Simple leaf with a stem

US terms



Finished size
About 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide and about 4¾ in (12 cm) tall

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rounds, with color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

You will need

Yarn A: leaf green, the leaf	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pine green, the veins	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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. 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.

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round

Special stitches

picot (Picot): Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made. It leaves 1 picot for the next row.

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and its picots; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The stem is the last chain, worked back along in sl st; the sl st that joins the round after it closes the foot of the leaf. The picot is the tip.
- 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 3¼ in (8 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 6¼ in (16 cm).

Instructions

Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Yarn A, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 13.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next 4 chs, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, (sc, picot, sc) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next 4 chs, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 4 chs, sl st in first sc to join **(6 sc, 4 hdc, 6 dc, 8 tr, 1 picot)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

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Finishing

- Block: pin the leaf to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- With B, work a line of backstitch up the middle of the leaf for the main vein, along the foundation chain from the foot of the leaf to the stitches below the picot.
- With B, work two pairs of side veins in backstitch, one to each side of the main vein: they begin on it, 5/8 in (1.6 cm) and 1½ in (4 cm) above the foot of the leaf, and slant up and outward, so that each ends ½ in (1.3 cm) to the side of it and 3/8 in (1 cm) higher.
- To sew the leaf to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edge with a length of A, under the outermost strands of the stitches.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 1 round; 24 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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