



TUNISIAN SIMPLE STITCH RAGLAN PULLOVER

an mla design



SUPPLIES

100% cotton DK/wt#3, 492 yards of solid color and 500 yards of variegated
1) Rainbow Cotton 8/8: 2 balls of each of 3 different solid colors, 82 yards each skein [the horizontal stripes in the picture]
2) Yarn Bee from Hobby Lobby Sugarwheel Cotton: 1 ½ skeins of Forever Fruity variegated, 335 yards each skein [the vertical stripes and the ribbing in the picture]

crochet hook: 3.5mm, 6mm
cabled tunisian hook: 7mm, 8mm
plastic marker pins

SIZING

To self measurements:

Bust-42"

Length from shoulder to hem-23"

Finished Neckband measures 23" around and 1" wide and sits around collar bone

Finished yoke measures 10" to underarm/bust-line

TERMINOLOGY

mm – millimeters

" - inches

yd – yard

sh – shoulder

F, CF – front, center front

B, CB – back, center back

R – raglan (seam)

CH - chain

fndch – foundation chain

YO – yarn over hook

ss – slip stitch

st – stitch

sc – single crochet

scbp – single crochet around back post of stitch

T – tunisian crochet

FP – forward pass of tunisian stitch row [pick up loops from foundation chain and retain on tunisian hook for FP]

RP – return pass of tunisian stitch row [work off loops by YO and pull through 2 loops along the tunisian hook]

Row , tunisian row – includes both FP & RP

C – color

TSS – tunisian simple stitch [FP- pick up loops by inserting right to left behind front

vertical bar; this looks like a basket weave]

NOTES

To join at center back, at end of FP, there are no more loop to pick up, insert hook under 2 loops on the cable and YO and pull through 2 loops, *YO and pull through 2 loops*. Make sure to mark the 2 loops just picked up from the cable; this is the center back.

To join new color, do not cut off previous color, neatly carry it up the center back, weaving new colors over . Slip knot a loop to add new color onto hook, pull tightly to secure before working RP. All color changes are Return Pass.

INSTRUCTIONS

NECKBAND

1) With crochet hook 3.5mm and color 1 (variegated); ch 5, turn.

[neckband will be 1" wide]

2) scbp 4, ch1,turn; scbl4, ch1, turn

3) continue for 23"/128 st

4) sc ends together, forming a rib on outside;

5) do not break off yarn but continue to YOKE

YOKE

1) continue with attached yarn from neckband; (this is CB)

2) using crochet hook 8, sc in every row end of neckband. (121 sc)

3) pin every 30 sc; these will mark the Raglan INC (seams)

4) Switch to cabled tunisian hook 8mm

5) FP: pick up back loop only of each sc around; leave C1 & pick up C2

6) RP: C2; yo & pull through 2 loops (c1 & c2), until there are no more loops on hook and you are now at your beginning pin, CB [keep track of CB pin]

7) Insert hook into next 2 loops and pick up C1, pull through 2 loops and yo to secure (ss)8) Now, with C1 on hook, FP around; INC 1 loop before and 1 loop after each R pin; to INC: insert hook under RP ch & through the back leg behind current loop, YO & pull loop through onto hook, 2nd loop of INC- pick up loop into front of same stitch as usual [we are using Tunisian Simple Stitch] [129 loops]

9) RP with C3

10) Repeat step 8) for 10", until yoke is desired width and length, changing colors every RP; using same color on every FP

11) To change colors: drop the one just used and pick up next color, carry yarn along inside of CB. It helps to put each yarn color in its own container to reduce tangling.

12) Try on occasionally for fit. Make sure R pins, CB & CF pins line up every row.

BODY and UNDERARMS

1) At back raglan pin, at lower edge of yoke, single crochet foundation chain [about 2 inches for your underarm comfort] **retaining loops on hook** instead of finishing off stitches, pick up loop at front raglan pin and continue picking up tunisian forward pass loops across to next raglan pin, work stitches same as for 1st underarm, and continue around. Join round as for yoke joining.

2) Work TSS evenly in the round for 31 rounds, or your desired length.

3) Follow your color pattern on RP rounds.

My sweater body from underarm measures 13 inches long and 21 inches wide [42" around body]. I have 144 loops on tunisian cabled hook.

Fasten off all colors except C1.

HEM

Using 7mm crochet hook, loosely ss around lower edge in every loop.

To make ribbing onto lower edge of sweater:

- 1) With Color 1, attached to CB, chain 6 for 1" ribbing.
- 2) Sc in 2nd ch from hook toward sweater, and in next 5 ch.
- 3) *Ss behind the ss of the sweater, in the back of the TFP loop, sc behind next TFP loop. Turn and scbp along 5sc, to end of the row, sc in turning ch. CH 2, turn, [pin the turning CH], scbl 5 towards sweater.* Repeat * * this ribbing pattern around the bottom to CB, ss or sew ends together. Fasten off and weave in end.

SLEEVES

Use 7mm T cabled hook [you might want to use a shorter cable to go around the sleeve] Follow your color pattern at underarm to match the body of your sweater.

Attach C1 at the end of a Raglan st and begin FP all around the sleeve.

If desired, reduce the number of underarm stitches to fit comfortably.[I worked 4 rows back and forth by picking up 4 loops on R1, then 1 more on each side, 4 times, then began working around the sleeve.] [I have 72 loops around my sleeves for 22"D] Sleeves are loose fitting

Work tunisian in the round as same as on body section, keeping your color pattern.

I did 1 complete color set. My sleeve measures 2" from underarm joining.

Fasten off and weave in ends of all colors except C1.

SLEEVE BANDS

To finish sleeves, change to crochet hook 6mm.

Loosely ss around in every TFP loop.

Make ribbing same as for hem.

I chained 3 for a $\frac{3}{4}$ " width.

Fasten off and weave in any loose ends.

FINISHING

Machine wash and damp dry, block into shape.

The yarn I chose machine washes and dries well.

If you choose different yarn, wash and dry a swatch. Check the swatch measurements before and after washing and drying before you wash your new sweater.

You will be glad you did the swatch check!