

Rose Leaf. First Variation.

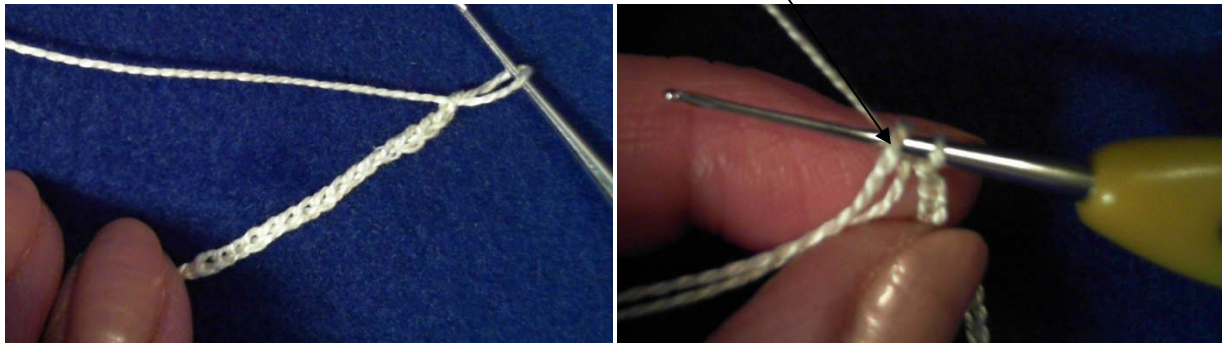


Materials: thread for the packing cord – DMC Perle Cotton #5(of Aunt Lydia's #10). Cut 48 inches long, fold in half.

For working thread (thread you will crochet with): DMC Perle Cotton #8 (or#12)

Crochet hook - #0.75mm

Ch17; pick up packing cord; place it over the hook



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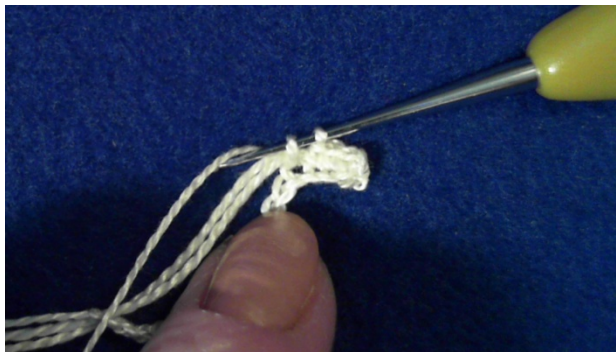
Grab thread and pull it through both packing cord and a stitch on a chain; sl st.



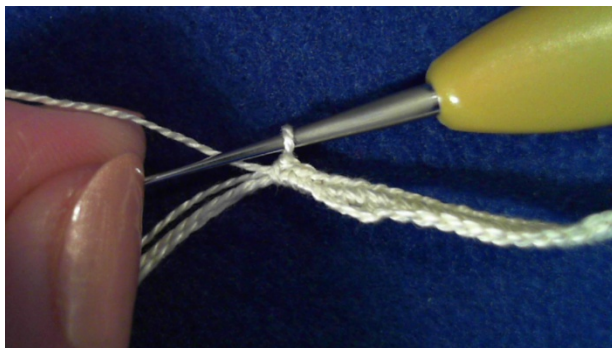
Important:

From now on you will crochet over the packing cord (also known as foundation cord) all the way to the end of your work. Make sure to adjust packing cord after 4-6 sts, to make sure that packing cord cannot be seen through the working thread.

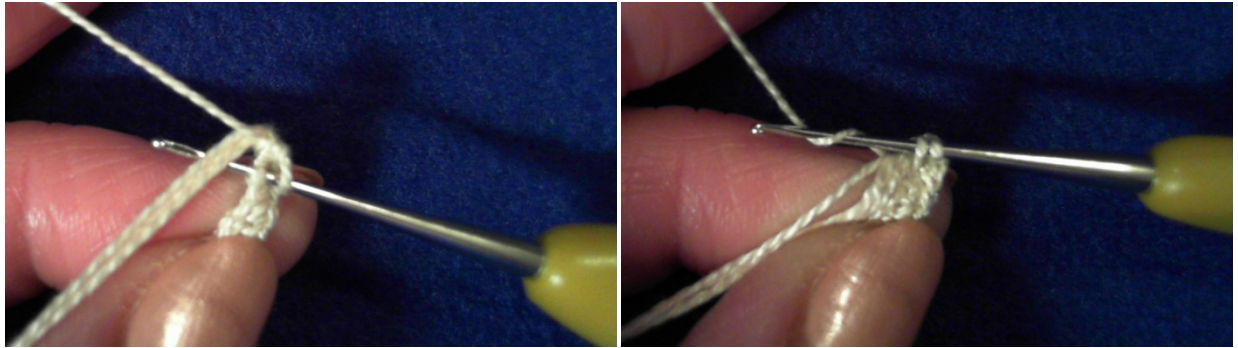
Step 1: crochet over the p/c (packing cord) sc sts, every time insert hook into each st of a chain. Crochet to the end of a chain.



After the last st crochet 3sc over the p/c only; ch1.



1sc st into the last st again;



Crochet on the other side of a chain. Crochet sc sts until 3 – 4 stitches are left. .



1sc over the p/c only; ch1; turn work.



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Step 2: crochet over the p/c until the base of the leaf, where you crocheted only



There are three sts.

Crochet 1sc into first st;



3sc sts only over the p/c;



Skip 1 st; crochet sc st into the next st,



and continue sc sts until 3 – 4 sts are left. Sc over the p/c; ch1. Turn.

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Repeat Step 2 up to 6 times if needed. Watch the video tutorial.

After the last st over the p/c, cut working thread; and sew around p/c 1 cm. Cut the rest of the packing cord.



Weave in working thread on the back of the work. Make sure to pull the last stitch closer to the side of the leaf



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Weave in enough of thread that it will not come out.



I never make this leaf the same. All my leaves are different. You can crochet them smaller or bigger for your project, or you can crochet them all alike. To make leaves different sizes change the number of stitches for a starting chain.

For example, if you need to make leaves for a grape vine (one of our projects), for one leaf ch17, and for the other two only ch15.



Sew leaves together in a shape as you see on the picture above.

You can be creative about combining three leaves. They can be attached by the edges, as you see it on the picture above, or overlap a little as on the picture on the next page.

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Here big leaf slightly overlaps with small leaves, and you can also decorate the this motif with the button



Here you can see motif on the back, how leaves overlap.



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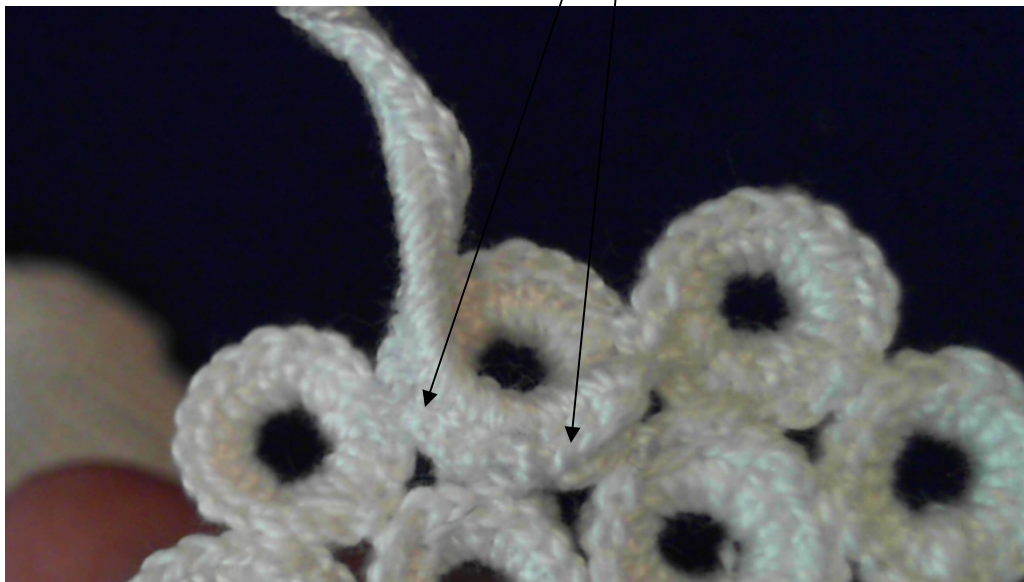
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Crochet cord (sc sts over the packing cord, as long as you need), and sew the end of the packing cord to the edge of the leaf.



The other end of the cord sew to the grapes cluster.



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You can find a lot of vine leaves constructed with 5 leaves. On the picture below there are one leaf made with starting chain of 17 stitches; two leaves with ch15, and the next two (smallest leaves) – ch12.



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