

# Fall leaf garland

Tunisian crochet pattern by Andrea Crețu

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## About the pattern

This is an intermediate Tunisian crochet leaf garland pattern inspired by the beautiful autumn colors of falling leaves. This shape is typical of plane or sycamore leaves.

The basic, in the round construction is easy to memorize. The leaf is worked in short rows, with increases and stitches cast off to create the shape.

The leaf itself is customizable, as you can change stitch types to add more texture, such as purl stitches along the "veins" of the leaves.

You can also add picots along the leaf edges to create a more rugged edge, to add some variety and suggest different types of trees.

## Skill level

Intermediate, due to increases and cast off decreases, short rows, working in sections.

## Observations

You will work in two concentric sections, first the base worked into the magic ring, then the shaping rows.

You will work short rows and regular rows. All rows are ended with a short row return, but not all of them are attached to the first section.

In the (round brackets) you have the number of loops on the hook for each row, including the first loop

In the instructions, "CO St" refers to the last St you cast off on the previous row and from which you start chaining.

## Size

The finished leaf measures about 9 by 9 cm, without the stem. You can make it smaller by using a smaller hook or larger by using thicker yarn and a larger hook that is suitable for Tunisian crochet.

## Gauge swatch

Make a swatch to pick the right hook for this project. The swatch consists of 9 rows of 11 Tss (including the last stitch).

The resulting rectangle should be 5 cm by 5 cm or about 2 by 2 inches. If it comes out smaller, that is not a problem, but the leaf will tend to curl.

## Notions

**Yarn:** one color (or multiple for a multicolored garland) in DK or size 2-3 weight at approximately 220-260 meters per 100 grams, 6-7 grams or 12-16 meters per leaf;

**Hook - 4, 4.5 or 5 mm hook** or hook that gets you gauge – regular crochet hook or Tunisian crochet hook;

**Other notions:** tapestry needle, scissors, blocking pins and mats.

## Abbreviations

- **Ch** – chain;
- **CO** - cast off: insert hook into next St as if to make a Tss, pull up a loop, slip it through the loop on the hook;
- **M1** - increase at the beginning of the row: Ch1, pick up 1 loop in first St (the St you don't usually work into);
- **MR** - magic ring;
- **SRR** - short row return: Rep [YO and pull through 2 loops] until 1 loop is left on the hook;
- **Rep** - repeat;
- **Sc** - single crochet (US terms) or double crochet (UK terms);
- **Sl St** - slip stitch;
- **St(s)** - stitch(es);
- **Tss** - Tunisian simple stitch - insert hook from right to left behind the next vertical bar, YO and pull up a loop;
- **YO** - yarn-over.

# Instructions

## Part 1

Make 12 linked Dc in MR

### OR

In MR, Ch1, pick up 1 loop in back bump of Ch, pick up 1 loop in MR, SRR. Rep [1 Tss, pick up 1 loop in MR, SRR] 11 times.

Pull on the tail to close the MR, Sl St into top of first St.

All Sts from the part 1 will be counted from the first St as St 1 through St 12.

You will pick up loops in these, including the 3rd loop (look on the back of the work to find this loop).

## Part 2

**Row 1.** Ch3, pick up 3 loops in back bumps, pick up 1 loop in St 1, SRR (5)

CO 1 St.

**Row 2.** 2 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 1, SRR (4)

**Row 3.** Ch2, pick up 2 loops in back bumps, 2 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 2, SRR (6)

**Row 4.** M1, 4 Tss, SRR (6)

**Row 5.** M1, 5 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 2, SRR (8)

CO 3 Sts.

**Row 6.** Ch2, pick up 2 loops in back bumps, pick up 1 loop in CO St, 3 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 3, SRR (8)

**Row 7.** M1, 6 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 3, SRR (9)

**Row 8.** M1, 7 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 4, SRR (10)

**Row 9.** M1, 8 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 4, SRR (11)

CO 6 Sts.

**Row 10.** Ch3, pick up 3 loops in back bumps, pick up 1 loop in CO St, 3 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 5, SRR (9)

**Row 11.** M1, 6 Tss, SRR (8)

**Row 12.** M1, 8 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 6, SRR (11)

**Row 13.** M1, 7 Tss, SRR (9)

**Row 14.** Ch3, Sl St in 3rd Ch from hook, 10 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 7, SRR (12)

CO 1 St.

**Row 15.** 7 Tss, SRR (8)

CO 1 St.

**Row 16.** 8 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 8, SRR (10)

CO 5 Sts.

**Row 17.** Ch5, pick up 5 loops in back bumps, pick up 1 loop in CO St, 3 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 9, SRR (11)

CO 1 St.

**Row 18.** 8 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 9, SRR (10)

CO 1 St.

**Row 19.** 7 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 10, SRR (9)

CO 1 St.

**Row 20.** 6 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 10, SRR (8)

CO 3 Sts.

**Row 21.** Ch2, pick up 2 loops in back bumps, pick up 1 loop in CO St, 3 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 11, SRR (8)

CO 1 St.

**Row 22.** 5 Tss, SRR (6)

CO 1 St.

**Row 23.** 4 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 11, SRR (6)

CO 3 Sts.

**Row 24.** Ch1, pick up 1 loop in back bump, pick up 1 loop in CO St, Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 12, SRR (5)

CO 1 St.

**Row 25.** 2 Tss, pick up 1 loop in St 12, SRR (4)

CO 2 Sts. Sl St in St 12.

### **Leaf stem**

Ch10, start making Sts in the back bumps of the chains, starting with

the 2nd Ch.

5 Sc, 4 Sl St, Sl St back into St 12 from Part 1.

Cut the yarn, pull the end through the last St, then **weave in the ends** on the back of the work.

### **Making the garland**

After you have created enough leaves for your garland, you will connect them with a long chain.

First, weave in all the ends and block all the leaves to make them flat.

Start with a slip knot on your hook.

Ch10, Sl St into the first Ch to create a loop for hanging.

Ch10, Sl St into the end of the stem of one leaf.

Rep [Ch20, Sl St into the end of the stem of another leaf] until you use up all the leaves.

After the last leaf, Ch 20 and Sl St into the 11th Ch from the hook to create the second loop at the other end.

Weave in the ends and hang the garland from the two loops on the ends of the chain.

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