Irish leaves, three kinds

US terms



Finished size
Ridged leaf about 2½ in (6.5 cm) long, clover 2 in (5 cm) wide, ivy leaf 2 in (5 cm) wide, without the stems

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
Lace (0), 3 colors

Hook
1.5 mm (US steel 8)

Gauge
38 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: spring green, main color	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: shamrock green, color B	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: ivy green, color C	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 1.5 mm (US steel 8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a sewing needle that takes the thread, 1½ yd (1.4 m) of smooth cotton cord about 1/16 in (1.5 mm) thick, for packing, a towel, a yarn needle and scissors.

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.

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain
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)
dtr	double treble crochet (UK trtr, triple treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round

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Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook.

Gauge

38 stitches to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

After rnd 1 the ridged leaf measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) long and a little less than ½ in (1.1 cm) wide. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it. Ch 4 joined into a ring with a sl st does as well.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- A beginning chain counts as the stitch in brackets after it. A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- When the next stitch or space of a kind is named, pass over anything else that comes before it. Work into a space round the chain, not into it.
- To work over the cord: lay it along the tops of the stitches you are about to work into (for a stem, along the top of the chain). Put the hook into each stitch or chain as always and under the cord too, so that every new stitch closes round the cord. Leave 2 in (5 cm) of cord hanging at each end. When the round or row is done, pull both ends until the edge lies flat and even, trim them to ½ in (13 mm) and sew them down at the back.
- In the parts worked in rows, the first stitch after a ch 1 and a turn goes in the last stitch of the row below; a ch 3 after which you turn stands on that stitch and counts as the first dc.
- Ridged leaf: it is worked in rounds, the right side facing you. Rnd 1 begins at the stem end, goes up one side of the chain, makes the tip in the last ch and comes down the other side; its last sc goes in the same ch as its first. In rnds 2 and 3 the stitches go in the back loop only, the loop away from you, which makes the ridges; the (sc, ch 2, sc) of the tip goes in the ch-2 sp. Rnd 4 is worked through both loops; its picots are the saw edge.
- Clover: the three ch-8 sps of rnd 1 are the middles of the three lobes. The sc between two lobes of rnds 2, 3 and 4 goes in the sc between two lobes of the rnd below. The right side faces you.
- Ivy leaf: the last 2 dc of row 2 go in the top of the beginning ch 3; the last sc of row 3 goes in the top of the turning ch 3. Rows 3 to 5 have five lobes: two side lobes, the middle lobe and two side lobes, the first and the last the smallest. The right side of row 1 is the right side of the leaf.
- The end of a stem where its last sc is, is its top. Its right side is the side that faces you in row 1.

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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, tr is double treble and dtr is triple treble.

Ridged leaf

Yarn A, spring green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 19.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in each of next 14 chs, hdc in next ch, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last ch, working along opposite side of foundation ch, hdc in next ch, dc in each of next 14 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, join with sl st in first sc	**(28 dc, 4 sc, 4 hdc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in back loop of same st, sc in back loop of each of next 17 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in back loop of each of next 17 sts, 2 sc in back loop of next st, join with sl st in first sc	**(40 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, 2 sc in back loop of same st, sc in back loop of each of next 4 sts, hdc in back loop of each of next 3 sts, dc in back loop of each of next 6 sts, hdc in back loop of each of next 3 sts, sc in back loop of each of next 3 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in back loop of each of next 3 sts, hdc in back loop of each of next 3 sts, dc in back loop of each of next 6 sts, hdc in back loop of each of next 3 sts, sc in back loop of each of next 4 sts, 2 sc in back loop of next st, join with sl st in first sc	**(20 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)**

Hold an end of cord along the edge and work round 4 over it.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, **[**sc in each of next 2 sts, picot**] 10 times**, (sc, picot, sc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in each of next 2 sts, picot**] 10 times**, sc in each of next 2 sts, join with sl st in first sc	**(46 sc, 21 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Stem of the ridged leaf

Yarn A, spring green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 15.	

Lay the packing cord along the top of the chain and work every sc of the row into the chain and round the cord.

☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 13 chs	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Clover

Yarn B, shamrock green.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in ring, ch 8**] 3 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(3 sc, 3 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, (sc, hdc, dc, 4 tr, dc, 4 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-8 sp, [sc in next sc, (sc, hdc, dc, 4 tr, dc, 4 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-8 sp] twice, join with sl st in first sc	**(24 tr, 9 sc, 9 dc, 6 hdc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next sc, hdc in next hdc, 2 dc in next dc, 2 dc in each of next 4 tr, sc in next dc, 2 dc in each of next 4 tr, 2 dc in next dc, hdc in next hdc, sc in next sc, [sc in next sc, sc in next sc, hdc in next hdc, 2 dc in next dc, 2 dc in each of next 4 tr, sc in next dc, 2 dc in each of next 4 tr, 2 dc in next dc, hdc in next hdc, sc in next sc] twice, join with sl st in first sc	**(60 dc, 12 sc, 6 hdc)**

Hold an end of cord along the edge and work round 4 over it.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each of next 11 sts, sk next dc, sc in next sc, sk next dc, sc in each of next 11 sts, [sc in next sc, sc in each of next 11 sts, sk next dc, sc in next sc, sk next dc, sc in each of next 11 sts] twice, join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Stem of the clover

Yarn B, shamrock green.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 18.	

Lay the packing cord along the top of the chain and work every sc of the row into the chain and round the cord.

☐ **Row 1**	With B, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 16 chs	**(17 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Ivy leaf

Yarn C, ivy green.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	With C, ch 3 (counts as dc), 10 dc in ring	**(11 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 10 dc	**(22 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next dc, (hdc, dc) in next dc, ch 1, (dc, hdc) in next dc, sc in next dc, sc in next dc, (dc, tr) in next dc, ch 1, (tr, dc) in next dc, sc in next dc, sc in next dc, (hdc, dc) in next dc, (tr, dtr) in next dc, ch 1, (dtr, tr) in next dc, (dc, hdc) in next dc, sc in next dc, sc in next dc, (dc, tr) in next dc, ch 1, (tr, dc) in next dc, sc in next dc, sc in next dc, (hdc, dc) in next dc, ch 1, (dc, hdc) in next dc, sc in next dc	**(10 sc, 10 dc, 6 hdc, 6 tr, 2 dtr, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next sc, hdc in next hdc, dc in next dc, (dc, tr, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next dc, hdc in next hdc, sc in next sc, sc in next sc, dc in next dc, tr in next tr, (2 tr, dtr, 2 tr) in next ch-1 sp, tr in next tr, dc in next dc, sc in next sc, sc in next sc, hdc in next hdc, dc in next dc, tr in next tr, tr in next dtr, (2 tr, dtr, 2 tr) in next ch-1 sp, tr in next dtr, tr in next tr, dc in next dc, hdc in next hdc, sc in next sc, sc in next sc, dc in next dc, tr in next tr, (2 tr, dtr, 2 tr) in next ch-1 sp, tr in next tr, dc in next dc, sc in next sc, sc in next sc, hdc in next hdc, dc in next dc, (dc, tr, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next dc, hdc in next hdc, sc in next sc	**(22 tr, 14 dc, 10 sc, 6 hdc, 3 dtr)**

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Hold a new end of cord along the edge and work row 5 over it.

☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each of next 4 sts, (sc, picot, sc) in next tr, sc in each of next 4 sts, sc in each of next 5 sts, (sc, picot, sc) in next dtr, sc in each of next 5 sts, sc in each of next 7 sts, (sc, picot, sc) in next dtr, sc in each of next 7 sts, sc in each of next 5 sts, (sc, picot, sc) in next dtr, sc in each of next 5 sts, sc in each of next 4 sts, (sc, picot, sc) in next tr, sc in each of next 4 sts	**(60 sc, 5 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Stem of the ivy leaf

Yarn C, ivy green.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 19.	

Lay the packing cord along the top of the chain and work every sc of the row into the chain and round the cord.

☐ **Row 1**	With C, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 17 chs	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Ridged leaf: lay it wrong side up with the stem end (the join of the rounds) toward you, and its stem wrong side up with its top 3 sc on the middle of that end, pointing straight down. With 12 in (30 cm) of A take 6 small stitches through the backs of both. Fasten off and draw the end inside.

2. Midrib of the ridged leaf, on the right side: with 24 in (60 cm) of A work a line of chain stitch along the foundation chain in the middle of the leaf, from rnd 2 at the stem end to the ch-2 sp of rnd 2 at the tip, one chain stitch for each ch. Chain stitch: bring the needle up, put it back down in the same place and up again one stitch farther on, with the thread under the point of the needle; draw it up. Hold the last chain down with a small stitch. Fasten off at the back.

3. Clover: lay it wrong side up and its stem wrong side up over one hollow between two lobes, the top end of the stem on the magic ring, the stem pointing straight out of the hollow. With 12 in (30 cm) of B take 8 small stitches through the backs of both, 4 along each edge of the top 3 sc of the stem. Fasten off and draw the end inside.

4. Ivy leaf: lay it wrong side up and its stem wrong side up in the open part between the first and the last lobe, its top 2 sc on the magic ring, pointing straight down. With 12 in (30 cm) of C take 6 small stitches through the backs of both. Fasten off and draw the end inside.

5. Veins of the ivy leaf, on the right side: cut 5 lengths of A, 14 in (35 cm) each. With each one work a straight line of stem stitch from the edge of the magic ring to the foot of the picot at the tip of a lobe. Stem stitch: bring the needle up at the start of the line, put it down 1/8 in (3 mm) farther on and bring it up half a stitch back, with the thread always on the same side of the line; go on in this way to the tip. Fasten off at the back.

Finishing

- Weave in all ends at the back with the needle.
- To shape: wet the leaves, lay them right side up on a towel, pat them flat, bend the stems as you like them and let them dry.

In all: 3 pieces.

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