Tunisian Temperature Blanket 2016

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Select 11 yarn colors all in the same weight. You may use more or less than 11, but will need to adjust your chart accordingly. Choose a range of temps that best suit your climate.

Yarn: Cascade 220 Superwash in the colors listed, plus white for the border. Yarn is held double - 1 strand for day's high temp, and one strand for the low temp.

Hook: 10 mm M/N

Finished size: approximately 56"x48"

Temperature data collected daily for Edmonds, WA from

www.weatherunderground.com

For instructions on how to work Tunisian crochet, look up Kim

Guzman's or AoibheNi's channels on youtube.

Basic Layout: With the leap year for 2016, there are 122 days from Jan 1 - May 1, from May 2 - Aug 31, and Sept 1 - Dec 31st. So my blanket will have three horizontal blocks with 122 vertical rows (each representing one day of the year). Each horizontal has a white border separating it from the block below. Once all of the vertical rows were completed, a crocheted border was added

Instructions: Using white yarn, chain 122 + 50. Counting from the first cast on chain, place a locking stitch marker at chain 1, 31, 62, 91, and 122. These markers represent May 1, April 1, March 1, February 1 and January 1, respectively.

For Jan 1, use one strand for the high held with one strand for the low. Skipping the first bump, work in Tunisian simple stitch into the bottom bump of each of the remaining 49 cast on chains. Then work into the Jan 1 bump (50 sts total on the hook). *Yarnover (yo) and pull through two loops*, repeat between ** until only 1 loop remains.

Switch to Jan 2 yarn colors. I used the Magic Knot method so there are much fewer ends to weave in. Leaving first chain unused, work in Tunisian simple stitch 49 stitches, and then the 50th stitch into the Jan 2 bump of the original white chain. *Yo and pull through two loops*, repeat between ** until only 1 loop remains.

Continue working in this manner, until the last row of the first horizontal block (May 1). For this row, you will bind off as you go to avoid gaping stitches. Pick up a Tunisian st as normal, but yarn over and pull through two loops to bind off as you work across the row.

Next horizontal block, Rejoin white yarn at the beginning of the May 1 row, turn work (to face the back) and single crochet 122. Chain 50. Switch to colored yarn. Work May 2-Aug 31 vertical rows just as before. Work the last row (Aug 31) just as for May 1 binding off as you go. Begin the third horizontal block just as with the second. Work Sept 1-Dec 31 just as before. Make sure to bind off on the Dec 31 row as with May 1 and Aug 31.

In white yarn, work your favorite crocheted border all the way around the blanket. For my blanket, I worked three rounds: Round 1: SC (with three SC into each corner stitch). Round 2: DC (with three DC into each corner stitch). Round 3: SC (with three SC into each corner stitch). Weave in any loose ends. Block if desired and enjoy!

TIP: If you are making a blanket for NON-leap year, work one additional row - perhaps a special color for your birthday, anniversary, etc. Make sure that the dates work out for 122 rows per block.