Leaf scarf

US terms



Finished size
About 4¾ in (12 cm) wide and about 59¾ in (152 cm) long; each leaf is about 5½ in (14 cm) long and 2¾ in (7 cm) wide (14 by 7 cm)

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 40 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 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: gold, rounds 1 to 3	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pumpkin, some of the pieces	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rust, some of the pieces	**about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cranberry, some of the pieces	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: olive, some of the pieces	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, 70 in (178 cm) of spare yarn for a guide line and a spray bottle.

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 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)
st	stitch
rnd	round

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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.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The foundation chain is the middle of the leaf: the slip knot is at the tip, and the last chain made, which Rnd 1 skips, is at the base. Rnd 1 goes up one side of the chain, round the tip and down the other side. Its last sc is worked in the chain that holds its first sc. Every round begins and ends at the base.
- In Rnd 2 the 3 sc are worked in the hdc at the tip. In Rnd 3 they are worked in the middle one of the 3 sc at the tip.
- For a longer or shorter scarf make more or fewer leaves, the same number for each half: every two leaves, one to each half, add about 2¾ in (7 cm). The guide line is cut longer than the whole scarf: cut a longer one for a longer scarf or a thicker yarn.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 40 in (102 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 46½ in (118 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 76¼ in (194 cm).

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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 and dc is treble.

Leaf: make 40

Make 40: 8 in each of A, B, C, D and E, 4 of each color for each half. The lines say A. Begin each leaf with a 6 in (15 cm) tail before the slip knot: it ends up on the wrong side near the tip of the leaf and sews the tip down.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 15.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 6 chs, hdc in next 3 chs, sc in next 2 chs, (sc, hdc, sc) in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 3 chs, dc in next 6 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join **(8 sc, 9 hdc, 12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join **(15 sc, 22 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join **(45 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing.

Finishing

- Block: pin every leaf flat, right side up, all to the same size and shape, the tip drawn to a point; spray them with water and let them dry.
- Veins: thread the yarn needle with a 45 in (114 cm) length of yarn: B for a leaf in A, C for a leaf in B, D for a leaf in C, C for a leaf in D and A for a leaf in E. Work on the right side. Middle vein: a line of backstitch along the middle of the foundation chain, from the chain at the base that holds the first and the last sc of Rnd 1 to the chain at the tip that holds the hdc. Side veins: count the chains from the base, the chain with the first and the last sc of Rnd 1 as 1. On each side of the middle vein work one side vein from chain 4 and one from chain 8, 4 in all. Each is 3 backstitches of one length, about 3/8 in (1 cm) each, in a straight line slanting toward the tip: it begins close beside the middle vein and ends on Rnd 2, just inside the top loops of its stitches, level with the chain 3 chains nearer the tip (chain 7 for the first, chain 11 for the second). Go from one vein to the next on the wrong side, through the backs of the stitches. Weave in both ends of the length.
- The scarf has two halves of 20 leaves each, laid in the same way. In both, the leaves lie right side up with their tips away from you. The base edge of a leaf is the middle of its rounded end, where the rounds are joined. Lay the spare yarn straight on the table, pointing away from you: it is the guide line, and it is taken away when the leaves are sewn. It is long enough for the whole scarf; a half needs less than half of it.
- Leaf 1 of the first half, in A: lay its base edge on the near end of the guide line. Turn the leaf until its tip is 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) to the right of the guide line.
- Leaf 2, in B: lay its base edge on the guide line, 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) beyond the base edge of leaf 1, sliding it under leaf 1. Turn it until its tip is 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) to the left of the guide line.

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- Lay leaves 3 to 20 in the same way, A, B, C, D, E in turn (leaf 3 is in C): each base edge on the guide line, 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) beyond the one before it, the tips to the right and to the left by turns, and each new leaf under all the leaves that are there. The tip of every leaf then lies on the next leaf of its own side (the tip of leaf 1 on leaf 3, the tip of leaf 2 on leaf 4). Pin every leaf where it lies.
- Turn the half over. Each of leaves 2 to 20 now has its rounded end lying on the back of the leaf before it. With its ending tail, sew that rounded end to the leaf it lies on with 6 whip stitches along the edge, 3 on each side of the base edge, taking up only the back strands of the leaf below so that nothing shows on the right side (whip stitch: down beside the edge, up through the edge, over the edge each time).
- Turn the half right side up again. Thread the starting tail of each leaf on the needle and weave it along the wrong side of the leaf to the tip, the middle one of the 3 sc of Rnd 3. With it sew the tip to the leaf it lies on with 2 small stitches, one on top of the other. The tips of leaves 19 and 20 lie on no other leaf and are left free; weave their starting tails in.
- Lay and sew the second half in the same way, right and left as before, but with the colors in the order D, E, A, B, C in turn: leaf 1 is in D and leaf 2 in E.
- Join the halves: lay the guide line straight again, its whole length, and lay both halves on it, right side up, with the base edge of every leaf on the line as before, the two leaves 1 in the middle and all the tips pointing away from the middle. Slide the halves toward each other along the line, the second half on top of the first, until the two base edges of the leaves 1 have met, passed each other and lie 2¾ in (7 cm) apart along the line. The base edges of the two leaves 2 now lie one over the other, halfway between them. Pin. With its ending tail sew the rounded end of leaf 1 of the second half to the leaves of the first half below it with 8 whip stitches along the edge, 4 on each side of the base edge. Turn the scarf over: the rounded end of leaf 1 of the first half now lies on the backs of the leaves of the second half. Sew it to them in the same way with its own ending tail. Both times take up only the strands of the leaf below that face you, so that nothing shows on the other side.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 40 pieces; 4,440 stitches.

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