TUNISIAN CROCHET for BABY

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Welcome to *Tunisian Crochet for Baby*! Whether you are making a gift or getting ready for a precious bundle of your own, this book gives you a variety of adorable projects—from quick and easy hats to cozy sweaters—to choose from.

This book is intended for people who are already comfortable with basic crochet stitches (chain, single crochet, and double crochet). Before you start the projects, review basic crochet instructions in the back of the book if you need to.

Tunisian crochet allows you to use your crochet hook to create fabrics that look knitted or woven. All of the basics are explained in the back of the book. (If you are new to Tunisian crochet and want more detailed instructions on how to get started with the technique, you might find my book *Tunisian Crochet: The Look of Knitting with the Ease of Crocheting* helpful.) Instructions for any special stitches or techniques are included in the patterns or in the Techniques section.

Symbol charts are also provided for each pattern. These visual representations are included to help make specific sections of the patterns easy to understand. See page 132 for instructions on how to read charts.

Reference materials, including information on yarn and hook suppliers, a yarn weight chart, and sizing charts, appear at the end of the book.

I hope that the patterns inspire you to make Tunisian crochet projects for the babies in your life. Happy crocheting!
This pattern combines Tunisian double crochet post stitch and Tunisian simple stitch. Even though the finished item has a checkerboard effect, each row uses only one color. It’s easier than it looks!
Checkerboard Hat

This pattern, a companion to the Checkerboard Blanket, combines Tunisian double crochet post stitch and Tunisian simple stitch. Pom-poms in the corners make it irresistibly adorable!
This sweater is worked with two strands—one solid, one variegated—held together in the alternating Tunisian simple and purl stitches that create the honeycomb stitch.
Luscious colors make this blanket a standout. The striped main section, worked in Tunisian simple stitch, is trimmed with shell edging in regular crochet.
Sherbet Stripes Hat

The sunny colors in this hat match the Sherbet Stripes Blanket. The ribbed brim is worked in a solid color, with the Tunisian knit stitch crown worked in stripes. A fluffy pom-pom adds a flourish.
Snuggle your newborn into this cozy cocoon and hat ensemble for a once-in-a-lifetime photo opportunity. The seamless cocoon is worked in the round, while the hat is done in rows and then seamed. Once you get a feel for the novelty yarn, the stitches are easy.
This sweet heirloom set combines Tunisian crossed stitches with Tunisian knit stitches for texture and visual interest. Picot trim adds just the right finishing touch.
These comfortable, easy-care pants with suspenders are worked from the waist down, one leg at a time. The straps are sewn in the back and attach with Velcro in the front. Cross the straps in the back to shorten them, then have your child wear them straight over each shoulder as he or she grows.
The unusual and attractive stitch pattern used in this headband takes a yarn over and carries it across three subsequent stitches. The interesting fabric it produces is just the right style for a simple headband, topped with a festive bow.
Cotton yarn in dense Tunisian simple stitch creates sturdy, washable containers ideal for use in a nursery. Vary the main color and trim to fit your decor.
Families with babies can never have too many washcloths! These colorful, all-cotton washcloths are easy to whip up quickly for yourself or as a gift. The first two use variegated yarn in two different stitch patterns, Tunisian simple stitch and Tunisian knit stitch, for two different looks. The other two cloths use two-color techniques. Make a bunch to keep handy in the Nursery Box.
Harlequin Blanket

SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

Tunisian entrelac makes a big impact using simple geometric shapes. You won’t need an extra-long hook extension for this project; the maximum number of loops on the hook at any one time is just seven!
Thumbless mittens are quick to crochet and will keep your little one’s hands cozy and warm. Hook several pairs in a rainbow of colors for a memorable shower gift.
Black and white can be sophisticated, but the loop trim that frames the hood of this zippered sweater makes these high-contrast colors pop with fun. Play “let’s pretend” with your little panda, penguin, or zebra when he or she wears this comfortable garment.
Marguerite stitch, a regular crochet stitch with a floral look, is combined with rows of Tunisian simple stitch in this swingy purple skirt. An elastic waist extends the fit range for each size.
Spring Poncho and Turban

SKILL LEVEL

EASY

Crochet a fresh palette of pinks and greens in this sweet little turban and two-panel poncho.
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“Sharon Hernes Silverman has done it again! Her new book *Tunisian Crochet for Baby* is all you will need when you want to crochet something for a baby present or for that special baby in your life. This book is for you, whether you want to make something quick and easy, or something more involved. It includes step-by-step guides to Tunisian stitches and patterns, easy as well as more advanced. Sharon gives practical tips and advice to help you successfully crochet each pattern. And, as usual, she gives expert directions. Patterns include the practical, the cute, and the oh-so-adorable! You won’t know which one to crochet first!”

**Marty Miller**
Past President of the Crochet Guild of America, Crochet Designer, Teacher, and Author

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