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YARNSCAPES

Elderberry Leaf Crochet Pattern

MATERIALS

- Medium green acrylic worsted-weight yarn
- 5.00 mm (H) crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

GLOSSARY OF TERMS, STITCHES, AND TECHNIQUES

back loop only (BLO): indicates the location of where to place a stitch. Out of the two loops in the top of a stitch, only work under the one which is further away from the crocheter.

chain stitch (ch): To make, draw yarn through the active loop on the hook.

fasten off: Cut the yarn 3 to 4 inches from the last stitch and draw the end through the active loop. Pull tightly to secure.

front loop only (FLO): indicates the location of where to place a stitch. Out of the two loops in the top of a stitch, only work under the one which is closest to the crocheter.

slip stitch (sl st): To make, insert your hook into the indicated stitch, draw up a loop, draw the top loop on the hook through the bottom loop.

single crochet stitch (sc): To make, insert your hook into the indicated stitch, draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops.

slip knot: To make, cross the tail end over the yarn to make a loop, draw up yarn from the yarn ball side through the loop and tighten, making sure the cut end is not pulled through.

stitch (st): a generic stitch, usually designates the location in the previous row in which a particular stitch, such as a single crochet, will be made

tail: the unworked cut end of the yarn

treble crochet stitch (tc): To make, yarn over twice, insert the hook into the designated stitch, draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through two loops three times.

weave in the ends: Using a tapestry needle, draw the yarn end through several stitches on the back side of work, skip one strand of yarn and pull the end through the opposite way, skip another strand and pull the end the opposite way again to lock in place.

PATTERN NOTES

Optional for experienced crocheters:

- You could represent veins in the leaf by working the pattern in the back loop only.
- A picot border could be added to represent the spiky edge of the leaves.

PATTERN

Chain (ch) 12

Row 1: Work 2 single crochet stitches (sc) in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of the next 3 ch, single crochet 3 together (sc3tog) over next 3 ch, sc in each of the next 3 ch, 2 sc in last ch, ch 1 and turn. [11 stitches (st)]

Row 2-3: Skip (sk) ch, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of the next 3 st, sc3tog over next 3 st, sc in each of the next 3 st, 2 sc in last st, ch 1 and turn. [11 st]

Row 4: Sk ch, 2 sc in each of the next 2 st, sc in each of the next 2 st, sc3tog over next 3 st, sc in each of the next 2 st, 2 sc in each of the last 2 st, ch 1 and turn. [13 st]

Row 5-7: Sk ch, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of the next 4 st, sc3tog over next 3 st, sc in each of the next 4 st, 2 st in last st, ch 1 and turn. [13 st]

Row 8: Sk ch, sc each of the next 5 st, sc3tog over next 3 st, sc in each of the next 5 st, ch 1 and turn. [11 st]

Row 9: Sk ch, 2 sc in each of the next st, sc in each of the next 3 st, sc3tog over next 3 st, sc in each of the next 3 st, 2 sc in final st, ch 1, turn. [11 st]

Row 10: Sk ch, sc in each of the next 4 st, sc3tog over next 3 st, sc in each of the next 4st, ch 1 and turn. [9 st]

Row 11: Sk ch, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of the next 2 st, sc3tog over next 3 st, sc in each of the next 2 st, 2 sc in final st, ch 1, turn. [9 st]

Row 12: Sk ch, sc in each of the next 3 st, sc3tog over next 3 st, sc in each of the next 3 st, ch 1 and turn. [7 st]

Row 13: Sk ch, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc3tog over next 3 st, sc in next st, 2 sc in last st, ch 1, turn. [7 st]

Row 14: Sk ch, sc in each of the next 2 st, sc3tog over next 3 st, sc in each of the next 2 st, ch 1 and turn. [5 st]

Row 15: Sk ch, 2 sc in next st, sc3tog over next 3 st, 2 sc in last st, ch 1, turn. [5 st]

Row 16: Sk ch, sc in next st, sc3tog over next 3 st, sc in next st, ch 1 and turn. [3 st]

Row 17: Sk ch, sc3tog over next 3 st, ch 1 and turn. [1 st]

Row 18: sc in last remaining st, ch 1. [1 st]

Vein and Stem

Taking care to preserve the point at the tip of the leaf, sl st down the center of the leaf in as straight a line as possible. Once at the end of the leaf, ch 4, turn, sk last ch made, sl st in remaining 3 ch, sl st in body of leaf back through the previous 4-5 sl st made to stabilize.

Weave in ends.