Ginkgo leaf

US terms



Finished size
About 4½ in (11 cm) wide and about 4½ in (11 cm) tall with its stem

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows.

Yarn
Light (3)

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn: golden yellow, light (3) **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 5 g, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 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.

Notes

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- A chain 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Back loop: the strand of the top of a stitch that is farther from you; the other strand, nearer you, stays free and makes a rib.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- Leave a beginning tail of 10 in (25 cm) before the slip knot of the foundation chain; it gathers the fan at the end.

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- Every row runs between the curved edge of the fan and its narrow end. The odd rows begin at the curved edge and end at the narrow end; the right side faces you in them. The even rows go back to the curved edge.
- The ch 2 at the start of a row only brings the yarn up to the height of the row: the first hdc goes in the first st, the last one made in the row before.
- Row 8 is short and Row 9 begins with a new chain: between them is the notch. In Row 9 the hdc, the 3 dc and the hdc are worked in 5 of the 7 chains, which leaves 2 chains at the curved edge, and the 4 sc in the 4 stitches of Row 8.
- The stem is the last chain of Row 15: ch 13 and slip stitch back along 12 of the chains. It stands at the narrow end.
- Left-handed crocheters find left and right the other way about.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7½ in (19 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **st** stitch.
(2 hdc, 3 dc, 4 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next 4 chs	(2 hdc, 3 dc, 4 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, working in back loops only, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(2 hdc, 3 dc, 4 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, working in back loops only, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(2 hdc, 3 dc, 4 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, working in back loops only, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(2 hdc, 3 dc, 4 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in next 4 sts, leave the remaining 5 sts unworked	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 7, turn, hdc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next ch, working in back loops only, sc in next 4 sts	(2 hdc, 3 dc, 4 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc)

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☐ **Row 11**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, working in back loops only, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(2 hdc, 3 dc, 4 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, working in back loops only, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(2 hdc, 3 dc, 4 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, working in back loops only, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, ch 13, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 11 chs	(2 hdc, 3 dc, 4 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Edging: hold the fan with its right side facing you and its curved edge at the top; Row 1 is now at the right. The end of a row is the side of its outer hdc. Join the yarn with a slip stitch in the end of Row 1 and ch 1, which is not counted. Work 2 sc in the end of Row 1, the first of them in the same place as the slip stitch, (sc, hdc) in the end of Row 2, 2 dc in that of Row 3, (hdc, sc) in that of Row 4, (sc, hdc) in that of Row 5, 2 dc in that of Row 6 and (hdc, sc) in that of Row 7. Go down into the notch with 1 sc in each of the 5 unworked stitches of Row 7, under both loops, the outer one first. Slip stitch in the end of Row 8. Come up again with 1 sc in each of the 5 chains that Row 9 was begun in, along their unused side, the inner one first. Then work (sc, hdc) in the end of Row 9, 2 dc in that of Row 10, (hdc, sc) in that of Row 11, (sc, hdc) in that of Row 12, 2 dc in that of Row 13, (hdc, sc) in that of Row 14 and 2 sc in that of Row 15. Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. The edging has 22 sc, 8 hdc and 8 dc.
- Gather: thread the beginning tail in the yarn needle. Run it through the narrow end of each of the 15 rows in turn, from Row 1 to Row 15, pull it up until the ends of the rows lie in a tight half circle ¼ in (0.6 cm) across the straight way, and fasten it on the wrong side with two small stitches; do not cut it yet.
- Stem: turn the stem so that it runs straight away from the notch, lay its upper ¼ in (0.6 cm) behind the narrow ends of Rows 7, 8 and 9, and fasten it there to the back of Row 8 with two stitches of the same tail.
- Block: pin the ginkgo leaf to shape on a flat surface, the two ends of the edging 4½ in (11.5 cm) apart. Pin the curved edge in two waves on each side of the notch: its dc 2½ in (6.4 cm) from the middle of the half circle and the dip between the two waves and the ends of the edging 2 3/8 in (6 cm) from it. Pin the stem in a soft curve; it reaches 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) below the middle of the half circle. Spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 15 rows; 130 stitches.

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