

HOW TO HOOK TUNISIAN CABLES

Follow these step-by-step guides to learn how to make cable stitches in Tunisian crochet

Cables are formed when the stitches are worked 'out of order'. The lean of the cable (right or left) depends on whether the skipped stitches are held at the back or front of the work. For these projects, I have used only two very simple cables to make the throw and pillow designs: Cable 6 Front (C6F) and Cable 6 Back (C6B).

C6F is worked over 6 stitches and leans left.
C6B is worked over 6 stitches and leans right.

All cables in these projects are worked in Tunisian Simple Stitch (Tss) on the Forward Pass (FwdP). To further define the cable stitches, I have used a few different stitches on either side of the cables,

including Tunisian Purl Stitch (Tps) and Lattice Cross (LC). This helps the cable stitches to stand out in the fabric.

Cable rows are usually separated by at least one row of Tss in place of the cabled stitches. To make it easier to work through the rows, place a stitch marker at the beginning of all cable rows as it sometimes difficult to count rows with the 'twisted' stitches. Place another stitch marker at the beginning of the next cable row. Move the stitch markers from the bottom up as your work progresses.

Cable stitch holders are required, and should be similar in size to the hook you are using. For bulky yarn I use a short knitting needle to hold the skipped stitches. Make sure the pointed end is facing to the right so you can work off the skipped stitches onto the hook.

CABLE 6 FRONT (C6F) INSTRUCTIONS: 6 STITCH, LEFT LEANING CABLE



1 Work stitch pattern until cable section. Place a stitch marker at the beginning of the row to keep track of the cable rows.



2 Slip the next 3 sts onto a stitch holder and leave at the front of the work.



3 Tss in the next 3 sts.



4 Tss in the first skipped stitch on holder; this is the stitch on the right-hand side.



5 Tss in the next 2 skipped stitches on the holder. The cable stitches should lean to the left.



6 Tips: Make sure the tension is not too tight. On the RetP, of the cable row, work off the 6 cable sts in order. On the next FwdP, make sure that you work in each of the 6 sts. You can pull and separate the sts so they are easier to see. Count rows using the end stitches at the beginning of the FwdP.

CABLE 6 BACK (C6B) INSTRUCTIONS: 6 STITCH, RIGHT LEANING CABLE



1 Work stitch pattern until cable section. Place a stitch marker at the beginning of the row. Bring yarn to the front and slip the next 3 sts onto the holder at the back of the work.



2 Tss in next 3 sts, leaving the stitch holder at the back of your work.



3 Tss in the 3 skipped sts on the holder, working from right to left. The cable stitches should lean to the right.



4 Tips: Make sure that tension is not too tight. On the RetP of the cable row, work off the 6 cable sts in order. On the next FwdP, make sure that you work in each of the 6 sts. You can pull and separate the sts so they are easier to see. Count rows using the end stitches at the beginning of the FwdP.