



THE IRISH CLOAK
in Tunisian Knit Stitch

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Materials

Yarn: Imagination fingering weight from KnitPicks (50% Merino, 25% Superfine Alpaca, 25% Nylon (Images shown use hand-dyed yarn.)

Hook: Tunisian crochet 6.0 mm hook with cable

Findings: cloak clasp

Gauge

2" = 9 stitches

2" = 9 rows

Stitches

Tunisian knit stitch (tk)

Tunisian seed stitch - alternate between Tunisian simple stitch (tss) and Tunisian purl stitch (tps)

Regular crochet crab stitch aka. Reverse single crochet (rsc)

Regular crochet waistcoat stitch (wc)

Notes

This Tunisian crochet pattern works up similar to a circle, but it is not worked in the round (with a double-ended hook), nor is it worked in joined triangles, as is the case with many Tunisian circular patterns. The opening in the front allows this pattern to be worked in rows, with the cloak body as a single piece and the hood as a second piece that is later joined to the body.

While the written pattern is quite long and requires much counting of stitches, there is a far simpler way to work it up. Once you have several rows in place, use stitch markers (or safety pins, scrap yarn, etc.) to mark the increase stitches. Continue to count out stitches on the next row until you come to the increase stitch. If that stitch occurs in the stitch before the increase in your previous row, place a stitch marker on the right hand side of your fabric. If it occurs after the previous row's increase, place the stitch marker on the left hand side of the fabric, instead. This extra stitch marker will help you keep track of which side the increase is on. Now, as you work each increase stitch, move the stitch markers from the previous row up to mark the new increase stitch. If you continue to count for a bit, you will quickly see the pattern emerge: One row increases before the last row's increase stitches, and the next row increases after. It alternates back and forth like that so that all you really need to do is keep track of the increase stitches and keep track of which side you are working on. When you finish each row, you will immediately move the side marker to the opposite side. When it is on the right side, you know you increase before the previous row's marker. When it is on the left, you increase after. At first it will feel like you are moving markers constantly, but very quickly the space between the markers will increase and you will find it much easier to move markers than to count every stitch.

Tip:

Gauge isn't a big deal with this pattern, since the fit is so loose. You could use a wildly different gauge and simply adjust for length.

Once you get the hang of that, you can cruise right through most of this pattern without paying too much attention at all. Just keep an eye on how many rows you've completed so that you know when you need to do the attachments for the arm openings, the textured stitches, and the rounded out bottom (if desired)

That said, this pattern is immensely flexible and requires little worry. If you forget to work in the arm openings as you go (or if you find it too challenging), you can simply stitch them together after the rest of the cloak is made. (Fold into a half circle with the opening in the middle front, and place some stitches about halfway between armpit and elbow level.)

If you don't want textured stitches, leave them out and simply continue with the knit stitch. If you want more (or different) textured stitches feel free to replace knit stitches to your heart's content (though I do recommend using plenty of knit stitch on this cloak, as the stitch gives the finished cloak beautiful drape and lovely, squishy feel). Want to switch up colors or add color work? Feel free! Leave the hood off? Add lacy edging? Whatever you like. The possibilities are endless.



The Pattern

Chain 5

Foundation row: Forward pass: Pull up 4 loops (5 on hook)

Return pass: Normal (pull yarn through one loop, then pull through two loops the rest of the way back until you have a single loop left on the hook)

Row 1: Forward: *Tks, increase 1 tks by pulling up a loop between stitches; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (8 loops on hook)

Return: Normal

Row 2: Forward: *Tks, increase tks; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (14 loops on hook)

Return: Normal

Row 3: Forward: *Tks 2, increase tks; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (20 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 4: Forward: *Tks 2, increase tks, tks; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (26 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 5: Forward: *Tks 3, increase tks, tks; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (32 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 6: Forward: *Tks 3, increase tks, tks 2; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (38 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 7: Forward: *Tks 4, increase tks, tks 2; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (44 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 8: Forward: *Tks 4, increase tks, tks 3; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (50 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 9: Forward: *Tks 5, increase tks, tks 3; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (56 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 10: Forward: *Tks 5, increase tks, tks 4; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (62 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 11: Forward: *Tks 6, increase tks, tks 4; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (68 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 12: Forward: *Tks 6, increase tks, tks 5; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (74 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 13: Forward: *Tks 7, increase tks, tks 5; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (80 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 14: Forward: * Tks 7, increase tks, tks 6; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (86 loops on hook)

Return: Normal

Row 15: Forward: * Tks 8, increase tks, tks 6; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (92 loops on hook)

Return: Normal

Row 16: Forward: * Tks 8, increase tks, tks 7; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (98 loops on hook)

Return: Normal

Row 17: Forward: * Tks 9, increase tks, tks 7; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (104 loops on hook)

Return: Normal

Row 18: Forward: * Tks 9, increase tks, tks 8; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (110 loops on hook)

Return: Normal

Row 19: Forward: * Tks 10, increase tks, tks 8; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (116 loops on hook)

Return: Normal

Row 20: Forward: * Tks 10, increase tks, tks 9; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (122 loops on hook)

Return: Normal

Row 21: Forward: * Tks 11, increase tks, tks 9; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (128 loops on hook)

Return: Normal

Row 22: Forward: * Tks 11, increase tks, tks 10; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (134 loops on hook)

Return: Normal

Row 23: Forward: * Tks 12, increase tks, tks 10; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (140 loops on hook)

Return: Normal

Row 24: Forward: * Tks 12, increase tks, tks 11; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (146 loops on hook)

Return: Normal

Row 25: Forward: * Tks 13, increase tks, tks 11; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (152 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 26: Forward: * Tks 13, increase tks, tks 12; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (158 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 27: Forward: * Tks 14, increase tks, tks 12; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (164 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 28: Forward: * Tks 14, increase tks, tks 13; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (170 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 29: Forward: * Tks 15, increase tks, tks 13; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (176 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 30: Forward: * Tks 15, increase tks, tks 14; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (182 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 31: Forward: * Tks 16, increase tks, tks 14; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (188 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 32: Forward: * Tks 16, increase tks, tks 15; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (194 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 33: Forward: * Tks 17, increase tks, tks 15; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (200 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 34: Forward: * Tks 17, increase tks, tks 16; rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (206 loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 35: Forward: * Tks 18, increase tks, tks 16;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (212
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 36: Forward: * Tks 18, increase tks, tks 17;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (218
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 37: Forward: * Tks 19, increase tks, tks 17;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (224
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 38: Forward: * Tks 19, increase tks, tks 18;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (230
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 39: Forward: * Tks 20, increase tks, tks 18;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (236
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 40: Forward: * Tks 20, increase tks, tks 19;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (242
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 41: Forward: * Tks 21, increase tks, tks 19;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (248
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 42: Forward: * Tks 21, increase tks, tks 20;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (254
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 43: Forward: * Tks 22, increase tks, tks 20;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (260
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 44: Forward: * Tks 22, increase tks, tks 21;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (266
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 45: Forward: * Tks 23, increase tks, tks 21;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (272
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 46: Forward: * Tks 23, increase tks, tks 22;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (278
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 47: Forward: * Tks 24, increase tks, tks 22;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (284
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 48: Forward: * Tks 24, increase tks, tks 23;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (290
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 49: Forward: * Tks 25, increase tks, tks 23;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (296
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 50: Forward: * Tks 25, increase tks, tks 24;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (302
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 51: Forward: * Tks 26, increase tks, tks 24;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (308
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 52: Forward: * Tks 26, increase tks, tks 25;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (314
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 53: Forward: * Tks 27, increase tks, tks 25;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (320
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 54: Forward: * Tks 27, increase tks, tks 26;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (326
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 55: Forward: * Tks 28, increase tks, tks 26;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (332
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 56: Forward: * Tks 28, increase tks, tks 27;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (338
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 57: Forward: * Tks 29, increase tks, tks 27;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (344
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 58: Forward: * Tks 29, increase tks, tks 28;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (350
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 59: Forward: * Tks 30, increase tks, tks 28;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (356
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 60: Forward: * Tks 30, increase tks, tks 29;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (362
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 61: Forward: * Tks 31, increase tks, tks 29;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (368
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 62: Forward: * Tks 31, increase tks, tks 30;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (374
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 63: Forward: * Tks 32, increase tks, tks 30;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (380
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 64: Forward: * Tks 32, increase tks, tks 31;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (386
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 65: Forward: * Tks 33, increase tks, tks 31;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (392
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 66: Forward: * Tks 33, increase tks, tks 32;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (398
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 67: Forward: * Tks 34, increase tks, tks 32;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (404
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 68: Forward: * Tks 34, increase tks, tks 33;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (410
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 69: Forward: * Tks 35, increase tks, tks 33;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (416
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 70: Forward: * Tks 35, increase tks, tks 34;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (422
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 71: Forward: * Tks 36, increase tks, tks 34;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (428
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 72: Forward: * Tks 36, increase tks, tks 35;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (434
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 73: Forward: * Tks 37, increase tks, tks 35;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (440
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 74: Forward: * Tks 37, increase tks, tks 36;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (446
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 75: Forward: * Tks 38, increase tks, tks 36;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (452
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 76: Forward: * Tks 38, increase tks, tks 37;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (458
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 77: Forward: * Tks 39, increase tks, tks 37;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (464
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 78: Forward: * Tks 39, increase tks, tks 38;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (470
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 79: Forward: * Tks 40, increase tks, tks 38;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (476
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 80: Forward: * Tks 40, increase tks, tks 39;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (482
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 81: Forward: * Tks 41, increase tks, tks 39;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (488
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 82: Forward: * Tks 41, increase tks, tks 40;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (494
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 83: Forward: * Tks 42, increase tks, tks 40;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (500
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 84: Forward: * Tks 42, increase tks, tks 41;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (506
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 85: Forward: * Tks 43, increase tks, tks 41;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (512
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 86: Forward: * Tks 43, increase tks, tks 42;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (518
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 87: Forward: * Tks 44, increase tks, tks 42;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (524
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 88: Forward: * Tks 44, increase tks, tks 43;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (530
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 89: Forward: * Tks 45, increase tks, tks 43;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (536
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 90: Forward: * Tks 45, increase tks, tks 44;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (542
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 91: Forward: * Tks 46, increase tks, tks 44;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (548
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 92: Forward: * Tks 46, increase tks, tks 45;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (554
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

Row 93: Forward: * Tks 47, increase tks, tks 45;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (560
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

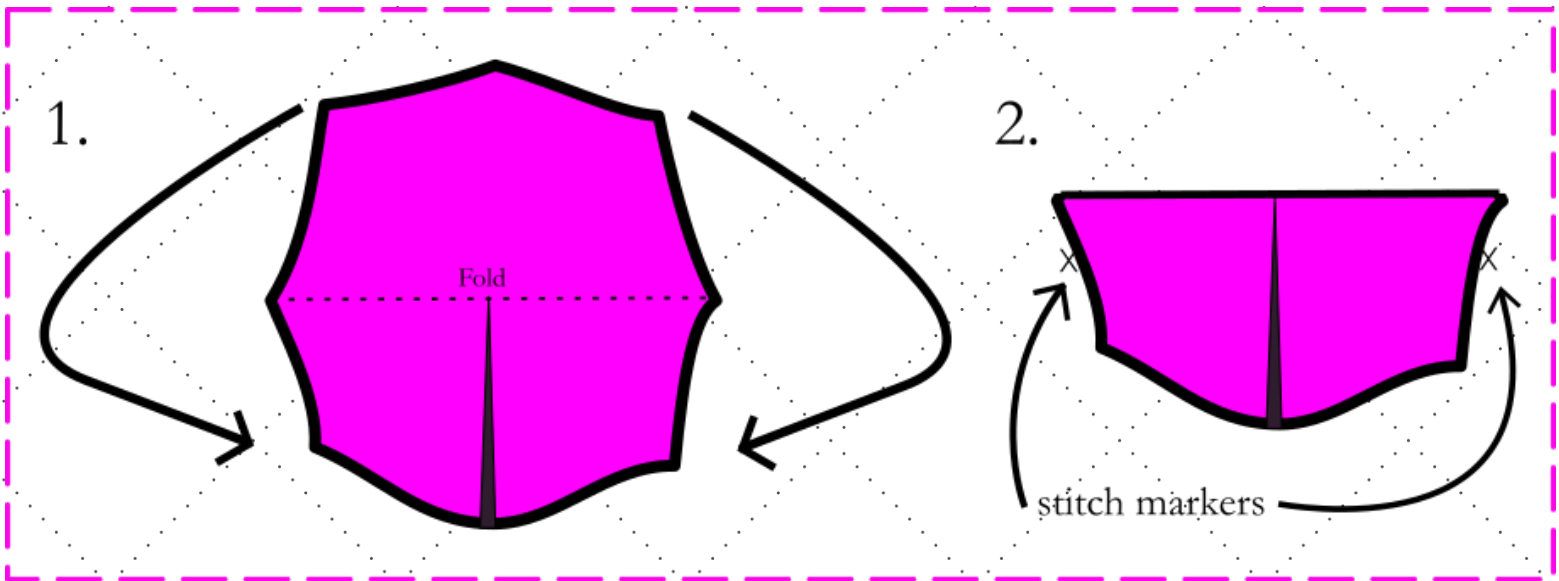
Row 94: Forward: * Tks 47, increase tks, tks 46;
rep from * to end of row, tks into end stitch (566
loops on hook)
Return: Normal

At this point you will create the arm attachments by crocheting them right into the garment as you go. Alternately, if you find this method too challenging, you can simply place stitch markers for the join now and sew the joins later (once you have finished everything else).

The arm attachments:

This pattern is written with the arm attachments crocheted into the garment along the way. To do this, you will fold the cloak in half with the opening split down the front. Count out your stitches to find the 100th stitch and match it up with the 183rd stitch. Place a stitch marker through these two stitches to hold them together. Likewise, place a stitch marker to join the 383rd and the 466th stitches. At this point, you can try on the cloak and make any adjustments you like to the placement of the arm attachments (make the arms wider or narrower by choosing a different set of stitches to join). See illustration.

Do you really need to count stitches? No! The easiest way is to make sure your folding is even and place the markers where you like them.



Now we'll create a 4 x 4 stitch join as we crochet. We'll do this by crocheting into stitches from the front and back of the cloak for a count of four stitches (when we get to them in the row). We'll repeat this for four rows.

