

LEAVES FOR TREE OF LIFE

Thank you for being part of this venture, the leaves will form part of our new banner in church and we would like it to represent our church family so, a leaf for everyone. If you want to do more than one that would be lovely, there will be some people unable to make one.

Once you have completed your leaf (or leaves!) please drop them into the box either in church or the Café. Any questions please speak to Liz in the office.

MATERIAL/FELT LEAF

Please use one of the templates or make your own, but no bigger than 5" please. You can use any material, in any leaf colour. You can embroider, add sequins, buttons, anything!

Please do not make anything out of paper.

LARGE LEAF

Needle size 3.75 mm or No 9
4mm or No 8 are also suitable

Yarn. Double knitting wool is good if it is not too thick and heavy
Colour. Any shade of green or even autumn shades.

Stocking stitch is used in the example but garter stitch is also fine.i.e. Knit every row.
Abbreviations: K knit; yf yarn forward; p purl; st stitch; sl1. Slip 1; pssso. Pass the slip stitch over, k2tog. Knit 2 together

METHOD

Cast on 5 stitches.

Next row Purl. (Wrong side) Every other row knit purlwise to give stocking stitch.

Row 1. (Right side)

2. K2, yf,k1, yf, k2. 7 st

3. K3, yf, k1, yf, k3. 9 st

5. K4, yf, k1, yf k4 11st

7. K5, yf, k1, yf k5. 13st

9. K6. yf, k1, yf, k6. 15 st

11. K7. yf. k1, yf, k7. 17 st

13. K8. yf k1. yf, k8. 19 st

15. K9. yf. k1. yf. k9. 21st

17. K10, yf. k1. yf k10. 23st

19. K11, yf. k1. yf k11. 25 st

Row 21 knit

Row. 22 purl

Row. 23 slip1 k1 pssso, knit to last 2 stitches,k2 tog. 23 st

24 Purl

25. As row 23. 21 st

Repeat each row as 23 and 24 decreasing 2 stitches on each knit row till 3 stitches remain
Next row slip1,k 2 tog, pass slip st over and fasten off by putting cut yarn through final stitch.

Pin out the leaf with the wrong side facing towards you, press over a damp cloth with an iron or simply leave it to dry so that the knitting will keep its shape.

SMALL LEAF

CAST ON 3 stitches

Next row Purl

Row. 3 k1, yf, k1, yf, k1. 5 st

Row 5. k2, yf, k1, yf. k2. 7 st

Continue increase on every knit row till 15 stitches are on the needle

Next row knit

Next row purl

Begin decrease as on the large leaf Row 23 and finish leaf when 3 stitches remain as on the large leaf.

Finish by pressing as with the large leaf.

Different sizes can be knitted by increasing as much as you wish up to a maximum of 25 stitches on the needle which is the largest required for the banner.

Yf. Bringing the yarn to the front on the right hand needle and then knitting into the next stitch will produce the increase and also give a gap on each side of the central stitch which creates a stalk as shown in the example

You can of course use your own pattern for knitting the leaves but please do not make them any bigger than 5 inches.

