

Shamrock

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For St. Patrick's Day, I designed a small shamrock to use as a decoration on hair clips for my daughter. I used bright green crochet thread, a really tiny crochet hook, and plastic barrettes bought at my local craft store.

Overall the shamrocks are easy to make, and very quick. I chose to make mine quite small so they'd fit onto the child-sized barrettes, but you also could use this pattern to make a larger shamrock by substituting a heavier weight yarn and using a larger hook appropriate for your chosen yarn.

YARN

1 ball Aunt Lydia's Crochet Thread Classic 10 (100% mercerized cotton; 350 yds) in Kerry Green.

HOOKS & NOTIONS

Size 7 (1.5 mm) steel hook.
Darning needle to finish.
2 plastic barrettes (if making hair clips).

GAUGE

Not critical.

FINISHED SIZE

Shamrock: approx 1.25" wide and 1" tall; stem adds approx 0.75" to overall height.



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INSTRUCTIONS

Note: These instructions are for making one shamrock. Rep to make as many shamrocks as desired.

Make Shamrock

Leaving a 6" tail, ch 5, join with ss into a ring.

Row 1 (RS): ch 3, 4 dc in ring (5 sts).

Row 2: ch 4, 3-st dc dec in next 3 sts, ch 4, ss in top ch of Row 1 ch 3.

For 1st and 2nd leaves: ss into bottom ch of Row 1 ch 3, then ss into ring and rep Rows 1 and 2 to make another leaf next to the one just finished.

For 3rd leaf only: ss into bottom ch of Row 1 ch 3; then, if necessary, ss across back of shamrock to reach the 6" tail left from beginning the shamrock.

Make Stem

With working thread and tail held together, ch for 0.75" to create stem.

FINISHING

Cut thread leaving 4" tail. Secure and weave in ends. If making hair clips, attach shamrocks to barrettes using needle and thread.



ABBREVIATIONS

approx approximately
ch chain
dc double crochet
dec decrease

mm millimeter(s)
rep repeat
RS right side
ss slip stitch

st(s) stitch(es)
yd(s) yard(s)



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