



Materials

- Cotton or acrylic yarn (light worsted recommended)
 - Crochet hook: 3.0–4.0 mm
 - Yarn needle
 - Scissors
 - Stitch markers (optional)
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Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch = chain
 - sc = single crochet
 - hdc = half double crochet
 - dc = double crochet
 - tr = treble crochet
 - sl st = slip stitch
 - st(s) = stitch(es)
 - sp = space
 - dc2tog = double crochet decrease
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Pattern Notes (READ FIRST)

- The leaf is worked **from the stem upward**.
 - Work **back and forth in rows**, then around the edge.
 - Stitch height changes create the leaf shape — do not skip them.
 - Place markers at leaf tips if needed.
 - Turning chains count as stitches unless noted.
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STEM

Ch 10.

Row 1

Starting in 2nd ch from hook:

- Sc in each ch across.
(9 sc)

Ch 1, turn.

Row 2

- Sc in each st across.
(9 sc)

Do NOT fasten off.

LEAF BODY

Rotate work to begin working around the stem rows.

Row 3 — Leaf Foundation

Ch 3 (counts as dc).

Working evenly along the side of the stem:

- 2 dc in first side space
- 2 dc in next side space
- 1 dc in next space
- 1 hdc in next space
- 1 sc in next space

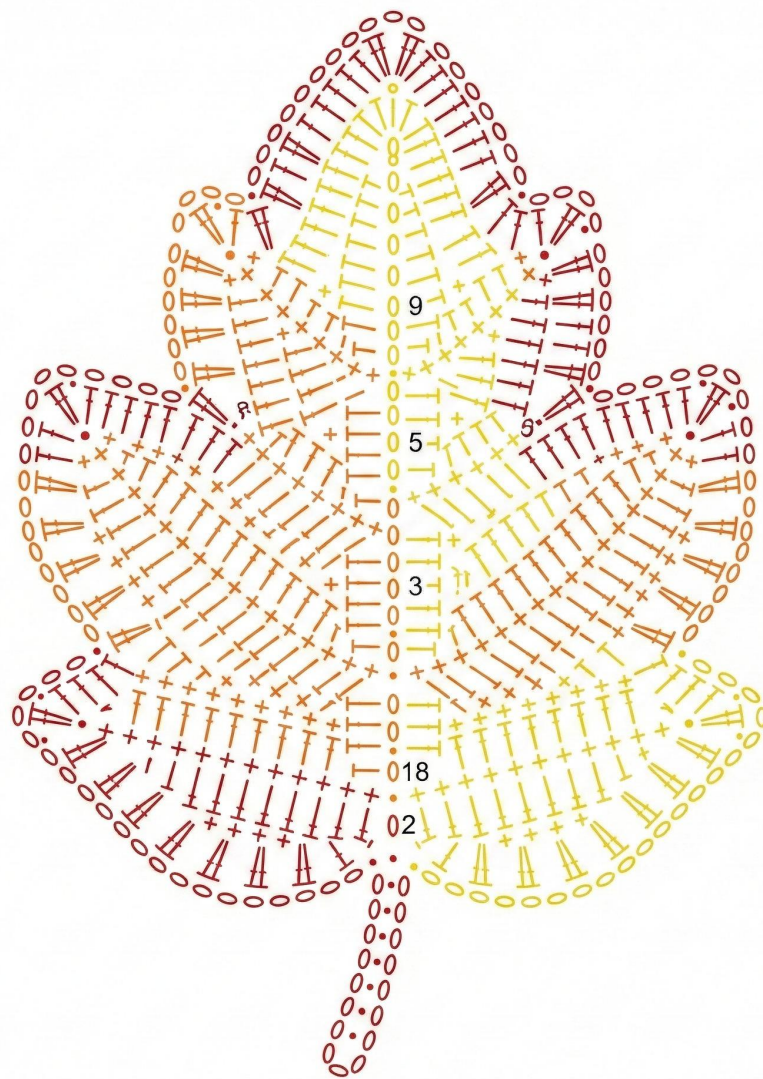
Top tip (important):

- Work **3 dc in the top corner space**

Now work down the opposite side of the stem, mirroring:

- 1 sc in next space
- 1 hdc in next space
- 1 dc in next space
- 2 dc in next space
- 2 dc in last space

Sl st to base to join.



- = chain
- ⊕ = pb
- ⌈ = mpa
- ⌋ = pa
- ⌌ = pad
- = px

Row 4 — Shaping the Lobes

Ch 3 (counts as dc).

Work dc in each st until reaching a leaf tip.

At EACH leaf tip:

Work **2 dc in the same stitch**.

At EACH valley between lobes:

Work **dc2tog**.

Continue around maintaining stitch count and shape.

Sl st to join.

Row 5 — Height Definition (VERY IMPORTANT)

Ch 1.

Work stitches following this height progression along each side:

- Lower sides → sc
- Mid sections → hdc
- Upper sections → dc
- Highest center tip → tr

 This step forms the pointed maple-style shape.

At each tip:

- tr, ch 1, tr in same stitch

Continue evenly around.

Sl st to join.

Row 6 — Final Edge

Ch 1.

Work sc evenly around the entire leaf.

At each tip:

Work:

- sc
- ch 2
- sc in same stitch

(This forms the sharp picot-style points seen in the chart.)

Along the stem area:

- Work 1 sc in each stitch evenly.

Sl st to finish.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Blocking (Highly Recommended)

For best results:

1. Lightly wet the piece
2. Pin each leaf point into shape
3. Allow to dry completely

This makes a **huge difference** in definition.

Beginner Success Tips

- Count stitches at the end of each row
- Use stitch markers at the tips
- If leaf curls → go up one hook size
- If leaf is floppy → go down one hook size
- Maintain even tension during height changes