Maple leaf

US terms



Finished size
About 4¾ in (12 cm) wide and about 5½ in (14 cm) tall with its stem

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: gold, round 1	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pumpkin, round 2	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rust, round 3	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: brick red, round 4	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 10 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), 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. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the leaf measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.

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- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- Rounds 3 and 4 begin and end at the bottom of the leaf, in the stitch above the stem. In Round 3 every 3 stitches of Round 2 carry one lobe: a low one, three large ones and the other low one, 9 stitches in each.
- In Round 4 the (hdc, dc, hdc) is the point of a lobe. It goes in the middle one of the 9 stitches of the lobe: the dtr of a large lobe, the tr of a low one.
- The stem is the last chain of Round 4: ch 8, slip stitch back along 7 of the chains, then slip stitch in the first sc of the round to join.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3½ in (9 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7 in (18 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **dtr** double treble crochet (UK triple treble), **st** stitch, **rnd** round, **sp** space.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in each st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Yarns in order of use: A, gold; B, pumpkin; C, rust; D, brick red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** Fasten off A.	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2** Fasten off B.	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in any st, ch 1, sc in same st, (2 sc, hdc) in next st, (dc, tr, dc) in next st, (hdc, 2 sc) in next st, **[**(sc, hdc, dc) in next st, (tr, dtr, tr) in next st, (dc, hdc, sc) in next st**] 3 times**, (2 sc, hdc) in next st, (dc, tr, dc) in next st, (hdc, 2 sc) in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(15 sc, 10 hdc, 10 dc, 8 tr, 3 dtr)

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Fasten off C.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Join D with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st, sl st in next st, sc in next 3 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in next st, **[**sl st in next st, sc in next st, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next st, sc in next st, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next st, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in next st, sc in next 3 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in next st, ch 8, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 6 chs, sl st in first sc to join (37 sc, 10 hdc, 5 dc, 6 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block: lay the leaf down right side up with the stem at the bottom. Put a pin in the magic ring and one in the point of every lobe: the top point 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) straight above the ring; the points of the two side lobes 2 3/8 in (6 cm) to the left and right of the ring and 1 in (2.5 cm) above it; the points of the two low lobes 1¾ in (4.4 cm) to the left and right of it and 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) below it. Pull each of the six small teeth out to a point and pin it. Spray the leaf with water and let it dry.
- Veins: with the yarn needle and a 60 in (152 cm) length of D (80 in, 203 cm, in bulky yarn), sew five lines of backstitch on the right side, running the yarn under the stitches on the back from the end of one line to the start of the next. The middle vein is straight: begin it at the bottom edge of the leaf, in the first sc of Round 4, and sew up over the magic ring to ½ in (1.3 cm) below the top point. The other four begin on the middle vein, 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below the magic ring, two to the left and two to the right. On each side one goes toward the point of the side lobe and one toward the point of the low lobe, both to ½ in (1.3 cm) from the point. Curve them: halfway along, the vein of a side lobe lies 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below a straight line and the vein of a low lobe 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above one. Leave the stem itself plain.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 4 rounds; 122 stitches.

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