Leaf stitch square

US terms



Finished size
About 7 1/8 in (18 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows, with color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

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 A: sage, rows 1 to 29 **about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the sewn details **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 35 g in all, 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. Yarn A: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: the estimate is from the stitches 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Row 1 is the right side, and so is every odd row. The leaves are made in the odd rows from row 3 to row 27; the even rows are plain.

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- In every odd row from row 1 to row 25 six hdc mark where the leaves of the next odd row grow, two side by side for each column. A tr cluster is worked in the top of an hdc two rows below, in front of the row between; the clusters take the hdc in the order in which they come, one cluster in each.
- A tr cluster stands for one st of the row. The sk next st that follows it passes over the st of the row below that lies behind its top. In each column the first cluster leans to the right and the second to the left on the right side of the square (the other way if you are left-handed). Draw the first loops of each cluster up long enough that it lies flat on the rows behind it.
- In an even row work 1 sc in the top of every st, the clusters too.
- For a pillow about 14¼ in (36 cm) across, make 8 squares, 4 for each side. For a throw about 50 by 57 in (127 by 145 cm), make 56 squares and join them in 8 rows of 7. Allow yarn in proportion.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 6 in (15 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 9¼ in (23 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 11¾ in (30 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **st** stitch.
sk skip.
[ ] twice: work what is inside twice in all.
(22 sc, 6 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

tr cluster (Treble cluster): [yarn over twice, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, (yarn over and pull through 2 loops) twice] 3 times, all in the same place (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.

Yarn A, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 29.
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs, [hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 7 chs] twice, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 4 chs (22 sc, 6 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (28 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, [tr cluster in next hdc of Row 1, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 1, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 1, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 1, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts (16 sc, 6 tr cluster, 6 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (28 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, [tr cluster in next hdc of Row 3, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 3, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 3, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 3, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts (16 sc, 6 tr cluster, 6 hdc)

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☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, [tr cluster in next hdc of Row 5, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 5, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 5, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 5, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts	(16 sc, 6 tr cluster, 6 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, [tr cluster in next hdc of Row 7, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 7, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 7, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 7, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts	(16 sc, 6 tr cluster, 6 hdc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, [tr cluster in next hdc of Row 9, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 9, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 9, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 9, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts	(16 sc, 6 tr cluster, 6 hdc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, [tr cluster in next hdc of Row 11, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 11, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 11, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 11, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts	(16 sc, 6 tr cluster, 6 hdc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, [tr cluster in next hdc of Row 13, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 13, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 13, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 13, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts	(16 sc, 6 tr cluster, 6 hdc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, [tr cluster in next hdc of Row 15, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 15, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 15, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 15, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts	(16 sc, 6 tr cluster, 6 hdc)

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☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, [tr cluster in next hdc of Row 17, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 17, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 17, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 17, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts	(16 sc, 6 tr cluster, 6 hdc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, [tr cluster in next hdc of Row 19, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 19, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 19, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 19, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts	(16 sc, 6 tr cluster, 6 hdc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, [tr cluster in next hdc of Row 21, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 21, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 21, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 21, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts	(16 sc, 6 tr cluster, 6 hdc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, [tr cluster in next hdc of Row 23, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 23, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 23, sk next st, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 23, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts	(16 sc, 6 tr cluster, 6 hdc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, [tr cluster in next hdc of Row 25, sk next st, sc in next 4 sts, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 25, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 25, sk next st, sc in next 4 sts, tr cluster in next hdc of Row 25, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts	(22 sc, 6 tr cluster)
☐ **Rows 28 to 29** 28 29	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the square out, right side up, 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 6¼ in (16 cm) tall, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Border, round 1: Lay the square right side up with row 29 at the top and join B with sl st in the top right-hand corner stitch, which is the first sc of row 29. Work with the right side facing you, round the square to the left. Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), 3 sc in that stitch, sc in each of the next 26 sts, 3 sc in the last sc of the row; down the left side, 1 sc in the end of each row from row 28 down to row 2, but pass over the end of row 15 (26 sc); along the bottom, 3 sc in the chain under the last sc of row 1, sc in each of the next 26 chs, 3 sc in the chain under the first sc of row 1; up the right side, 1 sc in the end of each row from row 2 up to row 28, but pass over the end of row 15 (26 sc); sl st in the first sc to join (116 sc: 3 in every corner and 26 between the corners along each side).
- Border, round 2: Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), sc in the same st, which is the first of the 3 in the corner, [3 sc in the next st, which is the middle one of the 3 in a corner, sc in each of the next 28 sts] 3 times, 3 sc in the next st, which is the middle one of the 3 in the last corner, sc in each of the last 27 sts, sl st in the first sc to join (124 sc). Fasten off.
- To join two squares, hold them with right sides together and their edges level, and thread the yarn needle with B. A side has 32 stitches, the middle one of the 3 in the corner at each end counted: for each pair of stitches that lie against each other take the needle from the back to the front through both loops of the two, 32 pairs. Keep the seam loose enough to lie flat.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 29 rows.

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