

## Tunisian stripy stripey blanket – A Recipe by Diana Troldahl



This is truly a blanket determined by your own hook, yarn and gauge. It was designed specifically for Wool-Aid.org but will work for any charity or personal crocheting. The pattern assumes you are familiar with Tunisian Simple Stitch.

You begin your project by crocheting a Tunisian Simple stitch square starting with whatever length of crochet chain is comfortable for you.

You then work Tunisian simple stitch until the square is the height you want. If it is not perfectly square, it will not at all ruin the blanket, it just means the blanket will become a rectangle in the end, still warm, still beautiful.

My sample used Aran/heavy worsted yarn and a size L hook, but match whatever hook with your yarn that gives you the fabric you desire. This is truly a recipe.

### DIRECTIONS

#### **Main Stripy Strip**

##### Solid 'Square':

Using color A, Crochet a chain measuring the target size of your 'square', then work Tunisian simple stitch until you reach the same height (making a square). Make a note of how many rows that is (I prefer the pattern when there is an odd number of rows, but that is not necessary). Work final stitch in color B (on return).

##### Stripey 'Square':

Work forward and return in color B, change to color A on final stitch, work one forward and return with color A, working final stitch pull-through in color B until you have the same number of rows as established in the first square.

On final row, work final stitch in color A.

You will need to decide if you want to carry color B up the side of the solid 'squares' or cut color B after each stripey 'square'.

Repeat those two 'squares' until you are one total square length from the height of the blanket you are shooting for. Work final square in color A,

*NOTE: When working the last row of the last 'square', ch 1, then beginning with the 2<sup>nd</sup> bar, sc in each front bar across.*

### **Alternate Stripey Strip**

Start the new strip by working the Striped pattern 'square', then switch to a solid 'square' and end after length is reached with another stripey 'square'

**Again, when working the last row of the last 'square', ch 1, then beginning with the 2<sup>nd</sup> bar, sc in each front bar across.**

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For the sample, I worked three stripey strips starting with a solid square, and two stripey strips starting with a stripey square. I alternated the strips and joined them along the long sides. Again, do what pleases you :-}

**For your blanket,** determine how many strips you will need to create to reach the desired width, and work that number of strips. I like the look of an odd number of strips, but any number will make a lovely, checkerboard blanket.

I used single crochet to join, placing the strips wrong sides together, so the single crochet created a decorative ridge. Any method you choose will work, the important thing is to make the seams sturdy.

After your blanket strips are joined, work a few rounds of border to help keep the curl under control. The simplest border is working two or three rows of sc, hdc or dc around, **making certain to make three stitches in one space on each corner of the blanket.**

### **ALTERNATIVE IDEAS:**

Other equally warm and attractive blankets can be made by creating strips of the same length and width, but using any combination of colors as long as similar-weight yarns are used. This version would be an excellent stash buster! (and lots of fun, as the final blanket will be somewhat of a surprise when the strips are fastened together) Take a look at some of the other projects made by the pattern testers (who ROCKED by the way) to get ideas.