Leaf rug

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 48 in (122 cm) long without the stem, 54 in (137 cm) with it, and 28½ in (72 cm) wide

Skill
Intermediate
Rounds with increases and raised stitches that travel

Yarn
Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook
9 mm (US M/N-13)

Gauge
8 stitches and 4½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet in rounds with two strands held together.

You will need

Yarn A: fern, main — **about 820 yd (750 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: forest, leaf, rounds 16 to 17 and the vein and stem — **about 220 yd (201 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Two strands of yarn are held together throughout; the amounts above are for all of them.
Hook: 9 mm (US M/N-13), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure, about 20 long pins and a non-slip rug pad or mesh, cut about 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller all round than the rug.

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 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	31½ in (80 cm) long, 35½ in (90 cm)	about 510 yd (466 m)
Standard (this file)	**48 in (122 cm) long, 54 in (137 cm)**	**about 1,040 yd (951 m)**

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
FPtr	front post treble crochet: yo 2 times, insert hook from the front, behind the post of the st named and out to the front again, yo, pull up a loop, [yo, pull through 2 loops] 3 times (UK FPdtr, front post double treble)
Rnd	round
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

8 stitches and 4½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet in rounds with two strands held together.

Check it on the leaf itself, laid flat, when 4 rounds are done: it is about 23½ in (60 cm) long and 7 in (18 cm) wide in Standard, and about 18 in (46 cm) long and 7 in (18 cm) wide in Small. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 or ch 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Hold two strands of the yarn together throughout, as if they were one. A tail is two strands too, and where a length of yarn is given, cut two strands of that length.
- The right side is the side that faces you as you work the rounds. Do not turn between rounds.
- Veins: an FPtr goes around the FPtr of the round before and stands one stitch nearer the tip, so each vein slants. In the first half of a round (from the base to the tip) skip the FPtr of the round before, work 1 dc in the st after it, then work the FPtr around the skipped FPtr, in front of the dc you have just made. In the second half (from the tip to the base) skip the dc before the FPtr, work the FPtr around the FPtr, then work 1 dc in the skipped st, behind the FPtr. In round 2, and wherever a round says only "FPtr around next st", a vein begins: work around the post of a dc.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out in the middle of a round, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them. "3 dc in next st" puts all 3 stitches in that one place.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- Round 1 goes all the way round the foundation chain. Work along the chain to its far end, do not turn, and go on along the other side of the same chain. The 2 chains skipped at the hook do not count as a stitch. All 5 stitches of the tip, (2 dc, tr) and then 2 dc, stand in the one chain at the far end; the 3 dc that begin the round and the 3 dc that end it stand in the one chain at the base.

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- From round 2 on, the (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) of the tip go into the tr of the round before; in round 16 of Standard and round 11 of Small the 3 sc go into the tr, and in the last round into the middle one of those 3 sc. The 3 dc that begin a round go into the stitch of the join, and the 3 dc that end it into the last stitch of the round before, beside the join.
- The leaf may wave a little while you work. Lay it flat after every few rounds and pat it into shape; the rounds that follow draw it level.
- Use cotton yarn: it is heavy enough to lie flat on a floor, and it can be washed.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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, dc is treble, tr is double treble, FPtr is front post double treble and sk is miss.

Leaf

Yarns in order of use: A, fern; B, forest.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 34.
☐ **Rnd 1**	3 dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in next 30 chs, (2 dc, tr) in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, 2 dc in same ch, dc in next 30 chs, 3 dc in last ch; join with sl st in first dc **(70 dc, 1 tr)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, **[**FPtr around next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 5 times**, dc in next st, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next st, **[**dc in next 5 sts, FPtr around next st**] 5 times**, dc in next 3 sts, 3 dc in last st; join with sl st in first dc **(68 dc, 1 tr, 10 FPtr)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts, **[**sk next st, dc in next st, FPtr around skipped st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 5 times**, dc in next 3 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 3 sts, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, sk next st, FPtr around next st, dc in skipped st**] 5 times**, dc in next 5 sts, 3 dc in last st; join with sl st in first dc **(86 dc, 1 tr, 10 FPtr)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, FPtr around next st, dc in next 5 sts, **[**sk next st, dc in next st, FPtr around skipped st, dc in next 5 sts**] 5 times**, dc in next 4 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 4 sts, **[**dc in next 5 sts, sk next st, FPtr around next st, dc in skipped st**] 5 times**, dc in next 5 sts, FPtr around next st, dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st; join with sl st in first dc **(92 dc, 1 tr, 12 FPtr)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, **[**sk next st, dc in next st, FPtr around skipped st, dc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, dc in next 5 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 5 sts, **[**dc in next 5 sts, sk next st, FPtr around next st, dc in skipped st**] 6 times**, dc in next 4 sts, 3 dc in last st; join with sl st in first dc **(100 dc, 1 tr, 12 FPtr)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts, **[**sk next st, dc in next st, FPtr around skipped st, dc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, dc in next st, FPtr around next st, dc in next 4 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 4 sts, FPtr around next st, dc in next st, **[**dc in next 5 sts, sk next st, FPtr around next st, dc in skipped st**] 6 times**, dc in next 7 sts, 3 dc in last st; join with sl st in first dc **(106 dc, 1 tr, 14 FPtr)**

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☐ **Rnd 7**

Ch 2, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, FPtr around next st, dc in next 2 sts,
2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts,
[sk next st, dc in next st, FPtr around skipped st, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 7 times**,
(2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st,
[dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, sk next st, FPtr around next st, dc in skipped st**] 7 times**,
dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, FPtr around next st, dc in next 4 sts,
3 dc in last st; join with sl st in first dc **(128 dc, 1 tr, 16 FPtr)**

☐ **Rnd 8**

Ch 2, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts,
[sk next st, dc in next st, FPtr around skipped st, dc in next 6 sts**] 8 times**,
dc in next st, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next st,
[dc in next 6 sts, sk next st, FPtr around next st, dc in skipped st**] 8 times**,
dc in next 6 sts, 3 dc in last st; join with sl st in first dc **(136 dc, 1 tr, 16 FPtr)**

☐ **Rnd 9**

Ch 2, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, FPtr around next st, dc in next 6 sts,
[sk next st, dc in next st, FPtr around skipped st, dc in next 6 sts**] 8 times**,
dc in next 2 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 2 sts,
[dc in next 6 sts, sk next st, FPtr around next st, dc in skipped st**] 8 times**,
dc in next 6 sts, FPtr around next st, dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st;
join with sl st in first dc **(142 dc, 1 tr, 18 FPtr)**

☐ **Rnd 10**

Ch 2, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts,
[sk next st, dc in next st, FPtr around skipped st, dc in next 6 sts**] 9 times**,
dc in next 3 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 3 sts,
[dc in next 6 sts, sk next st, FPtr around next st, dc in skipped st**] 9 times**,
dc in next 4 sts, 3 dc in last st; join with sl st in first dc **(150 dc, 1 tr, 18 FPtr)**

☐ **Rnd 11**

Ch 2, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts,
[sk next st, dc in next st, FPtr around skipped st, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 9 times**,
dc in next 4 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 4 sts,
[dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, sk next st, FPtr around next st, dc in skipped st**] 9 times**,
dc in next 7 sts, 3 dc in last st; join with sl st in first dc **(176 dc, 1 tr, 18 FPtr)**

☐ **Rnd 12**

Ch 2, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, FPtr around next st, dc in next 7 sts,
[sk next st, dc in next st, FPtr around skipped st, dc in next 7 sts**] 9 times**,
dc in next 5 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 5 sts,
[dc in next 7 sts, sk next st, FPtr around next st, dc in skipped st**] 9 times**,
dc in next 7 sts, FPtr around next st, dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st;
join with sl st in first dc **(182 dc, 1 tr, 20 FPtr)**

☐ **Rnd 13**

Ch 2, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts,
[sk next st, dc in next st, FPtr around skipped st, dc in next 7 sts**] 10 times**,
dc in next 6 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 6 sts,
[dc in next 7 sts, sk next st, FPtr around next st, dc in skipped st**] 10 times**,
dc in next 4 sts, 3 dc in last st; join with sl st in first dc **(190 dc, 1 tr, 20 FPtr)**

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☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 2, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts, **[**sk next st, dc in next st, FPtr around skipped st, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 10 times**, dc in next 7 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 7 sts, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, sk next st, FPtr around next st, dc in skipped st**] 10 times**, dc in next 7 sts, 3 dc in last st; join with sl st in first dc	**(218 dc, 1 tr, 20 FPtr)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 10 sts, **[**sk next st, dc in next st, FPtr around skipped st, dc in next 8 sts**] 10 times**, dc in next 8 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 8 sts, **[**dc in next 8 sts, sk next st, FPtr around next st, dc in skipped st**] 10 times**, dc in next 10 sts, 3 dc in last st; join with sl st in first dc	**(226 dc, 1 tr, 20 FPtr)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With B, ch 1, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 122 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 122 sts, 2 sc in last st; join with sl st in first sc	**(251 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, sc in next 125 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 125 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(253 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Vein and stem

Yarn B, forest.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 107.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(106 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(106 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

2 3

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends.

2. Lay the leaf flat, right side up, the tip at the top. The tip is the middle st of the 3 sc at one end of the last round; the base is the other end, where the rounds are joined. Lay the vein and stem on the middle of the leaf, right side up: along the line of the tr stitches, over the foundation chain of the leaf and down over the joins of the rounds. One short end lies about 1 in (2.5 cm) below the tip, its two corners on the forest rounds; the other end goes 6 in (15 cm) past the base and is the stem. Pin it.

3. Cut four lengths of B, each about 74 in (188 cm) long. Sew both long edges of the strip to the leaf: one edge is its last row, the other its foundation chain. Bring the needle up through a stitch (or chain) of the edge and take it down into the leaf just outside that stitch. Sew in every stitch and chain from the upper end of the strip to the base of the leaf, about 94 on each edge, and use one length for each half of an edge: the first goes from the upper end to the middle of the leaf, the second from there to the base. Begin and end each length on the wrong side of the leaf with 2 small stitches through the same place, then take its tail under 4 stitches on the wrong side and cut it. Before the first length of one edge goes along that edge, it sews down the upper short end of the strip with 3 stitches. The stem is not sewn to anything.

Finishing

- Wet the rug, lay it flat on a towel, pull the tip and the two sides into shape and let it dry.
- On a smooth floor lay the rug on the rug pad, so that it does not slide.

In all: 2 pieces; 3,131 stitches (2,813 in the leaf, 318 in the vein and stem).

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