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Sleeping Puppy Doily with Four-Leaf Clover

A Complete Step-by-Step Crochet Tutorial Based on the Diagram

This tutorial is written in standard U.S. crochet terminology and follows the structure, stitch symbols, shaping, and construction shown in the diagram as closely as possible. The design combines a sleeping puppy appliqué inside a decorative circular doily with a four-leaf clover centerpiece and a scalloped lace border.

Skill Level: Intermediate to Advanced

Finished Size: Approximately 14–18 inches (35–46 cm), depending on yarn and hook used.

Materials

- Size 10 crochet thread (recommended for a classic doily look)
- 1.50 mm–1.75 mm steel crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Small scissors
- Stitch markers (optional)

Suggested Colors

- Cream or white for the doily background
- Light brown for the puppy
- Medium brown for ear shading and clover
- Dark brown for facial embroidery

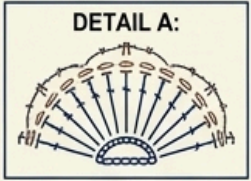
Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- dtr = double treble crochet
- cl = cluster stitch
- st = stitch
- sp = space
- rnd = round

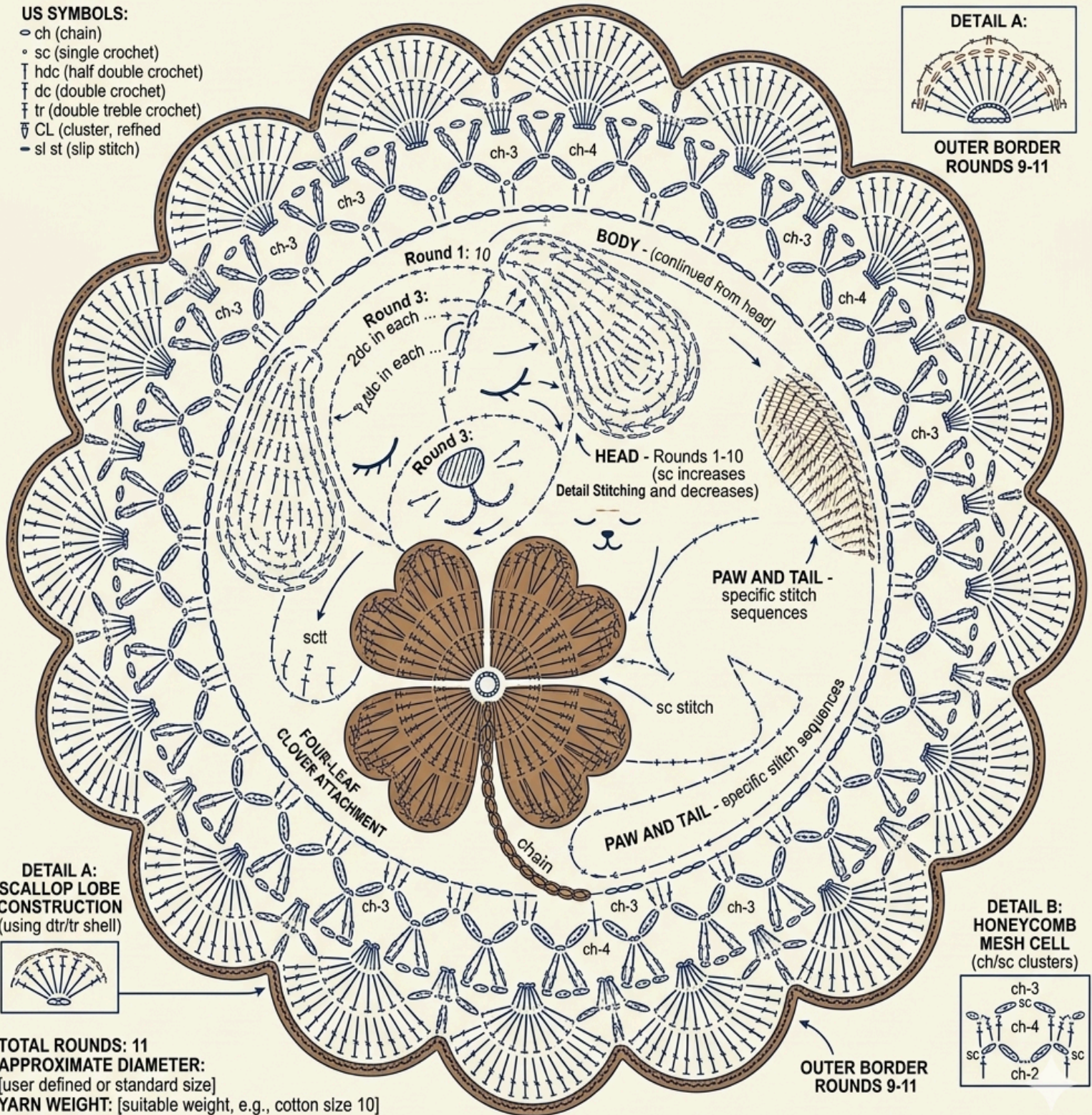
COMPLETE TECHNICAL CROCHET DIAGRAM: SLEEPING PUPPY DOILY WITH FOUR-LEAF CLOVER

US SYMBOLS:

- ch (chain)
- sc (single crochet)
- ⌣ hdc (half double crochet)
- ⌣ dc (double crochet)
- ⌣ tr (double treble crochet)
- ⌣ CL (cluster, reffed)
- sl st (slip stitch)



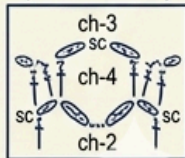
DETAIL A:
OUTER BORDER
ROUNDS 9-11



DETAIL A:
SCALLOP LOBE
CONSTRUCTION
(using dtr/tr shell)



DETAIL B:
HONEYCOMB
MESH CELL
(ch/sc clusters)



TOTAL ROUNDS: 11
APPROXIMATE DIAMETER:
 [user defined or standard size]
YARN WEIGHT: [suitable weight, e.g., cotton size 10]
HOOK SIZE: [suitable hook]

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Understanding the Construction

The project consists of three major sections:

1. Four-leaf clover center
2. Sleeping puppy motif
3. Circular lace doily border

The clover is crocheted first and attached to the center area. The puppy is then worked around and above the clover. Finally, the decorative lace rounds expand outward to create the finished doily.

Four-Leaf Clover Center

The diagram shows four identical heart-shaped petals joined around a center ring.

Clover Center Ring

Ch 6.

Join with a sl st to form a ring.

Rnd 1:

Work 12 sc into the ring.

Join with sl st.

Clover Petal 1

Ch 3.

Work:

- 7 dc
- 4 tr
- 7 dc

into the next 6 stitches.

Ch 1 and sl st into center ring.

This forms one heart-shaped petal.

Clover Petals 2–4

Repeat the petal sequence three more times around the center ring.

You now have four evenly spaced petals.

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Clover Stem

Join yarn at the bottom center.

Ch 25–35 depending on desired stem length.

Work sl st back into each chain.

Fasten off.

Set the clover aside.

Puppy Head 🐶

The diagram identifies the head as "Rounds 1–10 (sc increases and decreases)."

Round 1

Magic Ring.

Work 10 sc into ring.

Pull closed.

Join.

(10 sts)

Round 2

2 sc in each stitch around.

(20 sts)

Round 3

Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st.

Repeat around.

(30 sts)

Round 4

Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st.

Repeat around.

(40 sts)

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Round 5

Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st.

Repeat around.

(50 sts)

Round 6

Sc evenly around.

Round 7

Sc evenly around.

Round 8

Sc 8, sc2tog.

Repeat around.

Round 9

Sc evenly around.

Round 10

Sc 6, sc2tog.

Repeat around.

Fasten off leaving a long tail.

Lightly flatten the circle to create the sleeping face shape shown in the diagram.

Puppy Ears

The diagram shows two long floppy ears made separately.

Ear Foundation

Ch 18.

Row 1

Sc in second chain from hook.

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Sc across.

Turn.

Row 2

Ch 1.

2 sc in first stitch.

Sc across until last stitch.

2 sc in last stitch.

Turn.

Row 3

Repeat Row 2.

Rows 4–10

Continue increasing at both ends every row.

The ear should become a wide oval.

Ear Shaping

Work one round of sc evenly around the entire ear.

Fasten off.

Make two ears.

Ear Placement

Attach:

- One ear to upper left side of head
- One ear to upper right side

Position them folded inward exactly as shown in the diagram.

Puppy Face Details

Using embroidery thread:

Closed Eyes

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Embroider curved eyelashes.

Place eyes approximately one-third down from the top of the head.

Nose

Create a small oval nose using satin stitches.

Mouth

Embroider a short downward "Y" shape beneath the nose.

Cheeks

Optional:

Lightly add blush using fabric-safe coloring.

Puppy Body

The diagram indicates the body continues from the head using chain spaces and increases.

Foundation

Join yarn at lower edge of head.

Ch 40.

Join into a large oval.

Body Round 1

Work sc around.

Increase evenly at each curve.

Body Round 2

Work dc around.

Increase at both ends.

Body Round 3

Work dc around.

Body Round 4

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Alternate:

- 5 dc
- increase

around.

Body Round 5

Work evenly.

The body should resemble an oval sleeping shape.

Front Paw

The diagram shows one front paw resting near the clover.

Paw

Magic Ring.

8 sc into ring.

Rnd 2:

2 sc in each stitch.

Rnd 3:

Sc evenly around.

Flatten slightly.

Attach beneath the head.

Back Paw

Create another small oval.

Foundation

Ch 8.

Work around both sides of chain.

Increase at each end.

Complete 3 rounds of sc.

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Attach at rear body section.

Tail

The tail shown is small and curved.

Tail

Ch 10.

Work sl st back down the chain.

Attach to back of body.

Curve naturally before sewing.

Joining Clover and Puppy

Position the clover beneath the puppy's paws.

The stem should extend downward.

Secure carefully with invisible stitches.

The puppy should appear to be sleeping while hugging the clover.

Lace Transition Round

The diagram shows a circular chain round surrounding the puppy.

Join cream yarn.

Work evenly around the entire assembled center.

Transition Round

Ch 3, skip 1 stitch, sc in next stitch.

Repeat around.

Join.

This creates the foundation chain ring shown around the puppy.

Decorative Honeycomb Round

The diagram labels this area as "Honeycomb Mesh Cell."

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Round 7

Sc in chain space.

Ch 3.

Sc in next chain space.

Ch 4.

Sc in next chain space.

Ch 3.

Repeat around.

Join.

Round 8

Work clusters and chain spaces into each mesh opening:

Sc, ch 3, cl, ch 3, sc.

Repeat around.

Join.

This creates the honeycomb effect seen in the diagram.

Fan Lace Round

The next section contains large fan motifs.

Round 9

Into each large chain space:

- 9 dc fan
- ch 3

Repeat around.

Join.

Scallop Construction

The diagram specifically identifies scallop lobes formed with dtr/tr shell stitches.

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Round 10

Into each fan:

- sc
- ch 2
- 11 tr
- ch 2
- sc

Repeat around.

The border begins forming large rounded petals.

Outer Border Round

Round 11

Into every scallop:

- 13 dtr
- sc between scallops

Repeat around entire doily.

This creates the large decorative edge shown in the diagram.

Border Finishing

Work one final round:

- sc evenly across each scallop
- sl st between scallops

Fasten off.

Weave in all ends.

Blocking the Doily

This step is extremely important.

Wet Blocking

1. Soak the finished piece in lukewarm water.
2. Remove excess moisture.
3. Lay flat on blocking mats.

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4. Pin every scallop point evenly.
5. Shape the puppy, ears, and clover carefully.
6. Allow to dry completely.

Proper blocking opens the lace and gives the doily its professional appearance.

Final Check

Your finished piece should include:

- A sleeping puppy with embroidered face
- Two floppy ears
- Four-leaf clover with stem
- Circular honeycomb lace section
- Fan lace round
- Large scalloped outer border
- Approximately 11 total rounds in the doily framework