Holly leaves and berries

US terms



Finished size
About 5¾ in (15 cm) wide and about 4 in (10 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 5 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 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: holly green, the leaves	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: berry red, the berries	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: light green, the veins	**about 2 yd (2 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. Yarns A and B: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn C: the estimate is from the stitches 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
RS	right side

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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.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The tip of a leaf is its (sc, ch 2, sc); the other end, where the round begins and ends, is its plain end.
- 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 3¾ in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7¼ in (18 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 2

Yarn A, holly green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 14.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch, hdc in next ch, sl st in next ch, hdc in next ch, (tr, ch 2, tr) in next ch, hdc in next ch, sl st in next ch, hdc in next ch, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch, hdc in next ch, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch, hdc in next ch, sl st in next ch, hdc in next ch, (tr, ch 2, tr) in next ch, hdc in next ch, sl st in next ch, hdc in next ch, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join **(4 sc, 12 hdc, 8 dc, 7 ch-2 sps, 4 tr)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.

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Berry: make 3

Yarn B, berry red.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- With C, work a line of backstitch up the middle of each leaf for its vein, along the foundation chain from the plain end to the foot of the tip.
- Lay the leaves in a V with a right angle between them, their plain ends touching at the bottom and their tips up and outward, and sew the plain ends together with their tails.
- Sew the three berries over the place where the leaves meet, edges touching: two side by side and one below, between them.
- To sew the holly to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edges with lengths of A and B, under the outermost strands of the stitches.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 5 pieces; 80 stitches (28 in each leaf, 8 in each berry); 20 ends to weave in.

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