

Gambel Oak Leaves



The Gambel Oak is native to the state of Colorado. These leaves remind me of a beautiful June day, when our family hiked around Mesa Verde National Park.

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate

MATERIALS & TOOLS

1 leaf-colored yarn (A)

Hook: Appropriate size hook to achieve a firm gauge with selected yarn

Tapestry needle

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

Dc-hdc-tog: Yo, insert hook in next stitch, yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook, yo, insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a loop (4 loops on hook), yo and draw through remaining loops on hook.

Hdc2tog: Half double crochet 2 stitches together

FOR THESE LEAVES WE USED

Prism Indulgence (68% silk, 15% wool, 12% kid mohair, 5% nylon; 2oz/56g = 92yd/84m): (A) color Copper Penny and Mojave—medium weight yarn; (1)

GAUGE CIRCLE

(see page 11) = 1 1/8"/2.9cm worked on 5.00mm (size H-8 U.S.) hook

FINISHED MATERIALS

39/16"/9.1cm x 37/8"/9.8cm (small leaf with bent stem); 37/16"/8.7cm x 4 3/4"/12.1cm (big leaf with bent stem)

Berroco Ultra® Alpaca (50% super fine alpaca, 50% Peruvian wool; 3.5oz/100g = 215yd/198m): (A) color light brown #6202—light weight yarn; (2)

GAUGE CIRCLE

(see page 11) = 1"/2.5cm worked on 4.00mm (size G-6 U.S.) hook

FINISHED MATERIALS

3"/7.6cm x 3 1/4"/8.2cm (small leaf with bent stem)

Cascade Luna (100% Peruvian cotton; 1.75oz/50g = 82yd/75m): (A) color green #755—bulky weight yarn; (3)

GAUGE CIRCLE

(see page 11) = 15/16"/3.3cm worked on 6.00mm (size J-10 U.S.) hook

FINISHED MATERIALS

37/8"/9.8cm x 5"/12.2cm (big leaf with bent stem)

INSTRUCTIONS

Large Leaf (see page 22)

Row 1 (RS): Ch 6, hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc, dc2tog, ch 2, turn.

Row 2: Sk the turning ch, hdc2tog in first 2 sts. Some sts rem unworked. Ch 9, turn.

Row 3: Dc in 4th ch from hook, 4 dc, dc-hdc-tog, ignore turning ch from previous row, ch 2, turn.

Row 4: Sk the turning ch, hdc2tog in first 2 sts, hdc. Some sts rem unworked. Ch 8, turn.



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Row 5: Dc in 4th ch from hook, 4 dc, dc-hdc-tog, ignore turning ch from previous row, ch 1, turn.

Row 6: Sc2tog, hdc, dc. Some sts rem unworked. Ch 6, turn.

Row 7: Dc in 4th ch from hook, 2 dc, hdc, sc2tog, ch 1, turn.

Row 8: Sc, 2 hdc. Some sts rem unworked. Ch 5, turn. You have worked one half of the leaf, from its middle to one side.

Row 9: Dc in 4th ch from hook, 2 dc, hdc, sc, ch 1, turn. You just made the top lobe of the leaf. From now on, you'll work the other half of the leaf, joining it to the first half, down the middle, as noted.

Row 10: Sc, 2 hdc. Some sts rem unworked. Ch 5, turn.

Row 11: Dc in 4th ch from hook, 2 dc, hdc, (2 sc) in next st, join with sl st to the

base of row 7, ch 1, turn. A gap forms when you join the lobes, and that's fine. We'll fill those in later.

Row 12: Sk the sl st, (2 sc) in first sc, hdc, dc. Some sts rem unworked. Ch 5, turn.

Row 13: Dc in 4th ch from hook, 4 dc, (dc, hdc) in next st, join with sl st at the base of row 5, ch 1, turn.

Row 14: Sk the sl st, (2 hdc) in first hdc, hdc. Some sts rem unworked. Ch 6, turn.

Row 15: Dc in 4th ch from hook, 4 dc, (dc, hdc) in next st, join with sl st at the base of row 3, ch 1, turn.

Row 16: Sk the sl st, (2 hdc) in first hdc. Some sts rem unworked. Ch 3, turn.

Row 17: Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc, (2 dc) in next st, join with sl st at the base of row 1.

STEM

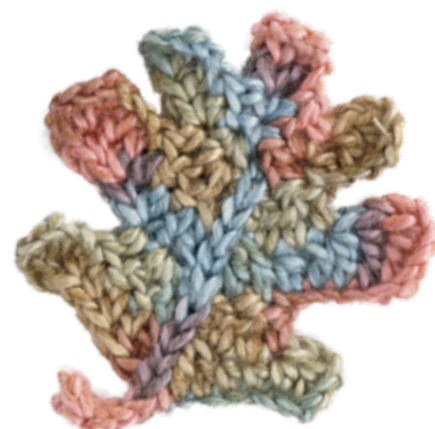
Ch 6, hdc in 3rd ch from hook, sl st in rem ch.

CENTRAL VEIN

Stretch the leaf from side to side to see the spaces you created when you joined the lobes to each other. Now that you know where they are, look at the RS of the leaf and hold the yarn underneath the leaf (or at the WS of the leaf). Insert hook in the first sp in the center of the leaf, ch 2 or 3 (you are making the ch as your hook goes "through" the leaf). With the yarn still at the WS of the leaf, sl st in the st that joins the lobes. Continue filling the spaces with ch and sl st in the sts where the lobes join tog. End with a sl st just past the last sp. Fasten off. Use hook to take the yarn end through the leaf back to the WS of the leaf.



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Small Leaf

Row 1 (RS): Ch 9, dc in 4th ch from hook, 3 hdc, dc2tog, ch 3, turn.

Row 2: Sk turning ch from last row, dc2tog in the first 2 sts, hdc. Some sts rem unworked. Ch 9, turn.

Row 3: Tr in 5th ch from hook, 2 htr, dc, hdc, dc2tog, ch 3, turn. Ignore turning ch of last row.

Row 4: Sk turning ch from last row, dc2tog in the first 2 sts, hdc. Some sts rem unworked. Ch 6, turn.

Row 5: Dc in 4th ch from hook, dc, hdc, sc2tog, ch 1, turn. Ignore turning ch of last row.

Row 6: Sc, hdc. Some sts rem unworked. Ch 5, turn. You have worked one half of the leaf, from its middle to one side.

Row 7: Dc in 4th ch from hook, dc, hdc, sl st, ch 1, turn. You just made the top lobe

of the leaf. From now on, you'll work the other half of the leaf, joining it to the first half, down the middle, as noted.

Row 8: Sc, hdc. Some sts rem unworked. Ch 5, turn.

Row 9: Dc in 4th ch from hook, dc, hdc, (2 sc) in next st, join with sl st to the base of row 5, ch 1, sl st in base of row 4.

Row 10: Sk the sl sts, (2 dc) in first sc, hdc. Some sts rem unworked. Ch 7, turn.

Row 11: Tr in 5th ch from hook, 2 htr, dc, hdc, (2 dc) in next st, join with sl st to the base of row 3, ch 1, sl st in base of row 2.

Row 12: Sk the sl sts, (2 dc) in first dc, hdc. Some sts rem unworked. Ch 5, turn.

Row 13: Dc in 4th ch from hook, 3 hdc, (2 dc) in next st, join with sl st to the base of row 1.

STEM

Ch 6, hdc in 3rd ch from hook, sl st in rem ch.

CENTRAL VEIN

Work as for Central Vein in Large Leaf.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Block gently. Stretch the turning ch at the end of each lobe from side to side, to flatten the tips of the lobes.

