Autumn leaves mobile

US terms



Finished size
About 9 in (23 cm) long with the hanging loop and 9 in (23 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Ten pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Fine (2), 5 colors

Hook
2.25 mm (US B-1)

Gauge
27 stitches and 29.7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

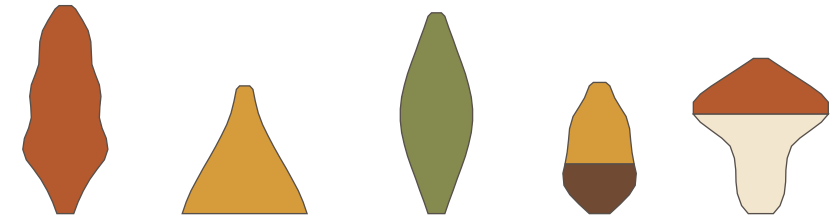
Yarn A: rust, oak leaf and mushroom	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ochre, ginkgo leaf and acorn	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: moss, beech leaf	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, mushroom and the details	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: chestnut, acorn and the details	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 45 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors, a smooth dry branch or a wooden dowel 9 in (23 cm) long and about ½ in (12 mm) thick and a hook for the ceiling or the wall.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

The pieces



Oak leaf x 2 **Ginkgo leaf x 3** **Beech leaf x 2** **Acorn x 2** **Mushroom**

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Gauge

27 stitches and 29.7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Notes

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Cords: every cord is a plain chain, pulled firm. 27 ch measure about 4 in (10 cm). Leave an 8 in (20 cm) tail at each end of a cord for sewing it on; the chains counted are the ones that are seen.
- Work firmly: the leaves should feel like thick felt.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With E," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in E. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Mushroom: the center line runs between stitches 18 and 19 of round 6 (36 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the mobile. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops. In a BLO round, use the back loops instead.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- One size, at the gauge above: 9 in (23 cm) long with the hanging loop and 9 in (23 cm) across. A thinner or a thicker yarn with a hook to suit makes it smaller or larger; every length then changes with it.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.
(5 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Oak leaf: make 2

Yarn A, rust.

Work one in A and one in C (moss): for that one read C for A.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(13 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	(17 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(21 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 5 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next st, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, sc2tog	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, sc2tog, sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(4 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Do not stuff. Round 1 is the tip and round 20 is the base. Press it flat: the wider and the narrower rounds make the lobes at its two sides. Sew the last round shut (2 stitches through both layers) and leave the tail at the base.	

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Ginkgo leaf: make 3

Yarn B, ochre.

It begins at the stem.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(17 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(23 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	(26 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 7 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st	(29 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a double edge of 15 stitches: it lies as the arc of a fan. Sew this edge shut through both layers with the tail, stitch to stitch. For the notch, take the needle in at the middle of the edge, up between the two layers, out at round 10, over the fabric and back to the edge, and draw the yarn up until the edge dips ¼ in (6 mm). Fasten off and bury the end.	

Beech leaf: make 2

Yarn C, moss.

Work one in C and one in A (rust): for that one read A for C. It begins at the tip.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	(16 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st	(17 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc2tog, sc in next 16 sts	(17 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 2 times**	(4 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Do not stuff. Round 1 is the tip and round 18 is the base. Press it flat, sew the last round shut (2 stitches through both layers) and leave the tail at the base.	

Acorn: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, ochre; E, chestnut.

It begins at the point of the nut.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 8** 5 6 7 8	Sc in each st around	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	With E, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 5 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	(20 sc)

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 5 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 5 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc2tog**] 5 times**	(5 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 5 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

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Mushroom

Yarns in order of use: A, rust; D, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(36 sc)

Mark the center line now: a pin or a scrap of yarn between stitches 18 and 19 of round 6. It faces the front, round 1 at the top.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	With D, working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 12 to 16**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)

12 13 14 15 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside. Rounds 1 to 7 are the cap, rounds 8 to 11 its flat underside and rounds 12 to 17 the stem. Press the underside up flat as you stuff the stem.	

Assembly

1. Lay the two oak leaves on the table with the ribs up and the tip (round 1) down. An oak leaf hangs from the middle of its base (round 20), and its lower end is its tip.

2. Lay the three ginkgo leaves beside them, ribs up, the stem (round 1) at the top and the notch at the bottom. A ginkgo leaf hangs from its round 1, and its lower end is the middle of the notch.

3. Lay the two acorns beside the leaves, the cap at the top. An acorn hangs from the closed hole in the middle of its cap, and its lower end is the point of the nut (round 1).

4. Lay the two beech leaves beside the rest with the ribs up and the tip (round 1) down. A beech leaf hangs from the middle of its base (round 18). The mushroom hangs from round 1, the middle of its cap. Nothing hangs below these.

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5. The five strings, with E (chestnut), each put together from the top down. Leave a 12 in (30 cm) tail at the top end of the first cord of each string: that end is not sewn to anything yet, the branch comes later. The lower end of the first cord, and both ends of the second cord, are sewn on with their own tails. From the left: (a) a cord of 5 ch, the rust oak leaf, a cord of 4 ch, a ginkgo leaf; (b) a cord of 7 ch, an acorn, a cord of 7 ch, the moss beech leaf; (c) a cord of 4 ch, a ginkgo leaf, a cord of 9 ch, the mushroom; (d) a cord of 9 ch, an acorn, a cord of 7 ch, the rust beech leaf; (e) a cord of 7 ch, the moss oak leaf, a cord of 4 ch, a ginkgo leaf.

6. The branch: mark the middle of the branch. String (c) hangs there, strings (b) and (d) 1¾ in (4.5 cm) to the left and to the right of it, and strings (a) and (e) 1¾ in (4.5 cm) farther out. Wind the upper tail of each string three times round the branch, side by side, and knot it at the back.

7. The hanging cord: with E, work a chain of 72 ch, with a 14 in (36 cm) tail at each end, and fasten off. Fold it in half and tie the two strands in one knot 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below the fold: the fold is the hanging loop, and two ends of about 29 ch (4¼ in, 11 cm) hang below the knot. Wind the tails four times round the branch just outside strings (a) and (e), one at each side, and knot them at the back. Hang the mobile up and slide the knots a little along the branch until it hangs level.

Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- All the ribs of the leaves are worked through the front layer only, so that nothing shows on the back, and each strand begins and ends between the two layers. The side of a leaf that has the ribs is its front. Oak ribs: with D (cream), in backstitch, on each oak leaf: one line along the middle from round 18 to round 3, and three pairs of side lines, one into each pair of lobes: from the middle at round 17 to round 14, 4½ stitches out; from the middle at round 12 to round 9, 3½ stitches out; and from the middle at round 7 to round 4, 2½ stitches out. Work one line of each pair to the right and one to the left.
- Beech ribs: with D (cream), in backstitch, through the front layer only, on each beech leaf: one line along the middle from round 16 to round 3, and three pairs of side lines: from the middle at round 14 to round 12, 2½ stitches out; from the middle at round 11 to round 9, 3 stitches out; and from the middle at round 8 to round 6, 2½ stitches out. Work one line of each pair to the right and one to the left.
- Ginkgo ribs: with E (chestnut), in backstitch, through the front layer only, on each ginkgo leaf, four lines that begin together in the middle of round 4 and spread like a fan: two end on round 10, 2 stitches from the middle, and two end on round 10, 4½ stitches from the middle, one of each to the right and one to the left.
- Spots: with D (cream), in satin stitch, six round dots about 3/16 in (5 mm) across on the cap of the mushroom: one on round 3, on the center line; two on round 5, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line; and three on round 6, one on the center line and one to each side, 8 stitches from it.
- Weave every tail into the piece it belongs to and trim it. Check the hook, the knots and the seams from time to time. Hang the mobile from a firm hook, well out of reach: no part of it may hang where a baby or a child can touch it, and it is never tied to a crib. It is a decoration, not a toy.

In all: 10 pieces; 2,179 stitches (269 in each oak leaf, 193 in each ginkgo leaf, 210 in each beech leaf, 165 in each acorn, 312 in the mushroom).

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