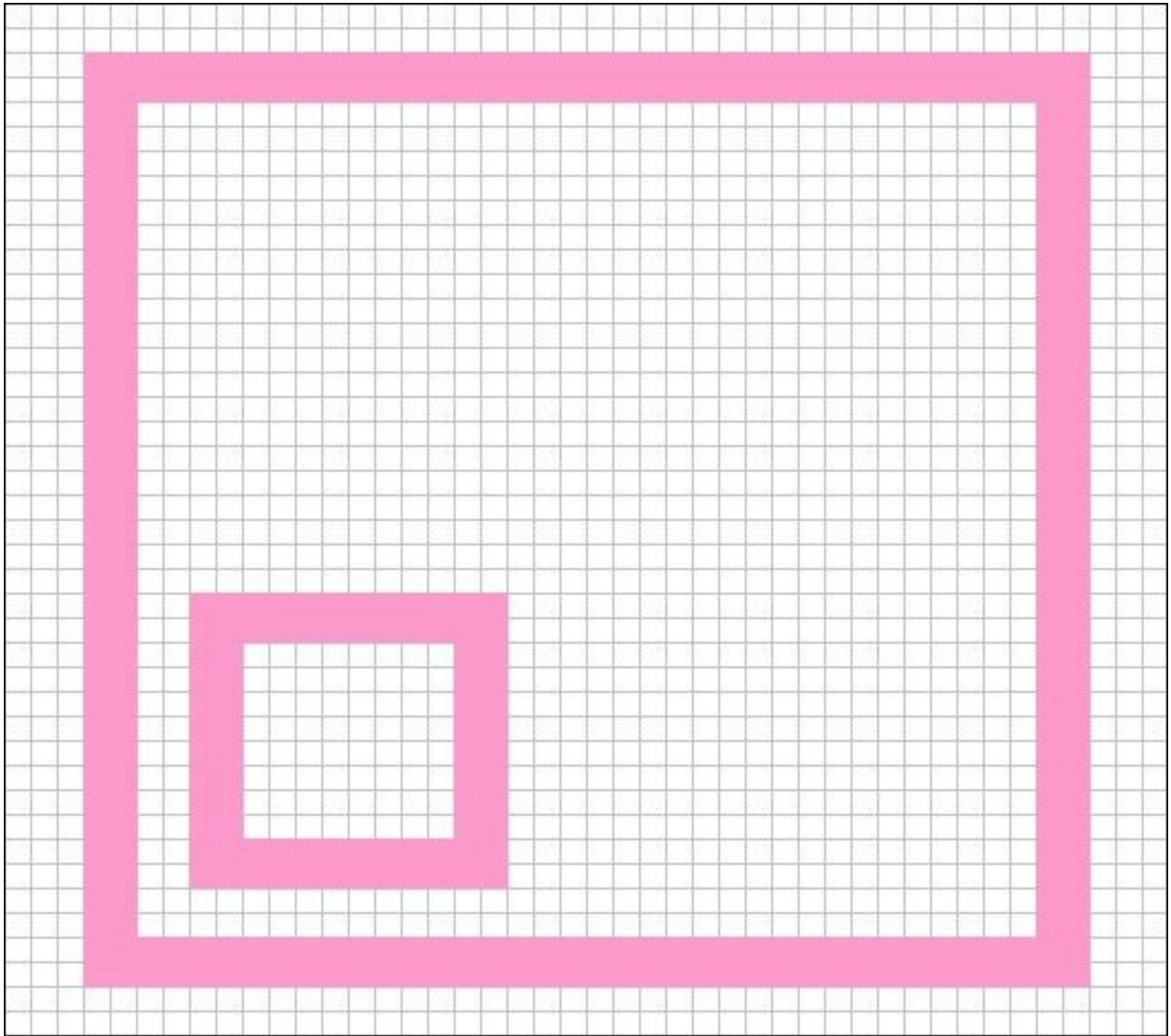
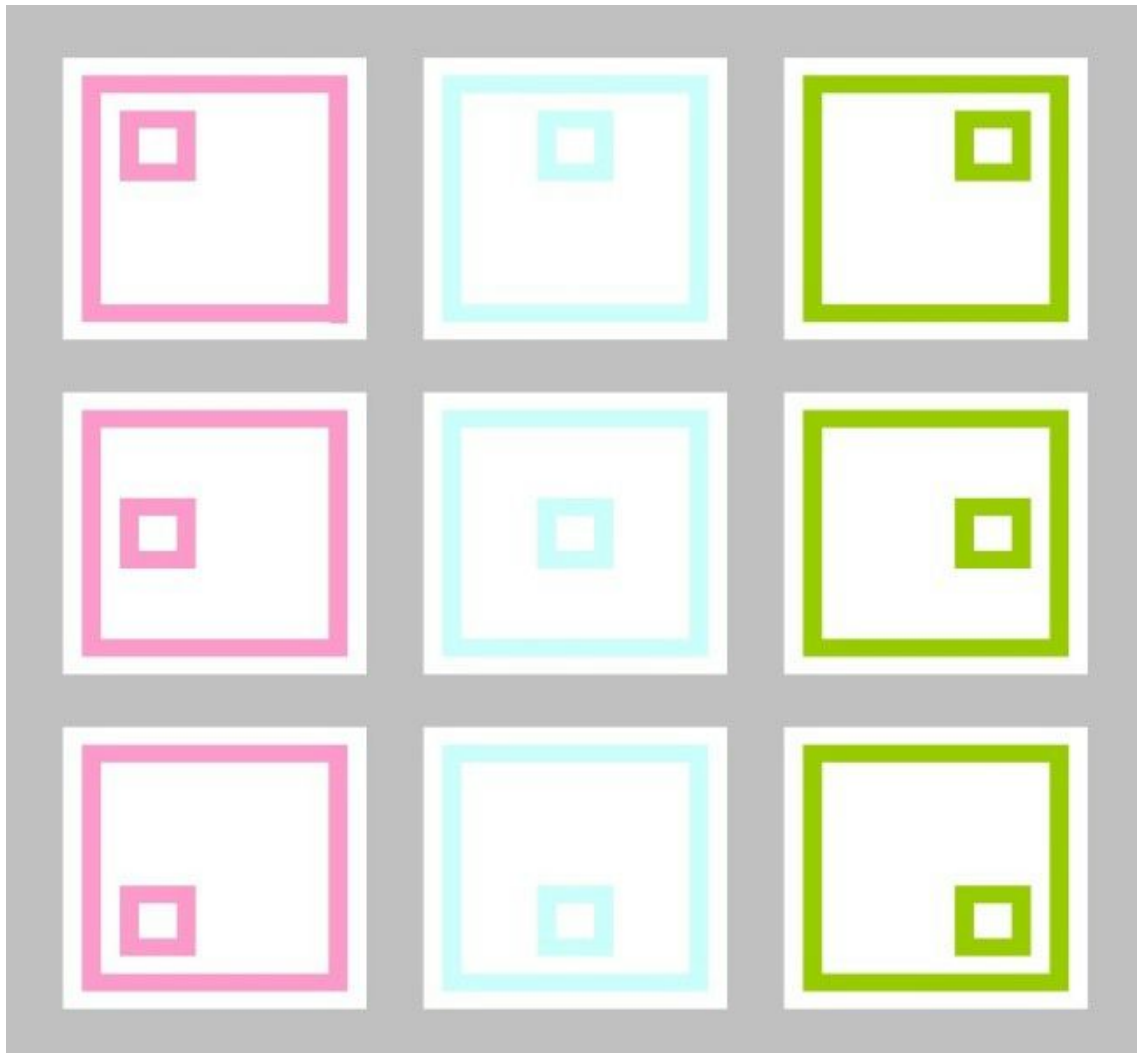


CHART B



Finishing.

Weave in the ends, and follow the instructions on the yarn label for washing and drying.

Modifying.

Each quilt block + border is about 12.5 inches square, so adding more blocks will increase the length and/or width by 12.5 inches. You can also change the size of the quilt blocks themselves by using more or fewer stitches, just being sure to keep them square, and adding two extra stitches to the right and left sides for seaming.

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