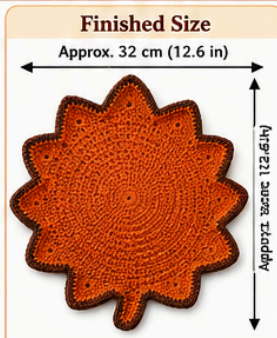


Crochet Autumn Leaf Placemat with Hedgehog – Step by Step Tutorial

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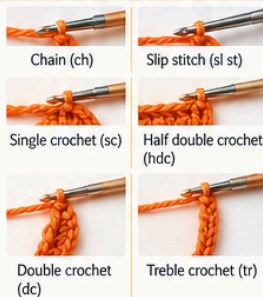
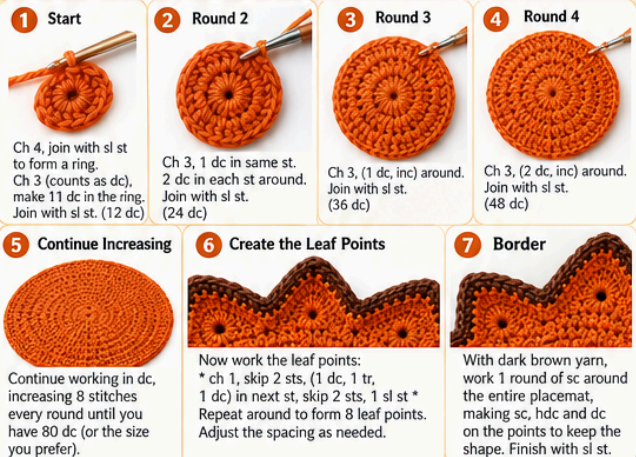


Leaf Placemat – Step by Step

Abbreviations (US Terms)

ch = chain
sl st = slip stitch
sc = single crochet
hdc = half double crochet
dc = double crochet
tr = treble crochet
inc = increase (2 stitches in the same stitch)
dec = decrease (2 stitches together)
BLO = back loop only
FLO = front loop only
(...) x = repeat the instructions
st(s) = stitch(es)

Main Stitches Used



Hedgehog – Step by Step



Pumpkin – Step by Step (orange)



Autumn Leaves (make 2)



Acorns (make 2)



Final Assembly



Finished Project

Approx. 29 cm (11.5 in)

Approx. 32 cm (12.5 in)

Leaf Placemat Crochet Chart

Stitch Key (US Terms)

- Chain (ch)
- × Single crochet (sc)
- ⌣ Half double crochet (hdc)
- ⌣ Double crochet (dc)
- ⌣ Treble crochet (tr)
- ⌣ Double crochet 2 together (dc2tog)
- ⌣ 5 double crochet in the same stitch (5 dc)
- Slip stitch (sl st)
- ⌣ Back loop only (blo)
- ⌣ Front loop only (flo)
- Direction of work

Materials

Cotton yarn (medium weight category 4)

- Orange (leaf)
- Brown (border)
- Cream (hedgehog)
- Dark brown (hedgehog)
- Orange (pumpkin)
- Green (leaf)
- Yellow and red (leaves)
- Beige and brown (acorns)
- Black safety eyes (6 mm)
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Crochet hook: 2.5 - 3.0 mm
- Yarn needle and scissors

1 Leaf Placemat – Step by Step

Rnd 1: Ch 4, join with sl st to form a ring. Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring. Join. (12 dc)

Rnd 2: Ch 3, 1 dc in each st. Join. (24 dc)

Rnd 3: Ch 3, 1 dc, 2 dc in next st. Repeat. Join. (36 dc)

Rnd 4: Continue increases following the chart, shaping the leaf points.

Follow the chart to complete all rounds forming the leaf shape. Finish with a brown border.

2 Border

Work 1 round of single crochet (sc) all around the edge using brown yarn. In the leaf points and valleys, follow the chart for proper stitch placement.

3 Hedgehog – Body

Rnd 1: Magic ring, 6 sc
Rnd 2: 6 inc (12)
Rnd 3: (1 sc, inc) x 6 (18)
Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) x 6 (24)
Rnd 5–12: 24 sc
 Stuff the body.

4 Hedgehog – Spines

Work bobble stitches or loop stitches on the back using dark brown yarn (see detail). Attach to the body.

5 Head and Arms

Add safety eyes, embroider nose and mouth. Make small ears and arms and sew to the body.

6 Pumpkin

Rnd 1: 6 sc in ring
Rnd 2: 6 inc (12)
Rnd 3–8: 12 sc
 Stuff and shape with yarn divisions. Add stem and leaf.

7 Leaves

Make chain and work dc, hdc and sc following the leaf shape. Add a stem.

8 Acorns

Nut: Rnd 1: 6 sc
Rnd 2: 6 inc (12)
Rnd 3–5: 12 sc
Cap: work in brown and join to the nut.

9 Assembly

Sew the hedgehog, pumpkin, leaves and acorns onto the leaf placemat. Secure all parts with yarn and hide the ends.

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Complete Crochet Pattern with Written Instructions, Stitch Explanations, and Assembly Guide (US Crochet Terms)

Bring the warmth of autumn into your home with this adorable Crochet Autumn Leaf Placemat with Hedgehog. This handmade decoration combines a beautiful orange maple-inspired leaf, a sweet three-dimensional crocheted

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hedgehog holding a miniature pumpkin, colorful fall leaves, and tiny acorns. The finished project makes a charming centerpiece, seasonal table decoration, or thoughtful handmade gift.

This tutorial follows the design shown in the reference chart, using US crochet terminology, medium-weight yarn, and simple shaping techniques. You will learn how to crochet the large leaf placemat, create the hedgehog's body and textured spikes, make the miniature pumpkin, and assemble the decorative autumn elements.

The finished placemat measures approximately 32 cm (12.6 inches) across. The hedgehog and decorations add height and texture, transforming the flat leaf into a beautiful autumn display.

Skill level: Intermediate, although adventurous beginners can complete the project by following each section carefully.

Important pattern note: The reference infographic provides the main stitch sequences but leaves some shaping and assembly details unspecified. The additional instructions below explain practical ways to complete those sections. A few stitch-count inconsistencies in the original chart are clarified so the pieces can be crocheted successfully.



Step 1: Gather Your Materials and Understand the Crochet Stitches

Before starting your crochet autumn leaf placemat, organize your yarn, crochet hook, stuffing, and decorative accessories.

Materials Needed

- Medium-weight yarn (worsted weight, category 4)
- Orange yarn for the large leaf and pumpkin

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- Dark brown yarn for the leaf border, hedgehog spikes, and acorn caps
- Cream or beige yarn for the hedgehog
- Light brown yarn for facial embroidery
- Red yarn for one decorative autumn leaf
- Golden yellow yarn for another decorative leaf
- Green yarn for the pumpkin leaf
- Two 6 mm safety eyes
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Crochet hook, 3.0–3.5 mm, or a size appropriate for your yarn
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers
- Optional pink embroidery thread or fabric blush for the cheeks

For the large placemat, use a hook that produces a flexible but reasonably firm fabric. For the stuffed hedgehog, tighter stitches are important because they prevent the stuffing from showing through.

Crochet Abbreviations (US Terms)

Abbrevia tion	Meaning
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ch	Chain
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sl st	Slip stitch
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sc	Single crochet
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hdc	Half double crochet
dc	Double crochet
tr	Treble crochet
inc	Increase: 2 stitches in the same stitch
dec	Decrease: crochet 2 stitches together
BLO	Back loop only
FLO	Front loop only
st(s)	Stitch(es)
Rnd	Round
FO	Fasten off
MR	Magic ring

(...) × n Repeat the instructions
 n times

Understanding the Main Stitches

Chain (ch): Make a slip knot, yarn over, and pull the yarn through the loop on your hook. Repeat to create additional chains.

Slip stitch (sl st): Insert the hook into the designated stitch, yarn over, and pull the yarn through both the stitch and the loop already on the hook.

Single crochet (sc): Insert the hook into a stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Yarn over again and pull through both loops.

Half double crochet (hdc): Yarn over, insert the hook into the stitch, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through all three loops.

Double crochet (dc): Yarn over, insert the hook into the stitch, and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through two loops, then yarn over and pull through the remaining two loops.

Treble crochet (tr): Yarn over twice, insert the hook into the stitch, and pull up a loop. Yarn over and pull through two loops three times.

Increase (inc): Work two stitches into one stitch. The stitch type will be specified, such as 2 dc or 2 sc.

Decrease (dec): Combine two stitches into one. For a single crochet decrease, insert the hook into the next stitch, pull up a loop, insert it into the following stitch, and pull up another loop. Yarn over and pull through all three loops.

Helpful Tips Before Beginning

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For the placemat, joined rounds are useful because they keep the circular shaping organized. A starting chain of three counts as the first double crochet unless otherwise specified.

For the stuffed pieces, use continuous spiral rounds and place a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round.

Always count your stitches before beginning another round. This is particularly important when making the leaf points and shaping the hedgehog.

Step 2: Crochet the Large Autumn Leaf Placemat

The orange leaf is the foundation of the entire project. It features a circular center, several pointed edges, and a contrasting dark brown border.

Yarn color: Orange

Hook: 3.0–3.5 mm

Approximate finished width: 32 cm (12.6 inches)

Round 1: Create the Center

- 1. Make a slip knot with orange yarn.**
- 2. Chain 4.**
- 3. Join with a slip stitch into the first chain to form a ring.**
- 4. Chain 3. This counts as the first double crochet.**
- 5. Work 11 double crochet stitches into the center of the ring.**
- 6. Join with a slip stitch into the top of the beginning chain-3.**

Total: 12 dc

Gently pull the starting yarn tail to reduce the center opening.

Round 2: Increase the Circle

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1. Chain 3.
2. Work 1 dc into the same stitch as the beginning chain.
3. Work 2 dc into each remaining stitch around.
4. Join with a slip stitch.

Total: 24 dc

Your circle should begin expanding evenly.

Round 3: Continue Increasing

1. Chain 3.
2. Work 1 dc in the same stitch.
3. Work 1 dc in the next stitch.
4. Repeat (2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next st) around, adjusting the initial counted chain-3 accordingly.
5. Join with a slip stitch.

Total: 36 dc

The circle should remain flat.

Round 4: Build the Base

1. Chain 3.
2. Work 1 dc in the same stitch.
3. Work 1 dc in each of the next 2 stitches.
4. Repeat (2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts) around.
5. Join with a slip stitch.

Total: 48 dc

At this point, the center will look like a small round crochet mat.

Round 5 and Beyond: Expand the Leaf Base

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Continue working in joined rounds, increasing by approximately 12 double crochet stitches per round.

Use this sequence:

Rou nd	Stitch Pattern	Tota l
5	(2 dc, 3 dc) repeated	60 dc
6	(2 dc, 4 dc) repeated	72 dc
7	(2 dc, 5 dc) repeated	84 dc
8	(2 dc, 6 dc) repeated	96 dc
9	(2 dc, 7 dc) repeated	108 dc
10	(2 dc, 8 dc) repeated	120 dc

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In each pattern, **2 dc** means two double crochet stitches in the next stitch, followed by one double crochet in each of the indicated stitches.

The reference chart suggests continuing the circular base until it reaches approximately 80 stitches, or the size desired.

However, the original 12-stitch increase sequence does not produce exactly 80 stitches. For this expanded version, 84 stitches after Round 7 is a convenient stopping point before forming the leaf points.

For a larger placemat, continue increasing until the center is wide enough. Remember that the pointed leaf edges will add extra width.

Creating the Leaf Points

The reference shows a broad autumn leaf with multiple pointed lobes. The following method creates eight decorative points around an 84-stitch center.

Divide the outer edge into eight sections, using stitch markers to help distribute the points. Alternate sections of 10 and 11 stitches to account for all 84 stitches.

For each section:

1. Attach orange yarn at the first stitch of the section, or continue from the previous section.
2. Work 1 sc into the first stitch.
3. Work 1 hdc into the next stitch.
4. Work 1 dc into the next stitch.
5. Work 1 tr into the next stitch.
6. Chain 1.
7. Work 1 tr into the next stitch.
8. Work 1 dc into the next stitch.
9. Work 1 hdc into the next stitch.

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10. Work 1 sc into the next stitch.
11. Slip stitch into each remaining stitch of the section.

Repeat around the edge.

These stitch-height changes form shallow pointed lobes. For the longer, sharper points visible in the reference image, extend each point as follows.

Adding Height to the Leaf Points

After completing the first row of a point, turn your work.

Point Row 2: Chain 1. Slip stitch across the first stitch, work sc, hdc, dc, then work (dc, ch 2, dc) into the chain-1 space at the tip. Continue down the opposite side with dc, hdc, sc, and sl st.

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Repeat this shaping on the other major points, adjusting the number of stitches as necessary to maintain symmetry.

The finished edge should resemble a stylized maple leaf rather than a perfect circle.

Optional Leaf Stem

To create the small stem at the bottom:

1. Attach orange yarn at the desired bottom position.
2. Chain 9.
3. Starting in the second chain from the hook, work 1 sc into each chain.
4. Slip stitch into the leaf edge.
5. Fasten off.

The stem should project approximately 3–4 cm, depending on your gauge.

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Crochet the Dark Brown Border

Change to dark brown yarn.

- 1. Attach the yarn at the base of the stem.**
- 2. Chain 1.**
- 3. Work single crochet stitches evenly around the entire leaf.**
- 4. Place 3 sc into the chain-2 space at each sharp point.**
- 5. Work 2 sc into larger outside corners where necessary.**
- 6. At inward corners between the points, use a slip stitch or skip a stitch to prevent excessive fullness.**
- 7. Continue around the stem.**
- 8. Join with a slip stitch.**
- 9. Fasten off and weave in the ends.**

The dark brown border defines the silhouette and gives the placemat the warm, rustic appearance shown in the infographic.

Lay the leaf on a flat surface. If the points curl, lightly dampen and block the fabric into shape.

Step 3: Crochet the Hedgehog's Head, Body, Face, and Spikes

The little hedgehog is the centerpiece of the design. Its cream-colored body, rounded face, tiny ears, and dark brown textured spikes create an adorable woodland character.

Part A: Crochet the Head and Body

Yarn: Cream or beige

Hook: 3.0–3.5 mm

The reference begins the body with a chain of six and works around both sides to create an oval.

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Round 1

1. Chain 6.
2. Work 4 sc, starting in the second chain from the hook.
3. Work 3 sc into the last chain.
4. Continue along the opposite side of the foundation chain.
5. Work 4 sc.
6. Work 3 sc into the remaining end space.

Total: 14 sc

Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round.

Shape the Body

Continue working in continuous rounds.

Round 2: (1 sc, inc) repeated 7 times. (21 sts)

Round 3: (2 sc, inc) repeated 7 times. (28 sts)

Round 4: (3 sc, inc) repeated 7 times. (35 sts)

Round 5: (4 sc, inc) repeated 7 times. (42 sts)

Rounds 6–12: Work 1 sc in each stitch around. (42 sts)

These rounds form a rounded oval body.

The original reference indicates approximately 12 rounds and a height of 6–7 cm. Adjust the number of plain rounds if your yarn or tension produces a different size.

For a closed stuffed version, continue with the following shaping:

Round 13: (5 sc, dec) repeated 6 times. (36 sts)

Round 14: (4 sc, dec) repeated 6 times. (30 sts)

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Round 15: (3 sc, dec) repeated 6 times. (24 sts)

Begin stuffing with polyester fiberfill.

Round 16: (2 sc, dec) repeated 6 times. (18 sts)

Round 17: (1 sc, dec) repeated 6 times. (12 sts)

Round 18: Dec 6 times. (6 sts)

Fasten off and close the opening with a yarn needle.

Keep the body softly rounded rather than overstuffed.

Part B: Make the Hedgehog's Face

The face is the most expressive part of the character.

You can embroider directly onto the front of the cream body or create a separate circular face panel.

For a raised face panel, use cream yarn.

Round 1: Make a magic ring and work 6 sc into the ring. (6 sts)

Round 2: Inc in every stitch. (12 sts)

Round 3: (1 sc, inc) repeated 6 times. (18 sts)

Round 4: (2 sc, inc) repeated 6 times. (24 sts)

Round 5: (3 sc, inc) repeated 6 times. (30 sts)

Round 6: (4 sc, inc) repeated 6 times. (36 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail.

Sew the panel onto the front of the hedgehog, adding a small amount of stuffing underneath if you want a softly raised face.

Add the Eyes

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Position the two black safety eyes approximately between Rounds 7 and 8 of the body, as indicated in the reference.

If using a separate face panel, install the eyes before sewing the panel to the body.

Space the eyes evenly and make sure the face looks balanced.

Safety note: Plastic safety eyes can detach and present a choking hazard. For decorations that may be handled by young children, embroider the eyes instead.

Embroider the Nose and Mouth

Use dark brown yarn or embroidery thread.

1. Create a small oval or triangular nose near the center of the face.
2. Stitch a short vertical line below the nose.
3. Add two small curved stitches to form a smiling mouth.
4. Secure the thread on the back.

For rosy cheeks, use light pink embroidery stitches or a tiny amount of fabric blush.

Part C: Crochet the Ears (Make 2)

Yarn: Cream

Round 1: Chain 2. Work 6 sc into the second chain from the hook. (6 sts)

Round 2: (1 sc, inc) repeated 3 times. (9 sts)

Round 3: Work 1 sc into each stitch. (9 sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Flatten the ears slightly and attach them symmetrically near the upper sides of the face.

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Part D: Crochet the Arms (Make 2)

Yarn: Cream

- 1. Chain 6.**
- 2. Starting in the second chain from the hook, work 1 sc into each of the 5 chains.**
- 3. Work 1 additional sc into the last chain.**

Total: 6 sc

Fasten off, leaving a long sewing tail.

For a slightly fuller arm, work a second row of 6 sc and fold the piece lengthwise before sewing.

The arms should curve forward so the hedgehog can appear to hold the miniature pumpkin.

Part E: Crochet the Legs (Make 2)

Yarn: Cream, then brown

Round 1: Work 6 sc into a magic ring. (6 sts)

Round 2: Inc in each stitch. (12 sts)

Rounds 3–5: Work 1 sc in each stitch. (12 sts)

Change to brown yarn.

Round 6: (1 sc, dec) repeated 4 times. (8 sts)

Rounds 7–8: Work 1 sc in each stitch. (8 sts)

Stuff lightly and fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

The brown tips create the appearance of small hedgehog feet.

Part F: Crochet the Dark Brown Spikes

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The reference uses dark brown yarn and textured stitches to form the hedgehog's distinctive back.

A curly-loop texture works especially well.

Yarn: Dark brown

Begin by attaching yarn to the back of the cream body.

Work in the available front loops or surface stitches.

Spike sequence:

1. Work 3 sc into the same stitch.
2. Slip stitch into the next stitch.
3. Repeat this sequence across the designated back area.

To create fuller curls, work 3–4 sc into selected stitches, allowing the groups to bend outward.

Continue adding rows of curly stitches until the back and upper sides are covered.

Leave the cream face and front belly visible.

For a more three-dimensional appearance, crochet short chains of 3–5 stitches and slip stitch back into their bases at selected locations.

Avoid making the spikes too long or heavy.

Part G: Assemble the Hedgehog

1. Position the face at the front of the body.
2. Sew the ears onto the upper sides.
3. Attach the arms near the lower sides of the face.
4. Sew the legs to the bottom front of the body.
5. Make sure the dark brown spikes cover the back evenly.
6. Adjust the stuffing and body shape.
7. Secure all yarn ends.

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Your hedgehog should now have a sweet rounded face, textured brown back, two little arms, and two visible feet.



Step 4: Crochet the Miniature Autumn Pumpkin

The miniature pumpkin is an important decorative feature because the hedgehog holds it in its arms.

Yarn: Orange, dark brown, and green

Part A: Pumpkin Base

With orange yarn:

Round 1: Chain 4 and join into a ring.

Work 8 sc into the center. (8 sts)

Round 2: Inc in every stitch. (16 sts)

Round 3: (1 sc, inc) repeated 8 times. (24 sts)

The reference shows these three rounds as the pumpkin's circular foundation.

Part B: Pumpkin Body

Continue using orange yarn.

Rounds 4–10: Work 24 sc in each round.

The reference describes this as a short cylindrical section. To give it the rounded pumpkin shape shown in the photograph, lightly stuff it and use the remaining yarn tail to gather the top and bottom.

After Round 10, fasten off with a long tail.

Thread the tail through the final round and pull to close the top, leaving enough space to add stuffing.

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Stuff the pumpkin firmly but not excessively.

Use the yarn needle to pass long stitches from the top to the bottom, dividing the pumpkin into approximately six sections.

Pull each long stitch gently to create the characteristic pumpkin ridges.

Secure the yarn at the bottom.

Part C: Crochet the Stem

Yarn: Dark brown

- 1. Chain 5.**
- 2. Starting in the second chain from the hook, work 1 sc into each chain.**
- 3. Fasten off, leaving a sewing tail.**

Sew the stem to the center of the pumpkin's top.

Part D: Crochet the Green Leaf

Yarn: Green

- 1. Chain 6.**
- 2. Work 1 sc in the second chain from the hook.**
- 3. Work 1 hdc in the next chain.**
- 4. Work 1 dc in the next chain.**
- 5. Work 1 hdc in the next chain.**
- 6. Work 1 sc in the final chain.**
- 7. Chain 1 and turn to work along the opposite side of the foundation chain.**
- 8. Repeat the stitch-height sequence in reverse along the opposite side.**
- 9. Slip stitch into the starting stitch.**
- 10. Fasten off, leaving a tail.**

Sew the green leaf beside the brown stem.

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Part E: Position the Pumpkin

Place the finished pumpkin between the hedgehog's two arms.

Use orange or cream yarn to secure the pumpkin to the arms and body.

Make several discreet stitches behind the pumpkin so it remains firmly attached without changing the appearance of the front.



Step 5: Crochet the Decorative Autumn Leaves

The reference includes two colorful decorative leaves, one red and one golden yellow.

These smaller leaves add contrast and help create a layered autumn arrangement.

Red Autumn Leaf (Make 1)

Yarn: Red

Round 1

- 1. Chain 12.**
- 2. Starting in the second chain from the hook, work the following stitches:**
 - **1 sc**
 - **1 hdc**
 - **1 dc**
 - **1 tr**
 - **1 dc**
 - **1 hdc**
 - **1 sc**
- 3. Slip stitch into the next available chain.**

This creates the first raised section of the leaf.

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Shape the Remaining Points

The reference instructs repeating the leaf-point shaping five times.

To make a practical five-point leaf, work the following sequence for each additional point:

1. Chain 6.
2. Starting in the second chain from the hook, work 1 sc.
3. Work 1 hdc in the next chain.
4. Work 1 dc in the next chain.
5. Work 1 tr in the next chain.
6. Work 1 sc in the final chain.
7. Slip stitch into the central joining area.

Repeat until five pointed sections have been formed.

Adjust the length of the chains slightly to create a natural maple-inspired shape.

Add the Leaf Veins

Use red yarn in a slightly darker shade or a contrasting embroidery thread.

Work a line of surface slip stitches along the center of the leaf.

Add short diagonal embroidered lines toward each point.

This gives the leaf the textured appearance shown in the reference.

Golden Yellow Autumn Leaf (Make 1)

Repeat the red leaf instructions using golden yellow yarn.

For a fuller appearance, add one extra double crochet stitch into the wider sections of the points.

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Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Place the two leaves next to each other to compare their shapes. They do not need to be identical, but their overall size should be similar.



Step 6: Crochet the Miniature Acorns (Make 2)

The small acorns complete the woodland theme.

Each acorn consists of a beige nut and a dark brown cap.

Part A: Crochet the Acorn Nut

Yarn: Beige

Round 1: Make a magic ring and work 6 sc into the ring. (6 sts)

Round 2: Inc in every stitch. (12 sts)

Rounds 3–6: Work 1 sc into each stitch. (12 sts)

Add a small amount of polyester stuffing.

For a rounded bottom, work one final round of six decreases.

Fasten off and close the opening.

The nut should resemble a small oval or rounded teardrop.

Part B: Crochet the Acorn Cap

Yarn: Dark brown

Round 1: Chain 4 and join into a ring.

Work 6 sc into the ring. (6 sts)

Round 2: Inc in every stitch. (12 sts)

Rounds 3–4: Work 1 sc in each stitch. (12 sts)

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Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

The cap should be slightly wider than the top of the beige nut.

Part C: Assemble the Acorn

- 1. Place the dark brown cap over the top of the beige nut.**
- 2. Use the brown yarn tail to sew the cap securely in place.**
- 3. Hide the yarn ends inside the acorn.**
- 4. Repeat to make the second acorn.**

For additional detail, use a yarn needle to create a few short brown stitches around the cap, giving it a textured appearance.



Step 7: Assemble the Complete Autumn Placemat

Now that all the individual pieces are finished, it is time to arrange them on the large crocheted leaf.

The reference places the hedgehog toward the left side of the placemat, leaving a generous area of orange crochet visible on the right.

Position the Main Leaf

Lay the large orange leaf flat with its dark brown border facing upward.

Arrange the points so they spread evenly around the center.

If necessary, use blocking pins to straighten the leaf points.

Allow the leaf to dry completely before attaching the decorations.

Position the Hedgehog

Place the hedgehog slightly left of center.

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Its face should point forward, and the pumpkin should be clearly visible between its arms.

Tilt the body slightly if needed to create the relaxed sitting position shown in the image.

Use cream or dark brown yarn to sew the underside of the hedgehog securely to the placemat.

Make several stitches through the lower body and into the placemat.

Avoid pulling too tightly, as this could distort the leaf.

Add the Decorative Leaves

Position the red autumn leaf near the hedgehog's lower left side.

Place the golden yellow leaf slightly below and toward the center.

Allow the two leaves to overlap naturally.

Sew them down through their centers and along a few of the points.

Leave some edges free to create a three-dimensional effect.

Attach the Acorns

Place the two miniature acorns near the hedgehog's feet.

The reference shows the acorns grouped at the lower left portion of the design.

Sew them securely to the placemat, keeping the brown caps visible.

Final Arrangement Checklist

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Assembly checklist

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The large orange leaf lies flat and its points are evenly arranged.

The dark brown border follows the leaf edges neatly.

The hedgehog is securely attached slightly left of center.

The pumpkin sits naturally between the hedgehog's arms.

The red and yellow leaves are arranged near the hedgehog.

Both acorns are attached near the feet.

All yarn tails are woven in and secured.

✨ Step 8: Finishing, Blocking, and Caring for Your Crochet Project

Proper finishing will make your Crochet Autumn Leaf Placemat with Hedgehog look more polished and help it maintain its shape.

Weave in Loose Ends

Turn the placemat over.

Use a yarn needle to weave each loose yarn tail through several stitches on the wrong side.

Change direction at least once to prevent the ends from slipping out.

Trim any excess yarn carefully.

Block the Large Leaf

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Blocking helps straighten the crochet stitches and define the pointed edges.

- 1. Place the placemat on a clean blocking mat.**
- 2. Lightly mist the leaf with water.**
- 3. Gently stretch the leaf points into the desired shape.**
- 4. Secure the points with rust-resistant pins.**
- 5. Allow the placemat to air-dry completely.**

Avoid soaking the stuffed hedgehog and pumpkin.

Check the Decorative Attachments

Gently lift the hedgehog, pumpkin, leaves, and acorns to make sure each piece is firmly secured.

Reinforce any loose connections with additional stitches.

The finished project is best used as a decorative placemat or table centerpiece rather than underneath hot dishes or dinner plates, since the stuffed elements create an uneven surface.

How to Clean the Finished Project

Hand washing is generally the safest option.

Use cool water and a small amount of gentle detergent.

Avoid twisting or wringing the stuffed pieces.

Press out excess water with a clean towel and reshape the project while damp.

Allow it to dry flat in a well-ventilated area, ensuring the stuffing dries completely.

Storage Tips

Store the placemat flat whenever possible.

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Avoid folding the pointed leaf edges for long periods because creases may become difficult to remove.

Keep the decoration away from excessive moisture and direct sunlight to preserve the yarn colors.

? Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is this crochet autumn leaf placemat suitable for beginners?

The project is best suited to intermediate crocheters because it combines flat crochet, shaped edges, amigurumi, textured stitches, and sewing. However, beginners who already understand chains, single crochet, double crochet, increases, and decreases can work through it one section at a time.

2. What yarn is best for this project?

Medium-weight worsted yarn, category 4, is recommended. Acrylic and cotton blends are practical choices. Cotton gives the placemat a more defined shape, while acrylic can make the stuffed hedgehog softer.

3. Can I make the placemat larger than 32 cm?

Yes. Continue increasing the circular leaf base before creating the points. Additional rounds will make the placemat wider. Keep in mind that you may need to adjust the number and spacing of the leaf points.

4. How do I prevent the leaf from curling?

Check your stitch counts, maintain consistent tension, and ensure increases are distributed evenly. If the fabric curls upward, it may need additional increases. Light blocking can help with minor curling.

5. Can I make the hedgehog without safety eyes?

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Yes. Embroidered eyes are an excellent alternative and are recommended for projects that may be accessible to young children.

6. Why does my pumpkin look cylindrical instead of round?

The pumpkin begins as a cylindrical crocheted piece. Its rounded appearance comes from stuffing, gathering the openings, and pulling long yarn stitches from top to bottom to form the pumpkin's sections.

7. Can I use different colors?

Absolutely. Burnt orange, mustard yellow, olive green, rust red, beige, and chocolate brown all work beautifully for an autumn-themed design.

8. How long does this crochet project take?

Depending on your experience, the complete project may take approximately 8–15 hours. The large leaf and the textured hedgehog are usually the most time-consuming parts.

9. Can I use this design as a wall hanging?

Yes. Attach a small hanging loop to the back of the leaf and add a lightweight support if needed. Make sure the hedgehog and other decorations are securely attached before hanging.

10. Can I make the hedgehog separately?

Yes. The hedgehog can be used as a standalone autumn decoration, provided its body is properly closed and all accessories are securely attached.

 **Conclusion: Enjoy Your Handmade Autumn Crochet Decoration**

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The Crochet Autumn Leaf Placemat with Hedgehog brings together several enjoyable crochet techniques in one charming seasonal project. From the broad orange leaf and dark brown border to the adorable hedgehog holding its pumpkin, every detail contributes to a warm woodland-inspired design.

By following the instructions in order, you can create the main placemat, crochet the hedgehog and its textured spikes, make the miniature pumpkin, add colorful autumn leaves, and finish with two tiny acorns.

The result is a beautiful handmade autumn decoration that can brighten a dining table, decorate a sideboard, or become a thoughtful gift for someone who loves crochet and fall-inspired crafts.

Happy crocheting! 🧶🍂🦔