

14: 'Tunisian' Scrumbling



'Tunisian' Crochet is usually done with a special, long hook to make extended fabric. We use the same technique with an ordinary hook to make short runs

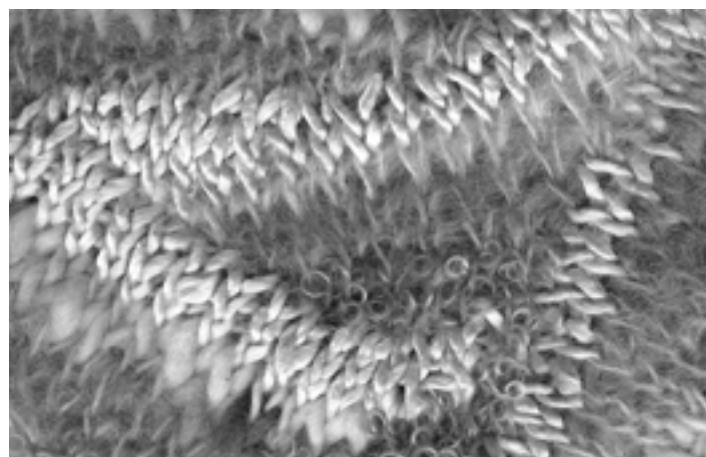
All the usual things about any type of 'scrumbling' apply, but there are some special aspects of using the Tunisian technique in a scrumbly way for fabric-making:

❖ Smoothness/Texture

'Tunisian' Knit Stitch (bottom right) provides a smoother-looking surface – very similar to knitted 'Stocking Stitch' (Stockinette) – than any other conventional crochet stitch. At the same time the other side of the fabric looks about as 'grainy' or textured as knitted Garter Stitch. In both cases the thickness of the fabric works much better in amongst ordinary crochet than knitting, which has less body and is more squishy!

❖ Swoops and Curves

Use of the ordinary short crochet hook to make part rows makes it possible to create rows which become taller and shorter and/or go around corners. In the upper two images first an 'outward' row of Purl Picots (as for 'Broomstick' Crochet loops) of graduated length is picked up in the Tunisian manner, then 'cast off' as for a basic 'Tunisian' inward row. Next two rows of ordinary dc are



worked over those stitches. On the next (Tunisian outward) row, the back loop only is picked up. Increases and decreases are made by eye/feel as required to make curves and keep the work flat-ish

❖ And ... ?

- You can bring in other Tunisian or ordinary crochet stitches
- Remember that Tunisian technique can be useful in 'Organic Patchwork' and other styles of 'freeform'