Leaf ring baby rattle

US terms



Finished size

About 5¾ in (14.5 cm) from the top of the ring to the tips of the leaves and 6¼ in (16 cm) across the leaves when they are spread; each leaf is about 3 in (7.6 cm) long and 2 in (5.1 cm) wide, and the acorn with its cap about 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) long

Skill

Easy

Four pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Light (3), 4 colors

Hook

2.75 mm (US C-2)

Gauge

24 stitches and 26.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

What you need

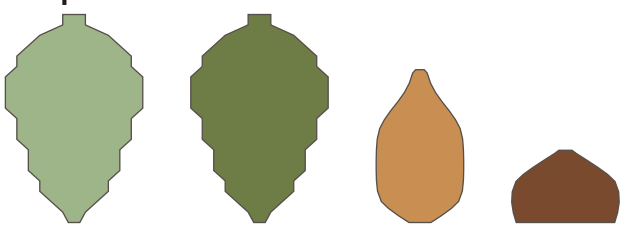
Yarn A: sage green, sage leaf and the details	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: moss green, moss leaf and the details	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: caramel, acorn	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: chestnut brown, acorn cap and the details	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 30 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 2.75 mm (US C-2), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a smooth, untreated wooden ring, 2¾ in (70 mm) across its outside and 2 in (50 mm) across its hole, toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors, a rattle insert in a sealed case, about ¾ in (20 mm) across and if you like.

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, with 30 percent added.

The pieces



Sage leaf **Moss leaf** **Acorn** **Acorn cap**

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Gauge

24 stitches and 26.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

24 sc and 26.4 rounds or rows = 4 in (10 cm). To check it, work a flat circle in a spiral: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Notes

- Every piece that has rounds is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up. Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- The leaves are worked in rows from the stem to the tip. BLO, back loop only: the back loop is the one farther from you as you work the row.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops. In a BLO row, use the back loops instead.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- One size, at the gauge above: 5¾ in (14.5 cm) from the top of the ring to the tips of the leaves and 6¼ in (16 cm) across the leaves when they are spread; each leaf is about 3 in (7.6 cm) long and 2 in (5.1 cm) wide, and the acorn with its cap about 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) long. A thinner or a thicker yarn with a hook to suit makes it smaller or larger; every length then changes with it.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in each of next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 4 times: work what is inside 4 times in all.
(2 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert hook in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 4 times in the same stitch, yarn over, pull through all 5 loops (United Kingdom: a bobble of 4 trebles). Push it out to the right side.

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Sage leaf

Yarn A, sage green.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 2 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 3 sc in each of next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	(12 sc)
☐ **Rows 7 to 9** 7 8 9	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	(10 sc)
☐ **Rows 11 to 12** 11 12	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	(8 sc)
☐ **Rows 14 to 15** 14 15	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc2tog	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. Row 1 is the end at the stem and row 20 is the tip. The front loops that are left free make a ridge between every two rows, on both sides.	

Moss leaf

Yarn B, moss green.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 2 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 3 sc in each of next 2 sts	(6 sc)

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	(12 sc)
☐ **Rows 7 to 9** 7 8 9	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	(10 sc)
☐ **Rows 11 to 12** 11 12	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	(8 sc)
☐ **Rows 14 to 15** 14 15	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog, sc2tog	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off and weave in the end. It is worked like the sage leaf, with row 1 at the stem and row 20 at the tip.	

Acorn

Yarn C, caramel.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnds 8 to 14**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)

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8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14

Stuff firmly now, from round 3 up (rounds 1 and 2 stay empty), with the rattle insert in the middle if you use one, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside. Rounds 1 and 2 are the little point at the tip of the acorn.	

Acorn cap

Yarn D, chestnut brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 15 times**	(30 sts)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 15 times**	(30 sts)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**	(27 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Push the bobbles out to the right side.	

Assembly

1. Loops: work three chains, each with a 10 in (25 cm) tail at both ends: ch 35 with A (sage green) for the sage leaf, about 5 7/8 in (15 cm) long; ch 35 with B (moss green) for the moss leaf; ch 31 with D (chestnut brown) for the acorn, about 5 1/8 in (13 cm) long. Fasten off each.

2. Hitch each chain to the ring: fold it in half. Lay the ring in front of you and put the fold under the ring, so that it shows outside the ring and the two ends come up through the hole. Bring the two ends over the front of the ring and down through the fold, so that the fold lies across the front of them, and pull until the hitch is tight. As you look at the front, the sage chain is on the left, the brown chain in the middle and the moss chain on the right, side by side, about ¾ in (2 cm) from the middle of one hitch to the middle of the next. The two ends of each chain now hang down side by side, outside the ring.

3. Leaves: sew the two ends of the sage chain, side by side, to the wrong side of the sage leaf, in the middle of its foundation chain, with their tails, so that about ¾ in (2 cm) of the chain shows between the hitch and the leaf. Sew the moss chain to the moss leaf in the same way. The right side of both leaves faces forward, so the sage leaf hangs to the left of the acorn and the moss leaf to the right of it.

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4. Acorn: sew the two ends of the brown chain, side by side, to the middle of the right side of the acorn cap, over round 1, so that about 3/8 in (10 mm) of the chain shows between the hitch and the acorn cap. Take the tails through to the wrong side, knot them together twice and leave the ends inside. Then pull the acorn cap, right side out, down over the closed hole of the acorn, round 1 over the hole: its edge (27 sts) lies on round 10 of the acorn (24 sts). Sew it on all the way round with its tail, easing it to fit.

5. Lock each hitch: with a tail of the chain, or a new length of its yarn, take four or five stitches through the fold and the two ends under it, so that the hitch cannot come loose. Weave in all the ends inside the chains.

Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand on the wrong side of a flat piece, inside a stuffed one. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Leaf midribs: in backstitch, one straight line up the middle of the right side of each leaf, from row 2 to row 19, between the two middle stitches of each row: with B (moss green) on the sage leaf, and with A (sage green) on the moss leaf.
- Side veins: in the same yarn as the midrib of that leaf, in backstitch, three straight lines to each side of it. They begin at the midrib on rows 4, 8 and 12 and slant outward toward the tip: the first ends on row 7, 3½ stitches from the midrib; the second on row 11, 3½ stitches from the midrib; the third on row 15, 2½ stitches from the midrib.
- Weave every tail in well and trim it. Go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the ring, the hitches and the seams before each use.

In all: 4 pieces; 813 stitches (157 in the sage leaf, 157 in the moss leaf, 292 in the acorn, 207 in the acorn cap).

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