

Crochet Maple Leaf Pattern

(US Crochet Terms – Beginner Friendly)

Materials

- Yarn: Medium-weight cotton or acrylic in autumn colors (orange, red, yellow, brown, or green).
 - Hook: 2.20 mm – 2.75 mm crochet hook (depending on your yarn and tension).
 - Scissors.
 - Tapestry needle for weaving ends.
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Abbreviations (US terms)

- **ch** = chain
 - **sl st** = slip stitch
 - **sc** = single crochet
 - **hdc** = half double crochet
 - **dc** = double crochet
 - **tr** = treble crochet
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Instructions

Round 1 – Center Ring

1. Begin with a **magic ring**.
 2. *Ch 2 (counts as first dc).*
 3. **Work 11 dc into the ring** (12 dc total including starting chain).
 4. Pull yarn tail to close the ring tightly.
 5. Join with a **sl st** to the top of the first ch-2.
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Round 2 – Expanding the Base

1. *Ch 2.*
 2. In the same stitch: 1 dc.
 3. **Work 2 dc in each stitch** around (total = 24 dc).
 4. Join with a **sl st** to the top of the first ch-2.
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Round 3 – Leaf Sections

1. *Ch 1, sc in the same stitch.*
2. *Skip 1 stitch.*

3. In next stitch: **7 dc in the same stitch** (this forms the first leaf bump).
 4. *Skip 1 stitch, sl st in next.*
 5. Repeat this sequence **five times** around to create 5 bumps (maple leaf points).
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Stem

1. After the last group, *ch 8.*
 2. Starting from the **3rd chain from the hook**, make **6 sl st back along the chain.**
 3. Attach with a **sl st** at the base to secure the stem.
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Shaping the Leaf Points

- On each bump (group of 7 dc), work the following across the stitches:
 1. **sc, hdc, dc, tr, ch 3, sl st in top of tr** (to form a peak).
 2. Continue: **tr, dc, hdc, sc** down the other side.
 - Repeat this shaping for **each of the 5 bumps** to create pointed maple leaf edges.
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Finishing

1. Sl st into the first sc to close.
 2. *Ch 1, cut yarn*, and weave in ends with a tapestry needle.
 3. Don't forget to weave in the magic ring tail at the back.
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 And your **crochet maple leaf** is ready! Use it as fall decorations, attach to garlands, add to bags, or even use as appliqués on blankets and sweaters.