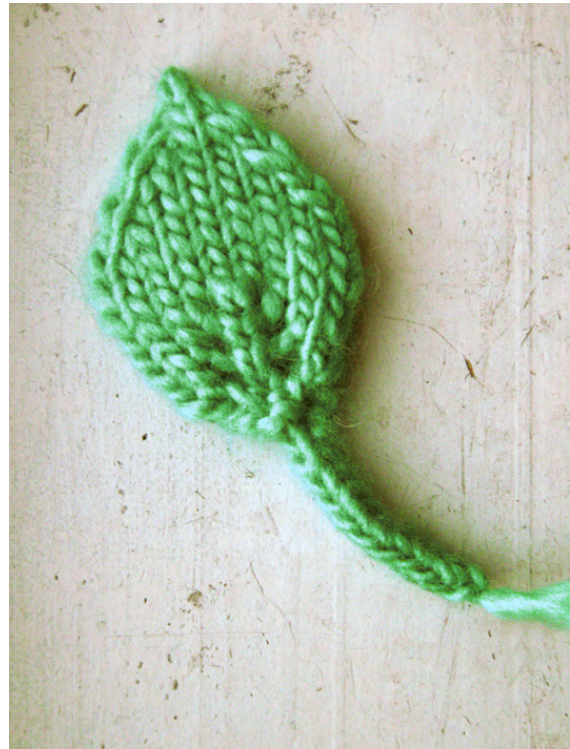


## Just a leaf by Hinke

One day i needed an ornament for a gift wrap and knitted a leaf for it, inspired by Julie Weisenberg's beautiful *Knitted Wreath* (<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/knitted-wreath/> or <http://www.cocoknits.com/knit/interiors/knittedwreath.html>).

This leaf is knitted in the round on 3 needles, and the stem is made in I-cord.

You might as well use it as a Christmas tree ornament, with a longer I-cord and a second leaf added to the other side it makes a lovely cord to wrap around a gift, or add it to the top of a hat - I imagine it even make as a branch existing out of a long I-cord with leaves sprouting out on numerous sides.



## Pattern notes

### Gauge, yarn and needles

Gauge is not crucial, just choose your needles to match your yarn the way you want it -bigger yarn/needles gives a bigger leave, thin yarn with big needles gives an airy leaf, etcetera. In any case you'll need 3 dpn's in the size of your choice.

### Stitches

K: knit

P: purl

Yo: yarn over

Ssk: slip slip knit

K2tog: knit 2 together

I-cord: see <http://www.stitchdiva.com/custom.aspx?id=196>

Cable cast on: see <http://www.knittingonthenet.com/learn/cablecaston.htm>

## Directions

### Stem

The stem is made in I-cord (see *stitches*) as follows:

Cast on 3 stitches on one of the dpn's, and make an I-cord as long as you want it to be.

When you're at the last row, add 3 extra stitches by using the *cable cast on* method (see *stitches*). You'll have 6 sts now.

Divide these 6 sts on 2 needles, 3 sts on each one.

## Leaf

The leaf is knitted in the round sitting on the 2 needles. This may be a little tricky at first but it works.

Round 1: On the first needle k1, yo, k1, yo, k1 - repeat this for second needle. (5 sts on each needle).

Round 2: knit all stitches

Round 3: k2, yo, k1, yo, k2 on first needle. Repeat this for 2<sup>nd</sup> needle. (7 sts on each needle).

Round 4: knit all sts

Round 5: k3, yo, k1, yo, k3. Repeat for 2<sup>nd</sup> needle. (9 sts on each needle)

Round 6-9: knit all sts

Round 10: ssk, k5, k2tog both needles. (7 sts on each needle).

Round 11: knit all sts

Round 12: \*ssk, k3, k2tog\* on both needles. (5 sts on each needle)

Round 13: knit all sts

Round 14: ssk, k1, k2tog (3 sts on each needle)

Round 15: knit all sts

Round 16: slip 2 sts together knit-wise, k1, pass 2 slipped sts over - repeat for 2<sup>nd</sup> needle.

Break off yarn and pull through remaining 2 stitches. Weave in ends to the inside of the leaf and stem.

**There's your leaf!**

