Fall leaves in four colors

US terms



Finished size
About 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide and 4¼ in (11 cm) long for each leaf, stem included

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rounds, with 4 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: rust, one leaf	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gold, one leaf	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: burgundy, one leaf	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: olive, one leaf	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

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

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round

Special stitches

picot (Picot): Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made. It leaves 1 picot for the next row.

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and its picots; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The stem is the last chain, worked back along in sl st; the sl st that joins the round after it closes the foot of the leaf.
- Each leaf is a piece of its own; they are not sewn to one another.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2¾ in (7 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3¼ in (8 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5½ in (14 cm).

Instructions

Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Leaf: make 4

Yarn A, rust.

Make one in each of A, B, C and D. The lines say A; read B, C or D in its place.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 11.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next 3 chs, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, (sc, picot, sc) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next 3 chs, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 4 chs, sl st in first sc to join **(4 sc, 4 hdc, 6 dc, 6 tr, 1 picot)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Sew each leaf to your project with its tail, under the outermost strands round its edge and along the stem.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 4 pieces; 80 stitches; 8 ends to weave in.

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