

# mariel's kerchief pattern

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The open structure of this Tunisian crochet stitch and the cool texture of this cotton/soy blend yarn make a fun and colorful accessory for summers in Chicago!

Named after a heroine in the Redwall series by Brian Jacques

This pattern was designed as Firefly Fiber Arts Studio's free crochet pattern for the 2023 Chicago Yarn Crawl.

## required skills

Basic Tunisian crochet techniques

## finished size

14" width

11" length top to bottom at center point

## materials

1 ball of Laines du Nord Baby Soft yarn (140 yards of Sport weight yarn)

US K/10.5 Tunisian Hook - 9 in. straight or interchangeable hook with shortest cord available

*\*TIP: As recommended for most Tunisian projects, you should go up one or two hook sizes from what you would normally use for Sport weight yarn for a traditional crochet project.*

## abbreviations

Ttop - Tunisian Top Stitch

TKS - Tunisian Knit Stitch

ch - chain

st(s) - stitch(es)

inc - increase

dec - decrease



## gauge

Not important; however, lovely drape is achieved with a gauge of 17 st x 10 rows = 4"

## notes

For the Tunisian Top Stitch (Ttop), insert hook from front to back under the top bump in the return pass chain. See photo of "top bump" at

<https://www.akloridesigns.com/TTOP.html>

*\*TIP: A pointy hook is helpful.*

*At the end of every Forward Pass, do not make a Ttop st into the three vertical bars at the edge. Create an End stitch by inserting the hook into the three vertical strands with two of the strands to the left of the hook and one strand to the right of the hook, yo, pull up a loop.*

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## instructions

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### foundation row

**Forward Pass:** Ch 9. Insert the hook into the 2nd ch from the hook, yo, pull up a loop (2 loops on hook). [Insert hook in the next ch, yo, pull up loop] across the ch.

**Return Pass:** Ch 1. [yo, pull through 2 loops] until 1 loop remains on the hook.

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### increase section

**Forward Pass:** Ttop st in the first return pass bump to the left of the loop on the hook. TKS into the vertical bars immediately below the Ttop st just created. Ttop st across the rest of the row. Make the End stitch.

**Return Pass:** Ch 1. [yo, pull through 2 loops] until 1 loop remains on the hook.

Repeat section, increasing the number of stitches in each row by 1 stitch, for 35 more rows.

Next row, Ttop st in the first return pass bump to the left of the loop on the hook and across the rest of the row (no TKS increase).

Place a marker.

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### decrease section

**Forward Pass:** Ttop st in the first 2 return pass bumps. Skip the 3rd bump, then Ttop st across the rest of the row.

**Return Pass:** Ch 1. [yo, pull through 2 loops] until 1 loop remains on the hook.

Repeat section, decreasing the number of stitches in each row by 1 stitch, until the last row of the decrease section has 9 stitches.

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### add fringe (optional)

Cut yarn into 78 6" strips.

Fold 2 strips in half.

With the right side of the project facing down, insert the hook into the space at the end of a row on the increase/decrease edge, hook the folded strips at the fold and pull through the space, until a small loop is formed. Wrap the tails of the strips around the hook, and pull through the loop.

Repeat across the edge for 19 rows on both sides of the stitch marker.

