

# 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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