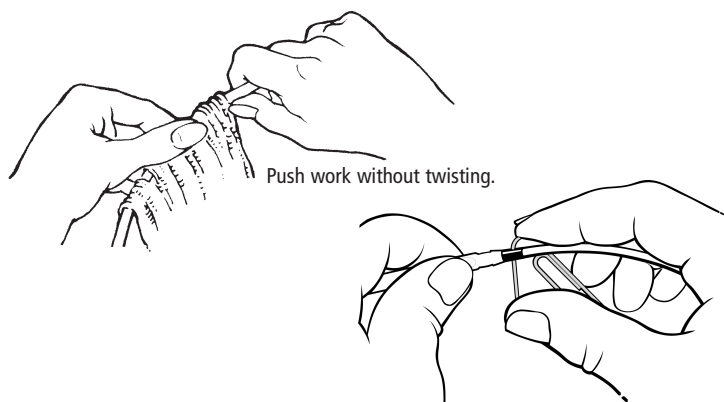


## Caring for your *Denise* kit:

- If you find roughness on any of the molded parts, use a fingernail buffing board or 600-grit sandpaper to smooth the surface.
- Keep your *Denise Crochet Hooks* away from pets and out of the hands of very young children. However, when children are old enough, please teach them to crochet!
- Your *Denise Crochet Hooks* will withstand years of fibercrafting when used only for that purpose, and especially if you care for the parts by avoiding extreme heat and cold, and putting them back in the case when not in use.
- If you need extra leverage to lock and unlock any parts, try a straightened paperclip as shown below, or use a wide rubber band on each part like you would a rubber jar-lid opener.



Push work without twisting.

A straightened paperclip can be inserted through the cord tips to give extra leverage when locking or unlocking parts.

## Additions to your *Denise* kit:

Organizer: fabric case to hold Denise parts and crochet and knitting essentials  
 Extra crochet hook heads, US F/5-19 (3.75-15mm)  
 Extra cords: 3", 5", 9", 12", 14", 16" or 19" (8, 13, 23, 30, 36, 41, or 48 cm)  
 Set of 3" cords  
 Long cords, blue or pink: 30", 40" or 52" (76, 102 or 132 cm)  
 End button or extender  
 Denise Interchangeable Knitting Needle kit  
 Companion Set, blue or pink: all six cord lengths from the knitting needle kit, four end buttons, two extenders  
 Empty crochet kit case

Ask for these at your local yarn shop  
 or see our website for details.

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## Denise Interchangeable Crochet Hooks

### RELAX...WE'RE ALL HERE

**Hook sizes:** Twelve 4¾ inch crochet hook heads in each kit. Always have the right size ready!

○ U.S.	F/5	G/6	7	H/8	I/9	J/10	K/10½	L/11	M/13	N/15	17	19
mm	3.75	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	8	9	10	12	15

**Crochet Versatility:** *Denise* is ideal for large or small projects.

- Afghan/Tunisian hooks from 8-37 inches can be made using combinations of cords.
- Create double-ended crochet hooks with the addition of extra crochet hook heads.
- Use as a “knooking” tool by looping heavy crochet thread or floss through windows at base of hook.
- Cords are available outside the kit in 30,” 40” and 52” lengths to expand the possibilities even further. Ask for them at your local yarn shop, or see our website.
- Many knitting applications, including easily picking up stitches for a button band or around a neckline. Try teaching new knitters (especially children) with a hook as the working “needle” to make it easier for awkward hands to form a new stitch.
- Add crochet to your knitting, or knitting to your crochet!
- See our website for more ideas and resources, and **email us with your own innovations!**

**Travel Friendly:** Relax while traveling with *Denise*. Just put your kit in your fiber bag, and be prepared for any project you might be inspired to begin along the way. Denise passes easily through airport security in the U.S. and *most* countries worldwide.

**All parts are long lasting and made in the U.S.A.**

**PARTS GUARANTEED WITH NORMAL USE.**

- If you ever experience a problem with a part, please return it to us along with \$1.00 for return shipping. See address below.

### About Us:

After over 20 years of happily using my Denise Interchangeable Knitting Needle kit, I was looking for a gift set, and instead...I bought the company! My daughter, Emily, and her husband, Jon, joined the team, and we’ve been happily producing the only US-made interchangeable knitting needle kit since 2002. Now we’re taking things one step further.

We’re excited to be bringing out the first interchangeable crochet kit that can be used for Tunisian/Afghan crochet, double-ended crochet, or for breaking the boundaries between knitting and crochet by interchanging hooks and needles in one project.

We look forward to seeing what your creative fiberly minds do with this box of possibilities. Email us your ideas for how best to use this kit on its own or in combination with the knitting kit – we will be updating our website regularly with ideas and resources.

Thanks for sharing, and for expanding the range of fibercrafting possibilities!  
 Sincerely enjoying crocheting and knitting and hope you are too,  
 Linda Krag

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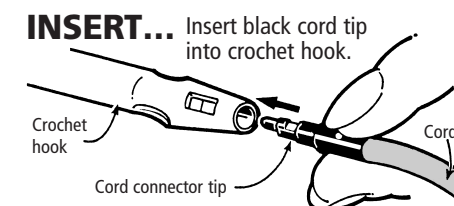
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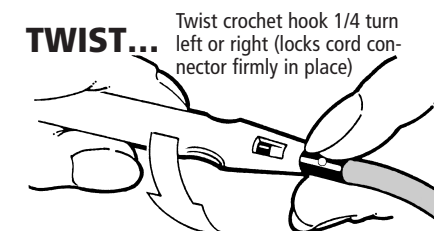
## The unique *Denise* locking connection:



**INSERT...** Insert black cord tip into crochet hook.  
*To attach a crochet hook, insert the cord connector tip into the hook end. Holding the black connector tightly, twist the hook ¼ turn until you feel the cord lock into place.*

### IMPORTANT:

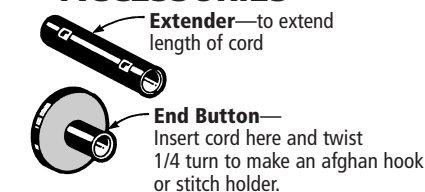
Hold black cord connector tip, **not** the cord when locking parts into place.



*To release the crochet hook, hold the black connector firmly and twist the hook ¼ turn. Pull the hook off the connector.*

*To extend a cord length, insert the cord into an extender, twist ¼ turn to lock into place. Lock another cord into the other end of the extender.*

## ACCESSORIES



*Stitch holder: to store your work, remove crochet hook from cord and replace with end button.*

**TO USE THE HOOKS FOR STANDARD CROCHET, SIMPLY EXTEND THE LENGTH BY LOCKING THE 3" CORD INTO THE HOOK.**

### Your kit includes:

12 crochet hook heads: US sizes F/5-19 (3.75-15mm)  
 7 cords: Two each 3" and 5" (8 and 13 cm), and one each 9", 12" and 16" (23, 30, and 41 cm)  
 2 extenders  
 4 end buttons

### Also available:

30", 40" and 52" (76, 102 and 132 cm) long cords  
 14" and 19" (36 and 48 cm) cords

❖ **PARTS GUARANTEED WITH NORMAL USE.** Details inside...

# Tunisian Crochet Primer

by Kathleen Power Johnson

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Tunisian crochet, also called afghan stitch, is cousin to both knitting and crochet. As you might expect—given the family connections—the tool used for Tunisian crochet resembles both a crochet hook and a knitting needle. The afghan hook, as it’s generally called, is a knitting needle with a crochet hook on one end. Every “row” of the basic Tunisian stitch is made by working two rows: the first row (worked from right to left and called the forward row) creates a series of stitches on the hook/needle, the second row (worked from left to right and called the reverse row) binds off the stitches until only one stitch remains. The right side of the fabric is *always* facing you and the right and wrong sides of the fabric are clearly different.

## Tunisian Simple Stitch

Like regular crochet, every project worked in Tunisian crochet begins with a foundation chain from which a row of stitches is picked up and held along the shank of the hook/needle. To work a practice swatch, make a chain of twenty stitches. Then work the first row as follows:

- *Foundation Row (pick up stitches):* Insert the hook through the top loop of the second chain from the hook (Figure 1), yarn over and draw a loop through (2 stitches on hook). \*Insert the hook into the top loop of the next chain stitch and draw a loop through, leaving it on the needle. Repeat from \*, drawing one loop through each chain stitch. When you reach the end of the chain, you should have twenty loops on your needle—one for each chain stitch.
- *Reverse Row (complete the stitch):* Yarn over the hook and draw a loop through the first loop on the hook (Figure 2). This single stitch is the equivalent of one turning chain; it brings the hook up to the level of the next row. \*Yarn over and bring the hook through two stitches (Figure 3). Repeat from \* to end of row. As you work from left to right, you’ll bind off a stitch each time you draw a loop through the two loops on the hook. You will end with one loop on the needle—this loop counts as the first stitch of the next row.

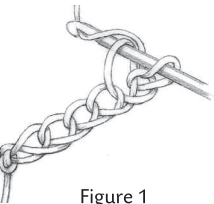


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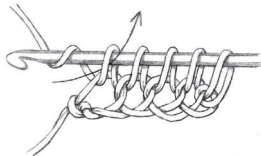


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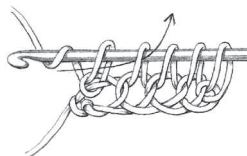


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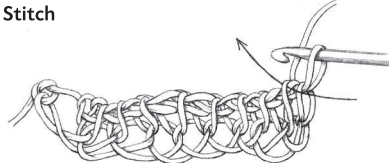


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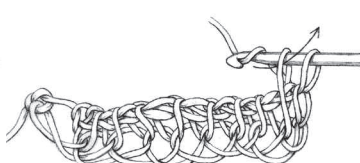


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Tunisian Simple Stitch

Tunisian Purl Stitch

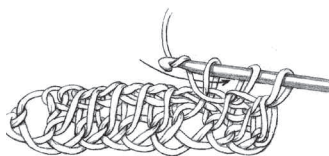


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Increasing

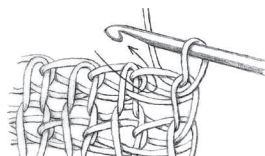


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Decreasing



Figure 8

Joining a New Color

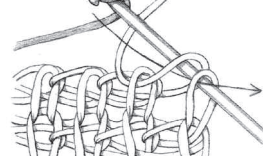


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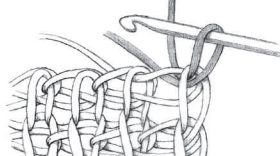


Figure 10

- *Forward Row (pick up stitches):* \*Bring the hook from right to left under the first vertical bar created by the first two rows (Figure 4) and draw a loop through (Figure 5), leaving it on the hook. Rep from \* to end of row, drawing up a loop from under the last vertical strand.

Work a forward row followed by a reverse row for Tunisian simple stitch. After a few rows, look closely at the fabric you’ve made. You’ll see a series of short stacked vertical lines, separated by what looks like sideways v’s or chain stitches.

## Tunisian Purl Stitch

Just like knitting, Tunisian crochet can be worked with “purl” rows for a more textured effect. The yarn is held in front of the work on the first forward row to create horizontal bumps. The second row of the sequence, a reverse row, is worked just as for Tunisian simple stitch.

- *Forward Row (pick up stitches):* Bring the yarn to the front of your work, holding it below and in front of the hook. \*Insert the hook from right to left through the first vertical strand, as in the second pass of the forward row of the simple stitch. Yarn over by bringing the yarn up, behind, and then over the hook from back to front (Figure 6). Draw a loop through, leaving it on the hook. Repeat from \*. As you work from one vertical strand to the next, the yarn you’re working with will lie over the vertical strand being worked.
- *Reverse Row (complete the stitch):* Work as for the reverse row of Tunisian simple stitch.

When you look at the fabric made with Tunisian Purl stitch, you’ll still see the vertical lines made in simple stitch, but this time they will be interrupted by short horizontal bumps made from the strand of yarn that crosses over the vertical strands as you work.

## Increasing

To increase a stitch at the beginning of a forward row (worked right to left), pick up an extra loop by inserting the hook from front to back under the horizontal strand that lies between the loop on the hook and the first vertical strand (Figure 7), then yarn over and pull a loop through. Work as usual in the next vertical strand. To increase at the other end of the row, pull an extra loop by inserting the hook under the last horizontal strand in the row, just before the last vertical strand.

## Decreasing

To decrease a stitch, insert the hook under two vertical strands at the same time (Figure 8), yarn over and draw a loop through both strands.

## Joining a New Color

When two loops remain at the end of a reverse row (worked left to right), yarn over in the new color (Figure 9) and draw the new color through both loops on the hook (Figure 10). To change color at the end of a forward row, work the ch 1 in the new color.



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