

Autumn Ombré Leaf Shawl Crochet Tutorial

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How to Crochet an Autumn Leaf Shawl



Stitch Key (US Terms)



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○	chain	ƒ	ch
+	sl st	⊥	hdc
SC	single cro	⊥	tr
⊥	half double cc	⊥	tr
⊥	double	⊙	picot
⊥	tr	⊙	ch 3; sl st into
⊙	picot: ch 3, sl st into		harmonythreads

Joining the Motifs



Leaf Motif

- Round 1:** Start with a magic ring, ch 3 (counts as 1st dc), 11 dc into ring. Join with sl st to top of starting ch 3. (12 dc)
- Round 2:** Ch 3, dc in same st, ch 1, 22 dc in next st, ch 1) 5 times. Join with sl st to top of starting ch 3. (12 dc + 6 ch-1 sps)
- Round 3:** Sl st into ch 1-sp (ch 3, 6 dc, ch 3) 3 ds into the same space, *ch 1, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1. (3 dc, ch-2-3 dc) in next ch-1 sp. repeat, sl st as before. Join as before.

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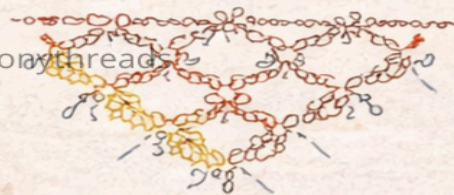
2 Round 2: Ch 3, dc in same st, ch 1, 12 dc in next st, ch 1) 5 times. Join with sl st to top of starting ch 3. (12 dc + 6 ch-1)

3 Round 3: Sl st into ch-2-sp of first leaf cluster (ch 3-2 6, picot, ch-3, picot, ch 4: picot, ch 3, sc in next, ch-1 sp 1 in same ch, ch 1, 4 dc, picot, 2 dc into next ch-1 sp in same so, ch 1, 3 ds picot, 3 dc into next ch-1 sp, repeat, from * around. Join as before.

5 Round 5: Sl st into ch-2-sp of point, (ch 1, sc, ch 6, dc st in 3rd ch from hook, sc in next 4 ch 3) x at back into same ch-1, sp. ch 8, sl st into beads 1 ch in tra. as und-pectom along first point, sc, ch 6, sc in the ch. Join and trasel 1st in abssstabe Waile 10 ende Waile 30 motifs 30 each of yotes, orange, and burnt orange shades):

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Fringed Tassels with Pearl Beads



- Cut 8 strands of yarn for each tassel, each TC about 10" long
- Insert 8 strands through sc at the bottom of the ch 6 Joining loops.
- Tie a knot, add a bead, then tie another knot below.
- Repeat evenly along the bottom, like the diagram, 1 tassel per ch 6 spot.
- Trim the fringe evenly at about 4" long.

- Cut 3 strands of yarn for each tassel, each about 34" long.
- Insert 8 strands through sc at the bottom of the ch 6 joining loops.



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Create a stunning autumn-inspired crochet shawl featuring delicate maple leaf motifs, soft mesh joins, and elegant pearl fringe. This detailed tutorial is designed for intermediate crocheters, but adventurous beginners can also follow along carefully. The shawl uses warm ombré shades inspired by falling autumn leaves, blending golden yellow into pumpkin orange and deep rust tones.

The finished shawl can also be worn as a cowl by joining the top edges together, just like the original design shown in the chart.

Materials You Will Need

- Lightweight cotton yarn or cotton blend yarn
 - Golden yellow
 - Mustard
 - Pumpkin orange
 - Rust brown
- Crochet hook: US size C/2 (2.75 mm) or D/3 (3.25 mm)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers
- Pearl beads (optional)
- Fringe board or cardboard for tassels

Finished Size

- Shawl width: approximately 60–68 inches
- Depth: approximately 28–32 inches
- Adjustable depending on number of motifs

Crochet Abbreviations (US Terms)

- CH — Chain
- SL ST — Slip Stitch
- SC — Single Crochet
- HDC — Half Double Crochet
- DC — Double Crochet
- TR — Treble Crochet
- SP — Space
- ST — Stitch
- PICOT — Chain 3, slip stitch into first chain
- SHELL — Multiple stitches worked into one stitch
- CLUSTER — Group of stitches worked together
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Understanding the Leaf Motif

The entire shawl is built from repeating maple leaf motifs joined together with mesh connectors. Each leaf is crocheted individually, then attached as you work.

The ombré effect is created by gradually changing yarn colors from light yellow at the top to deeper orange and rust shades toward the bottom edges.

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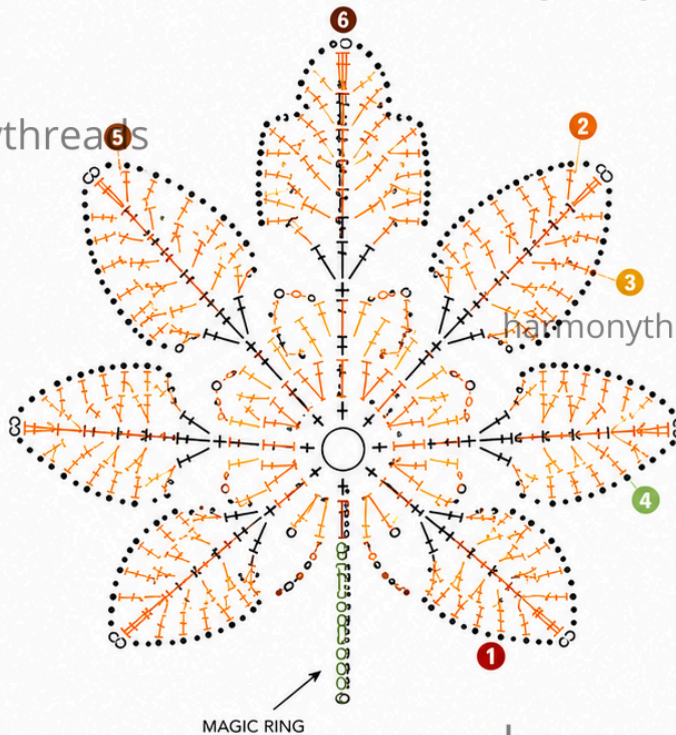
AUTUMN LEAF CROCHET PATTERN

EASY PATTERN FOR BEGINNERS



CROCHET CHART

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STITCH LEGEND

- Chain (ch)
- Slip stitch (sl st)
- + Single crochet (sc)
- ⊥ Half double crochet (hdc)
- ⊥ Double crochet (dc)
- ⊥ Treble crochet (tr)
- ⊥ Double treble crochet (dtr)
- ∨ 2 double crochets in the same stitch
- ⊥ Front post double crochet (FPdc)
- Start / End (sl st)

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HOW TO MAKE

- 1** Round 1 (center):
Make a magic ring.
Ch 1, work 12 dc into the ring.
Join with a sl st to the top of the first dc. (12 sts)
- 2** Round 2:
Ch 1, (dc, ch 1, dc) in each st around. Repeat 12 times.
Join with a sl st. (24 sts)
- 3** Round 3 (start of the points):
Ch 1, *dc, ch 1, dc, hdc, sc, hdc, dc, ch 1,* repeat 6 times.
Join with a sl st.
- 4** Round 4:
Ch 1, *2 dc, hdc, sc, hdc, 2 dc, ch 1,* repeat 6 times.
Join with a sl st.
- 5** Round 5:
Ch 1, *3 dc, hdc, sc, hdc, 3 dc, ch 1,* repeat 6 times.
Join with a sl st.
- 6** Round 6 (tip of the point):
Ch 1, *4 dc, hdc, sc, hdc, 4 dc, ch 1,* repeat 6 times.
Join with a sl st.

STEM

At the base of the leaf, work:
Ch 8-10 (or your desired length).
Cut the yarn and weave in the ends.



FINISHING

Weave in all yarn ends.
Block gently (lightly steam or wet and shape) to get a nice leaf shape.



TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

- Use a medium weight yarn (e.g. 4) and a 2.0 mm – 2.5 mm crochet hook.
- Count your stitches in each round. It helps keep the shape correct.
- If you want a larger leaf, use thicker yarn and a bigger hook.



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Step 1: Foundation Ring and Center Stem

Start with the center of the maple leaf.

Foundation Ring

1. Make a slip knot.
2. CH 6.
3. Join with SL ST to form a ring.

Round 1 – Central Stem

1. CH 3 (counts as first DC).
2. Work 15 DC into the ring.
3. Join with SL ST to top of beginning CH 3.

You should now have 16 DC forming the center.

Stem Extension

1. CH 8.
2. Starting in second chain from hook:
 - SC in next 2 chains
 - HDC in next 2 chains
 - DC in remaining chains
3. Attach stem back to leaf base using SL ST.

Fasten off temporarily if needed.

Step 2: Building the Maple Leaf Points

Each leaf point is worked separately around the center ring.

First Point

1. Attach yarn to any DC.
2. CH 3.
3. DC in same stitch.
4. CH 2.
5. Work 2 DC in next stitch.
6. CH 3.

7. Work:
 - DC
 - HDC
 - SCinto same chain space to create the tip.
8. Continue back down opposite side:
 - HDC
 - DC
 - 2 DC

Creating the Pointed Tip

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To create the sharp maple point:

1. CH 3.
2. Make a PICOT by slip stitching into first chain.
3. Continue crocheting down the side.

Repeat Around

Repeat this process around the ring to create all maple points.

The finished motif should resemble a realistic maple leaf with textured lobes and pointed edges.

Step 3: Adding Texture and Edge Details

Now refine the leaf edges to create a delicate lace appearance.

Edging Round

Work the following around the entire leaf:

- SC along smooth sections
- HDC near curves
- Shell stitches at wide points:
 - 5 DC into one space
- PICOTS at sharp tips

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Decorative Veins

Optional but beautiful:

1. Surface slip stitch along center lines of the leaf.
2. Use a slightly darker yarn shade for contrast.

This gives the motif a realistic autumn leaf appearance.

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Step 4: Creating the Ombré Color Blend

The shawl's beauty comes from gradual color transition.

Suggested Color Layout

- Top rows:
 - Pale yellow
 - Soft gold
- Middle rows:
 - Pumpkin
 - Amber
- Bottom rows:
 - Burnt orange
 - Rust brown

Smooth Color Changes

To blend colors naturally:

1. Finish the last yarn-over of a stitch using the new color.
2. Alternate motifs between neighboring shades.
3. Avoid harsh color jumps.

The gradual blending mimics falling autumn leaves perfectly.

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Step 5: Joining the Leaf Motifs

The shawl uses an “as-you-go” joining technique.

Positioning the Leaves

Arrange motifs in staggered rows:

- Top row starts with fewer leaves
- Increase motifs toward center width
- Decrease again toward bottom point

This forms the triangular shawl shape.

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Joining Method

At connecting points:

1. CH 5.
2. SL ST into matching point on neighboring leaf.
3. CH 5 back to current motif.

Repeat between leaf edges.

Mesh Fill Areas

To fill open spaces:

1. CH 5 mesh loops between motifs.
2. DC clusters anchor the mesh.
3. Keep spacing even for balanced tension.

The mesh creates a lightweight and airy lace structure.

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Step 6: Building the Shawl Shape

Continue adding rows of motifs.

Increasing Rows

For the center triangle:

- Add one extra motif on each side every few rows.
- Maintain symmetrical shaping.

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Shoulder Slope

Near the upper sides:

- Use fewer motifs.
- Reduce mesh spaces slightly.

This helps the shawl sit naturally across the shoulders.

Suggested Layout

- Top row: 3 motifs
- Second row: 4 motifs
- Third row: 5 motifs
- Continue until desired width



Step 7: Outer Lace Border

After all motifs are connected, crochet a finishing border around the entire shawl.

Border Round 1

Work:

- SC into every chain space
- 3 SC into corners

Border Round 2

Create decorative shells:

- Skip 2 stitches
- 5 DC in next stitch
- Skip 2 stitches
- SC in next stitch

Repeat around.

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Optional Picot Border

For extra elegance:

1. CH 3 after each shell.
2. SL ST into first chain.
3. Continue to next shell.

This creates delicate lace points.

Step 8: Adding the Fringe

The pearl fringe gives the shawl dramatic movement.

Making Fringe Tassels

1. Cut yarn strands approximately 12 inches long.
2. Fold strands in half.
3. Pull folded loop through edge spaces.
4. Pull tails through loop and tighten.

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Adding Beads

For pearl accents:

1. Thread beads onto fringe strands.
2. Knot beneath bead to secure.

Alternate fringe colors for a beautiful ombré finish.

Step 9: Optional Cowl Conversion

The shawl can also become a wearable cowl collar.

How to Convert

1. Fold top edge inward.
2. Leave the top 2–3 rows partially open.
3. Seam the ends together using whip stitch or SL ST.

The result is a cozy infinity-style autumn cowl.

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Blocking and Finishing

Blocking is very important for lace crochet.

Wet Blocking Method

1. Soak shawl in lukewarm water.
2. Gently squeeze excess water.
3. Lay flat on blocking mats.
4. Pin leaf tips carefully.
5. Allow to dry completely.

Blocking opens the lacework and defines the maple leaf shape beautifully.

Helpful Tips for Success

- Keep tension relaxed for lace sections.
- Use stitch markers between motifs.
- Block motifs individually before joining for cleaner shaping.
- Cotton yarn gives excellent stitch definition.
- Metallic thread can be added for sparkle.
- Work under bright lighting to see mesh connections clearly.

Final Thoughts

This Autumn Ombré Leaf Shawl is both elegant and artistic, combining lace crochet with realistic maple leaf motifs and rich seasonal colors. The lightweight mesh structure makes it perfect for autumn evenings, festivals, weddings, or cozy everyday wear.

The combination of detailed leaf motifs, ombré shading, and pearl fringe creates a truly eye-catching heirloom-quality accessory. Take your time with each motif, enjoy the relaxing rhythm of lace crochet, and watch your autumn masterpiece come to life one leaf at a time.



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