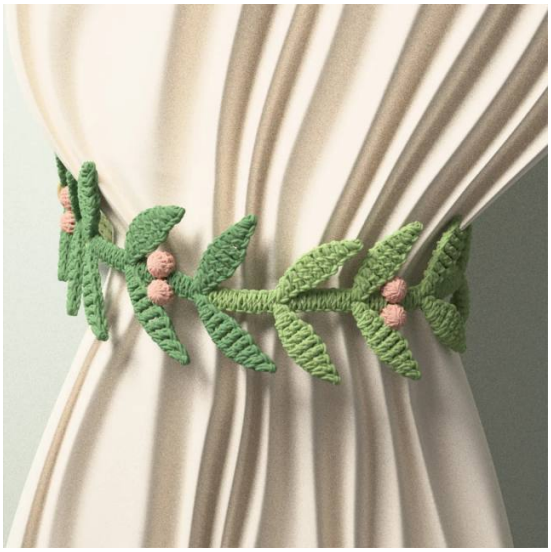
Leaf vine curtain tie backs

Regular · US terms



Finished size
About 23¾ in (60.5 cm) long without the rings, with leaves about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) long, for a curtain 13 in (33 cm) to 21½ in (54.5 cm) round where it is gathered

Skill
Easy
Each vine is one round along both sides of a long chain, with the leaves worked as you go.

Yarn
Light (3), 4 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: deep green, one end of the vine	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: olive green, the middle of the vine	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pale green, the other end of the vine	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: blush, the berries	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 50 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 4 metal rings ¾ in (2 cm) across, two for each vine, 2 hooks for the wall, one at each side of the window, a stitch marker, pins, a yarn needle and scissors.

Before you start

- The rounds of the berries are not joined: work in a spiral, and move the marker up to the first stitch of each round.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Regular (this file)	**23¾ in (60.5 cm) long without the rings, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) long, 13 in (33 cm)**	**about 130 yd (119 m)**
Long	28½ in (72.5 cm) long without the rings, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) long, 15¾ in (40 cm)	about 155 yd (142 m)

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The leaves are worked with the same hook, their stitches at their usual height; pulled out straight, a leaf is about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) long from the cord to its point.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 20 stitches and 22 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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Swatch foundation	Ch 26.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(25 sc)
Swatch rows 2 to 28	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(25 sc)

Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **st** stitch.
[ ] 4 times: 4 times in all. (210 sc, 30 leaflets): the round now has that many; a check, not a step.
Also: sc2tog single crochet 2 stitches together, RS right side, yo yarn over.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

leaflet: Sc in the chain named, ch 10. Work back along these 10 chains toward the cord: pass over the chain next to the hook, sc in the next chain, 1 half double crochet (UK half treble) in the next, 1 double crochet (UK treble) in the next, 1 treble crochet (UK double treble) in each of the next 3, 1 double crochet in the next, 1 half double crochet in the next, sc in the last chain. Then sl st in the side of the sc that the leaflet began with. A leaflet makes one leaf of the vine and counts as one stitch. Let it hang free and go on along the cord.

Vine: make 2

Begin with yarn A, deep green.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot. Ch 120.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, leaflet in next ch, **[**sc in next 7 chs, leaflet in next ch**] 4 times**, with B, **[**sc in next 7 chs, leaflet in next ch**] 5 times**, with C, **[**sc in next 7 chs, leaflet in next ch**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 2 chs, **[**leaflet in next ch, sc in next 7 chs**] 5 times**, with B, **[**leaflet in next ch, sc in next 7 chs**] 5 times**, with A, **[**leaflet in next ch, sc in next 7 chs**] 4 times**, leaflet in next ch, sc in next 2 chs, 2 sc in last ch, sl st in first sc to join	(210 sc, 30 leaflets)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Berry: make 20

Yarn D, blush.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)

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☐ **Round 3**	**[**Sc2tog**] 3 times**	(3 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25.5 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the vines along the cord, each along stitches of its own color. The berries keep their long tails. Pull each leaf out to its point.

2. The berries. Push the starting tail of each berry inside it. Thread the long tail, gather the 3 stitches of the last round with it, draw them together, and bring the needle out at the middle of that round. This is the back of the berry.

3. The berries are sewn on in pairs, one berry on each edge of the cord. Number the pairs of leaves of a vine 1 to 15 from the deep green end. There is a pair of berries after each of the pairs of leaves with these numbers: 1, 4, 7, 10 and 13. Lay the vine with its right side up and the deep green end away from you. There are 7 stitches along each edge of the cord between a leaf and the next one. From each leaf of the pair count 4 of these stitches toward you and sew a berry to the edge of the last one counted, which is the middle one of the 7: the needle goes through the back of the berry and the edge of the cord, 3 stitches. Fasten off, draw the end inside the berry and trim it. Each vine has 10 berries.

4. Pin the vines out flat, damp, with their leaves pulled out, and let them dry.

5. Rings. Each vine has a ring at each end. For each ring cut a length of yarn 14 in (35.5 cm) long, A for the deep green end and C for the pale green end. At each end of the cord there are 3 single crochet in one chain. Hold the ring against these 3 stitches, in line with the cord and outside it. Beginning with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), sew over and over, 8 stitches close together: the needle goes through both loops of one of the 3 stitches and round the wire of the ring, 3 times in the first stitch, 2 times in the middle one and 3 times in the last. Fasten off on the wrong side and weave both ends in along the cord.

Finishing

- Pass a vine round the curtain, its right side out, and hang both rings over the hook in the wall, one after the other. Turn the leaves so that they lie on the curtain.

In all: 22 pieces.

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.

Notes

- The vine is one round: along one side of the foundation chain, 3 stitches in its last chain, then back along the other side of the same chains, and 2 stitches in the chain that has the first stitch in it. Every leaf of the second side is worked into the same chain as a leaf of the first side, so the leaves stand in pairs.
- To count the long chain, put the stitch marker in every 50th chain as you make it, and move it on. Keep the chain loose, so that the cord lies straight.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before, which is a leaflet or a single crochet; where it is a leaflet, draw it through the slip stitch that ends it. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and leave the same length of the new yarn at its beginning. B and A are cut and joined again on the second side.
- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed. Only the berries begin in this way.
- In the berries, sc2tog is worked with a single crochet started in each of the next two stitches. Work them tightly.
- Choose the size by the curtain: gather it in your hand where the tie back will be and measure round it. The regular size is for 13 in (33 cm) to 21½ in (54.5 cm), the long one for 15¾ in (40 cm) to 25¾ in (65.5 cm). A vine that goes loosely round hangs in a soft curve; one that only just goes round gathers the curtain tightly.
- Hang the tie backs out of the reach of small children: they are long cords with small berries.

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