Size

- 8½" (21.6 cm) from side to side
- 7½" (19 cm) from top to bottom

TIP: To make a smaller leaf, simply use a thinner yarn or thread & smaller size hook.

Materials

- Red Heart Super Saver Yarn or any other worsted weight yarn (Medium / 4)
- Tapestry needle & straight pins
- Stitch markers
- Blocking board (or interlocking play mat)

Hook

- 4.5 mm (G)

Gauge

8 sc X 8 rows = 2” X 2” (5 X 5 cm)

NOTE: The gauge is not very important for this item & your finished size may vary slightly.

Special Stitches

- Whip stitch

- Sc2(4)tog – [Insert hook in next st, yo & pull up a lp] 2(4) times; yo & pull through all lps on hook. 1(3) sts decreased.

- Back post single crochet (Bpsc) - insert hook from back to front to back around post of next st, yo & pull up a lp; yo & pull yarn through 2 lps on hook.

- Front post single crochet (Fpsc) - insert hook from front to back to front around post of next st, yo & pull up a lp; yo & pull yarn through 2 lps on hook.

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NOTE: This pattern is written using US terms.
Small Leaf

Make 3 small leaves to complete 1 Maple leaf (diagram 1). Work in rows.

To beg: ch 10
Row 1: (RS) sc in second ch from hook; sc in next 7 chs; 5 sc in last ch; work across the bottom of foundation ch --> sc in next 6 chs; turn = 19 sts
Row 2: (WS) ch 1 (do not count as a st here & throughout); [fp sc around post of next st] 17 times (photos a-1 & a-2, page 4); turn = 17 sts
Row 3: (RS) ch 1; sc in next 8 sts; 5 sc in next st; sc in next 6 sts; turn = 19 sts
Row 4-7: repeat 2 more times rows 2 & 3
Row 8: same as Row 2
Finishing: Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing; weave in the end from the beg. Turn & place a MARKER in 9th st from finishing (photo a-3).

Assembling Maple Leaf

- Place all small leaves next to each other, with the markers meeting in the center (photo b-1).
- With WS facing you, whip stitch the leaves together across 9 sts on the sides (photo b-2). Remove markers as you go from the left and right leaves, but keep the middle MARKER. Weave in the ends on WS.
Leaf Stalk

Make 1 (diagram 2, page 7).

To begin: holding the leaf with RS facing you & with the center marker facing up, work ch 4 (photo c-1)

Row 1: (RS) work across the top 9 sts of right small leaf --> sc in first st on the right (photo c-2), sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog; skip st with MARKER & remove the MARKER (photo c-3); work across the top 9 sts of left small leaf --> sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, ch 5 (photo c-4); turn = 16 sts & 2 chs on each side

Row 2: (WS) sc in second ch from hook; sc in next 3 chs; sc in next 6 sts; sc4tog; sc in next 6 sts; sc in next 4 chs (photo c-5, page 6); turn = 21 sts

Row 3: (RS) ch 1 (do not count as a st); [bpsc around post of next st] 10 times; ch 10 (photo c-6, page 6); sc in second ch from hook, sc in next 8 chs (photo c-7, page 6); [bpsc around post of next st] 10 times; sl st in last st (photo c-8, page 6) = 30 sts

Finishing: Fasten off & weave in all the ends on WS.
Wet Blocking

Wet blocking is optional, but recommended. Blocking removes creases & adjusts the shape of crochet pieces.

1. Soak the leaves in warm water;
2. Squeeze excess moisture out;
3. Lay the leaves flat on a blocking board (or interlocking play mat);
4. Shape & pin around the edges (photo d-1);
5. Let the leaves dry.
All done! 
I hope you had a lot of fun :}

Diagram 2
From the Designer

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