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Elm Leaf



The elm has a nice leaf-shaped-leaf with a serrated edge. It can double for other leaf-shaped-leaves as needed. The pattern below includes instructions on how to make three different sizes.

You will need:

green yarn (double knit) • covered thin gauge wire (e.g. garden twist tie)
2 x double ended knitting needles (3mm) • tapestry needle • scissors

Pattern (Leaf):

Cast on 7 stitches, and continue in the flat. See *notes* for abbreviations.

The first 14 rows of the pattern widens the leaf from the cast on edge.

Row 1: k1, p1, kfb x 2, k1, p2 (9)
Row 2: [p1, k1] x 4, k1 (9)
Row 3: k1, p1, k1, pfb, kfb, p1, k1, p2 (11)
Row 4: [p1, k1] x 2, p2, [p1, k1] x 2, k1 (11)
Row 5: [k1, p1] x 2, kfb x 2, [k1, p1] x 2, p1 (13)
Row 6: [p1, k1] x 6, k1 (13)
Row 7: [k1, p1] x 2, k1, pfb, kfb, [p1, k1] x 2, p2 (15)
Row 8: [p1, k1] x 3, p2, [p1, k1] x 3, k1 (15)
Row 9: [k1, p1] x 3, kfb x 2, [k1, p1] x 3, p1 (17)
Row 10: [p1, k1] x 8, k1 (17)
Row 11: [k1, p1] x 3, k1, pfb, kfb, [p1, k1] x 3, p2 (19)
Row 12: [p1, k1] x 4, p2, [p1, k1] x 4, k1 (19)
Row 13: [k1, p1] x 4, kfb x 2, [k1, p1] x 4, p1 (21)
Row 14: [p1, k1] x 10, k1 (21)

We have now reached the widest part of the leaf. The following section has straight edges.

Row 15: k1, p2tog, [p1, k1] x 3, pfb, kfb, [p1, k1] x 3, p1, p2tog, p1 (21)
Row 16: p1, k1, [k1, p1] x 4, p1, [p1, k1] x 4, k2 (21)
Row 17: k1, p2tog, [k1, p1] x 3, kfb x 2, [k1, p1] x 3, k1, p2tog, p1 (21)
Row 18: [p1, k1] x 10, k1 (21)
Rows 19-22: as rows 15-18.

To finish off the leaf we decrease the size of the rows back to a point.

Row 23: k1, p2tog, [p1, k1] x 3, pfb, kfb, [p1, k1] x 3, p1, p2tog, p1 (21)
Row 24: p1, k2tog, [p1, k1] x 3, p2, [p1, k1] x 3, p1, k2togtbl, k1 (19)
Row 25: k1, p2tog, [p1, k1] x 2, p1, kfb x 2, [k1, p1] x 3, p2tog, p1 (19)
Row 26: p1, k2tog, [p1, k1] x 6, p1, k2tog, k1 (17)
Row 27: k1, p2tog, [p1, k1] x 2, pfb, kfb, [p1, k1] x 2, p1, p2tog, p1 (17)
Row 28: p1, k2tog, [p1, k1] x 2, p2, [p1, k1] x 2, p1, k2togtbl, k1 (15)
Row 29: k1, p2tog, p1, k1, p1, kfb x 2, [k1, p1] x 2, p2tog, p1 (15)
Row 30: p1, k2tog, [p1, k1] x 4, p1, k2togtbl, k1 (13)
Row 31: k1, p2tog, p1, k1, pfb, kfb, p1, k1, p1, p2tog, p1 (13)
Row 32: p1, k2tog, p1, k1, p3, k1, p1, k2togtbl, k1 (11)
Row 33: k1, p2tog, p1, kfb x 2, k1, p1, p2tog, p1 (11)
Row 34: p1, k2tog, [p1, k1] x 2, p1, k2togtbl, k1 (9)
Row 35: k1, p2tog, ybck, sl1, k2tog, pssso, p2tog, p1 (5)
Row 36: p1, sl1, p2tog, pssso, k1 (3)
Row 37: k2, p1 (3)
Row 38: p2, k1 (3)

Thread yarn through remaining stitches and pull into a point.

Pattern (Vein/Stalk):

Cast on 2, i-cord 3 rows.

Working as for i-cord, kfb, k1 (3), i-cord 3 rows.

Again working as for i-cord, kfb, k2 (4).

Now i-cord until vein is same length as the leaf. Thread yarn through remaining sts.

Variations:

With a little rearranging of the pattern we can make a 3/4 sized leaf and a 1/2 sized leaf of similar shape and pattern.

3/4 Size Leaf

Work rows 1 to 10 from the main leaf pattern.

Rows a to d follow. They are worked slightly differently to anything in the main pattern.

Row a: k1, p2tog, [p1, k1] x 2, pfb, kfb, [p1, k1] x 2, p1, p2tog, p1 (17)

Row b: p1, k1, [k1, p1] x 3, p1, [p1, k1] x 3, k2 (17)

Row c: k1, p2tog, [k1, p1] x 2, kfb x 2, [k1, p1] x 2, k1, p2tog, p1 (17)

Row d: [p1, k1] x 8, k1 (17)

Work rows 27 to 38 of the main pattern and finish off as instructed.

1/2 Size Leaf

Work rows 1 to 6 from the main leaf pattern, rows e to h as below, and rows 31 to 38 to finish.

Row e: k1, p2tog, p1, k1, pfb, kfb, p1, k1, p1, p2tog, p1 (13)

Row f: p1, k1, [k1, p1] x 2, p1, [p1, k1] x 2, k2 (13)

Row g: k1, p2tog, k1, p1, kfb x 2, k1, p1, k1, p2tog, p1 (13)

Row h: [p1, k1] x 6, k1 (13)

Longer/Shorter Leaf

The *shape* of the leaf pattern can also be modified by adding/subtracting multiples of the 4 rows that form the straight edge part at the centre (rows 15-18 or a-d or e-h). It has to be the complete set of 4 rows that are added or subtracted or the ribs won't work match up in the rest of the pattern.

Making Up:



Gather the sides of the cast on edge together to make a rounded bottom to the leaf.

Bend a piece of wire to half the length of the leaf, doubling the ends over for safety (see diagram). Cover the wire stalk with the knitted vein. Attach the vein along the centre of the leaf. The vein should not quite reach all the way to the tip of the leaf. Sew in any remaining loose ends.

Look at the ODDknit patterns for twigs and horse chestnut leaves for ideas on joining multiple leaves together. Bear in mind that elm leaves are arranged alternately on their twigs.

Notes:

Abbreviations

[] x number	Repeat the section in square brackets the required number of times.
(number)	Gives the total number of stitches you should have on needle by the end of the row.
k number	Knit this number of stitches
kfb	Knit into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
k2tog	Knit the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
k2togtbl	Knit the next two stitches together through the back of the loop (-1 stitch).
p –	Purl every stitch to the end of the row.
p number	Purl this number of stitches.
pssso	Pass the slipped stitch over any intervening stitches and off the needle.
sl1	Slip the next stitch purl wise.
sts	Stitches.
pfb	Purl into the front and then the back of a single stitch (+1 stitch).
p2tog	Purl the next two stitches together (-1 stitch).
ybck	Take the yarn to the back of the knitting.

Needle/Yarn Size

As with most ODDknit patterns the yarn and needle sizes in the "you will need" section are just a guide. Feel free to improvise with whatever needles and yarn you have lying around - that's half the fun!