

Shamrock brooch



LUCKY CHARM

Stitch a crop of Sara Huntington's super-simple shamrock brooches for St. Patrick's Day.

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YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m), 1 ball of Kelly Green (1826)
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook for small size
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook for medium size
- A 4.5mm (US 7) hook for large size

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MEASUREMENTS

Small 7cm (2¾in) long
Medium 8cm (3in) long
Large 10cm (4in) long

ABBREVIATIONS

<http://www.simplycrochetmag.co.uk/uk-and-us-crochet-conversion-chart/>

This straightforward leafy motif can be hooked up in three different sizes using the same pattern. How can this be? Is it some kind of sorcery? Nope, all you need to do is adjust your crochet hook size as suggested and double up the yarn where necessary. Each cheerful little decoration is quick to make, so grab a bright green DK yarn from your stash and start stitching. You'll find a light blocking of your finished motifs will help to define that instantly recognisable shamrock shape.

NOTES

To make Shamrocks of different sizes, use a 2.5mm hook for the small size, a 3.5mm hook for the medium size, and for the large size, use the yarn held doubled with a 4.5mm hook.

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STALK

Ch9.

Row 1 Dc in second ch from hook and in next 7 ch, (ss, ch2) 3 times into the last ch, ss into same ch. Ss into the back of the st at the top of the stalk, turn. [8dc, 3 ch-2 sps]

LEAVES

Row 2 Ch1, (ss, dc, htr, tr, htr, dc, ss) into each ch-2 sp, ss into dc at top of stalk, turn. [7 sts in each leaf]

Row 3 *Ss into next ss, dc into next dc, 5tr into next htr, ss into next tr, 5tr into next htr, dc into next dc, ss into ss;



Groups of five trebles are worked in Row 3 to form the full, curvy parts of the leaves.



repeat from * twice more, ss into the back of the same dc from Row 2 at the top of the stalk.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO MAKE UP

Block and press or lightly steam each Shamrock.

Sew a pin or brooch back securely to the reverse of each motif.

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO BLOCK YOUR CROCHET PIECES



1 Check your yarn's ball band for advice on whether to dry, wet or steam block your item. To wet block, wash the item before pinning. For dry and steam blocking, pin out when the item is still dry.



2 Lay the item flat on a towel over a blanket, then pin it out using long, rust-proof pins or blocking wires. Start at the corners, moving evenly around the edges and repositioning pins if needed.



3 Place pins inside the last row of sts, not in the actual sts or you may distort them. Insert the pin's point towards the centre of the fabric, away from the edge, to balance out the forces involved.



4 To wet block, just leave to dry. To dry block, spritz with cold water and leave to dry. To steam block, hover a steaming iron over the fabric (don't touch) until damp. Once dry, remove pins.