

Sleeping Cat Autumn Doily Tutorial

This charming crochet doily features a sleeping kitten surrounded by autumn leaves, acorns, and a scalloped lace border. The design combines tapestry crochet, appliqué work, and decorative lace rounds to create a cozy fall-themed centerpiece. The finished piece is perfect for seasonal home décor, table displays, nursery decoration, or gifts for cat lovers.

CROCHET SLEEPING CAT COASTER

Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial



FINISHED SIZE

Approx. 15 cm (6 in) diameter
Thickness: ~0.5 cm (0.2 in)



MATERIALS

- Sport / DK weight yarn (100% cotton recommended)
- Colors:
 - Cat (Brown): ~15 g
 - Cat (Cream/Beige): ~15 g
 - Leaves (Dark Green): ~5 g
 - Leaves (Light Green): ~5 g
 - Leaf (Mustard/Olive): ~5 g
 - Acorns (Brown): ~5 g
 - Acorn Caps (Tan): ~3 g
 - Pinecone (Brown): ~3 g
 - Base (White): ~25 g
- 2.5 mm (US C/2) crochet hook (or size needed to obtain gauge)
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers (optional)
- Blocking mat (optional)

YARN & COLORS GUIDE



GAUGE (TENSION)

24 sc x 24 rows = 10 cm x 10 cm (4 in x 4 in)

Gauge is not critical, but consistent tension will ensure proper size and shape.



ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

ch = chain
sl st = slip stitch
sc = single crochet
hdc = half double crochet
dc = double crochet
tr = treble crochet
inc = increase (2 sc in next st)
dec = decrease (invisible sc dec)
st(s) = stitch(es)
FO = fasten off

MAIN STITCHES USED

× sc (single crochet)
× inc (increase)
× dec (invisible decrease)
× sl st (slip stitch)
× hdc (half double crochet)
× dc (double crochet)
× tr (treble crochet)

TOOLS

2.5 mm crochet hook
Tapestry needle
Scissors
Stitch markers
Blocking mat (optional)

WHAT IS THIS?

This is a coaster / trivet made with a crocheted base, appliquéd cat, and decorative leaves, acorns, and pinecone.



STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL

1 BASE (WHITE)

R1: Magic ring, 6 sc. (6)
R2: inc in each st around. (12)
R3: (sc, inc) x 6. (18)
R4: (2 sc, inc) x 6. (24)
R5: (3 sc, inc) x 6. (30)
R6: (4 sc, inc) x 6. (36)
R7: (5 sc, inc) x 6. (42)
R8: (6 sc, inc) x 6. (48)
R9: (7 sc, inc) x 6. (54)
R10: (8 sc, inc) x 6. (60)
Fasten off.

Scalloped Edge:
Join yarn to any st.
(sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc, sl st) in same st (shell made).
Skip next st, sl st in next st.
Repeat all around.
Fasten off and weave in ends.



2 CAT (Make 2 pieces for applique)

HEAD (Brown & Cream)
R1: With brown, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. (6)
R2: inc around. (12)
R3: (sc, inc) x 6. (18)
R4: (2 sc, inc) x 6. (24)
R5: (3 sc, inc) x 6. (30)
Change to cream.
R6-R8: sc around. (30)
Fasten off.

BODY (Brown & Cream)
R1: With brown, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch. (6)
R2: inc around. (12)
R3: (sc, inc) x 6. (18)
R4: (2 sc, inc) x 6. (24)
R5: (3 sc, inc) x 6. (30)
R6-R8: sc around. (30)
Change to cream for belly
R9: sc around. (30)
R10: (3 sc, dec) x 6. (24)
R11: (2 sc, dec) x 6. (18)
R12: (sc, dec) x 6. (12)
Fasten off, leave long tail for sewing.



3 EARS (Make 2)

With brown:
R1: Magic ring, 3 sc. (3)
R2: inc, sc, inc. (5)
Change to cream.
R3: sc around.
Fasten off, leave tail.

With brown:
Ch 12.
R1: starting in 2nd ch from hook, sc 10.
Change to cream.
R2: sc 4.
Fasten off.



ASSEMBLE THE CAT

- Sew ears to the back top of the head.
- Embroider face:
 - Eyes: backstitch (sleeping eyes)
 - Nose & mouth: backstitch
 - Whiskers: straight stitches
- Sew head to body.
- Sew tail to the side of the body.
- Sew paws to the front.



6 LEAVES (Make as shown)

DARK GREEN LEAF (x2)
Ch 10.
R1: starting in 2nd ch, sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc, sl st.
Fasten off.

LIGHT GREEN LEAF (x2)
Ch 8.
R1: starting in 2nd ch, sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc, sl st.
Fasten off.

MUSTARD LEAF (x1)
Ch 10.
R1: starting in 2nd ch, sc, hdc, dc, 2 dc, dc, hdc, sc, sl st.
Fasten off.



7 ACORNS (Make 2)

NUT (Brown)
R1: Magic ring, 6 sc. (6)
R2: (sc, inc) x 3. (9)
R3-R4: sc around.
Fasten off.

CAP (Tan)
R1: Magic ring, 6 sc. (6)
R2: sc around.
Leave long tail.
Sew cap on top of nut.



8 PINECONE (Make 1)

R1: Magic ring, 6 sc. (6)
R2: inc around. (12)
R3: (sc, inc) x 6. (18)
R4: BL.O. sc around.
R5: (sc, dec) x 6. (12)
R6: dec around. (6)
Pull tight, fasten off.
Fluff the "scales" with fingers.



9 ARRANGE & SEW EVERYTHING

- Arrange all pieces on the base as in the photo.
- Pin or baste pieces in place.
- Sew all pieces securely to the base.
- Weave in all ends.



PLACEMENT GUIDE (Top View)



BLOCKING (Optional)

Lightly steam or wet block the coaster to even out the stitches and scallops. Let it dry completely.



CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Wash: Cold water, gentle
Dry: Flat to dry
Do not bleach
Do not iron directly on crochet.

TIPS

- Use stitch markers to keep track of rounds.
- Keep tension even.
- Cotton yarn gives the best shape and durability.
- This pattern can be used as a coaster, trivet, or wall decor!

CROCHET STITCH GUIDE (US TERMS)

Magic Ring
Make a loop, insert hook, pull up a loop, ch 1, then work sc into ring.



Single Crochet (sc)
Insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through both loops.



Increase (inc)
2 sc in the same stitch.



Invisible Decrease (dec)
Insert hook in front loops of next 2 sts, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through both loops.



Half Double Crochet (hdc)
Yarn over, insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops.



Double Crochet (dc)
Yarn over, insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops, yarn over, pull through remaining 2 loops.



Treble Crochet (tr)
Yarn over twice, insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops, pull through 2 loops 3 times.



Slip Stitch (sl st)
Insert hook, pull up a loop, pull through both loops.



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Finished Size: Approximately 15–17 inches (38–43 cm) in diameter

Skill Level: Intermediate to Advanced

Materials Needed

Yarn Colors

- Cream or Ivory (main doily)
- Light Beige (cat body)
- Brown (cat patches and outlines)
- Dark Brown (nose and details)
- Light Green (small leaves)
- Olive Green (large leaves)
- Golden Yellow (autumn leaves)
- Tan and Brown (acorns)
- Black (whiskers and facial embroidery)

Hook

- 3.5 mm crochet hook

Additional Supplies

- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers
- Blocking board
- Black embroidery thread

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- st = stitch
- sp = space

Step 1: Crochet the Center Circle

Using cream yarn.

Round 1

MR.

Work 12 dc into the ring.

Join with sl st.

Round 2

Ch 2.

2 dc in each stitch around.

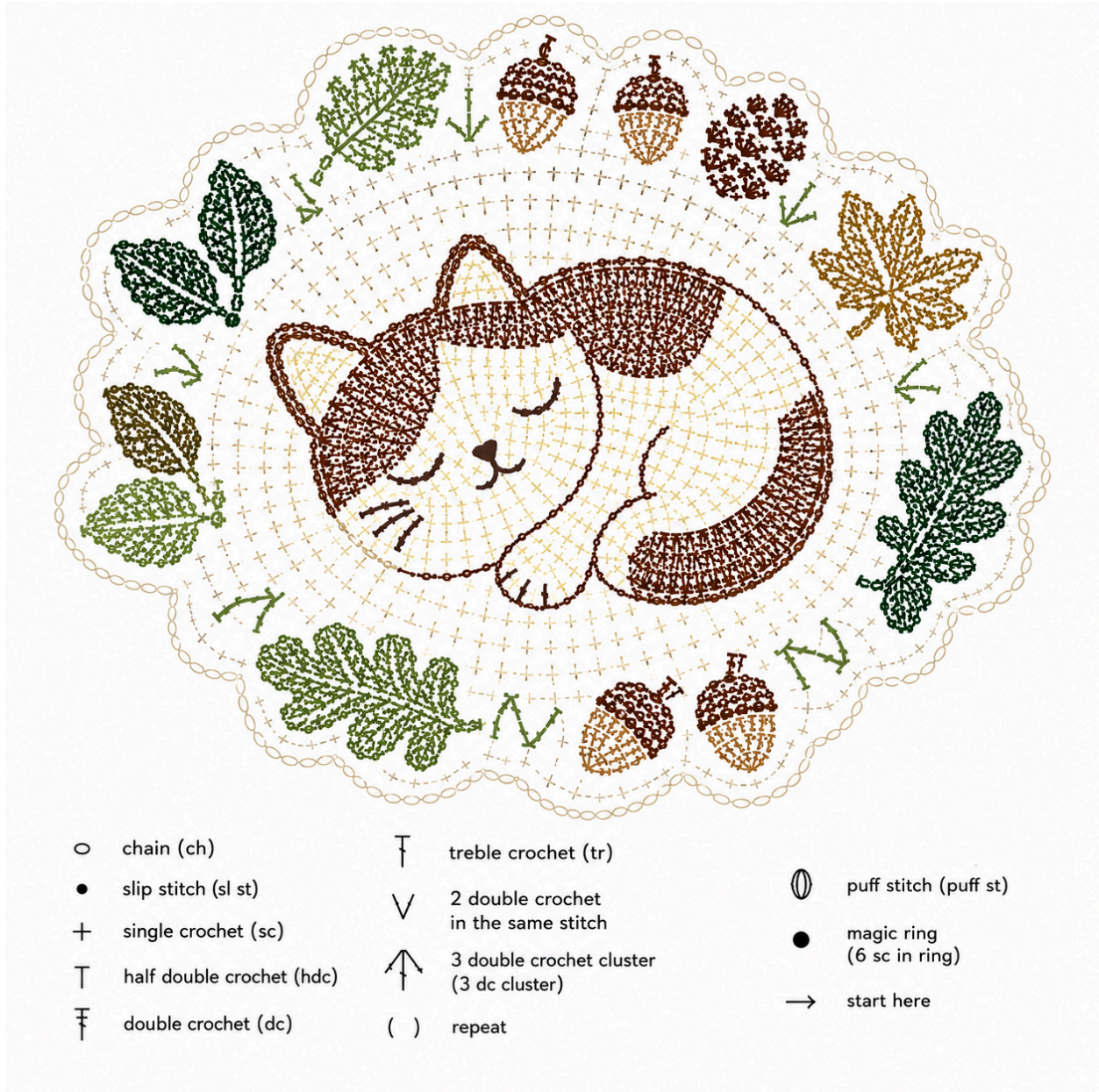
24 dc.

Round 3

1 dc, inc.

Repeat around.

36 dc.



Round 4

2 dc, inc.

Repeat around.

48 dc.

Round 5

3 dc, inc.

Repeat around.

60 dc.

Round 6

4 dc, inc.

Repeat around.

72 dc.

Continue increasing until the center circle measures approximately:

- 8 inches (20 cm)

This forms the background behind the sleeping cat.

Step 2: Create the Decorative Lace Ring

Attach cream yarn.

Round 7

Ch 5, skip 2 stitches, sc in next stitch.

Repeat around.

Round 8

Into each chain space work:

- Sc
- Hdc
- 3 dc
- Hdc
- Sc

Repeat around.

This creates the first lace texture around the center.

Step 3: Crochet the Sleeping Cat Body

Using light beige yarn.

Foundation

Chain 26.

Row 1

Sc in second chain from hook.

Sc across.

Rows 2–20

Sc across.

Shape gradually by decreasing slightly at the neck area and increasing slightly at the back.

The finished body should resemble a curled sleeping cat.

Approximate measurements:

- Length: 6 inches (15 cm)
- Height: 3½ inches (9 cm)

Step 4: Create the Cat Head

Using beige yarn.

Round 1

MR, 6 sc.

Round 2

Increase around.

12 sc.

Round 3

1 sc, *inc.*

18 sc.

Round 4

2 sc, *inc.*

24 sc.

Round 5

3 sc, *inc.*

30 sc.

Round 6

4 sc, *inc.*

36 sc.

Rounds 7–9

Sc around.

Flatten slightly.

The head should measure approximately:

- 3 inches (7.5 cm)

Step 5: Create the Ears

Using beige yarn.

Make 2.

Row 1

Ch 5.

Sc across.

Row 2

Decrease at both ends.

Row 3

Decrease again.

Fasten off.

Attach to the head.

Step 6: Add Cat Patches

Using brown yarn.

Create irregular patches.

Patch Pattern

MR.

6 sc.

Round 2:

Increase around.

12 sc.

Work several rows while shaping unevenly.

Create:

- One head patch
- One body patch
- One tail patch

Sew onto the cat.

Step 7: Embroider the Face

Using dark brown embroidery thread.

Eyes

Create two gently curved sleeping eyes.

Nose

Embroider a tiny triangle.

Mouth

Add a simple curved smile.

Whiskers

Create three whiskers on each side.

Step 8: Create the Tail

Using beige yarn.

Chain 20.

Work sc back across chain.

Shape into a gentle curve.

Attach to the body.

Step 9: Attach the Cat

Center the cat on the doily.

Position slightly above the middle.

Sew securely.

The cat should appear peacefully curled up sleeping.

Step 10: Crochet the Autumn Leaves

Large Maple Leaf

Using olive green or golden yellow yarn.

Ch 14.

Work along both sides of chain creating pointed lobes with:

- Sc
- Hdc
- Dc
- Tr

Create 4–5 points.

Make:

- 4 large leaves

Finished size:

- 3 inches (7.5 cm)

Small Leaves

Using green yarn.

Ch 8.

Work:

Sc

Hdc

Dc

Hdc

Sc

around chain.

Make:

- 6 small leaves

Finished size:

- 1½ inches (4 cm)

Step 11: Crochet the Acorns

Using tan yarn.

Acorn Bottom

MR.

8 sc.

Round 2:

Increase around.

16 sc.

Round 3:

Sc around.

Acorn Cap

Using brown yarn.

MR.

12 dc.

Attach over top of acorn.

Make 4 acorns.

Finished size:

- 1½ inches (4 cm)

Step 12: Arrange Autumn Decorations

Position leaves and acorns evenly around the outer section of the doily.

Alternate:

- Leaf
- Acorn
- Leaf
- Acorn

Maintain balanced spacing.

Sew securely.

Step 13: Create the Outer Scalloped Border

Using cream yarn.

Border Round

Skip 2 stitches, 9 dc in next stitch, skip 2 stitches, sc in next stitch.

Repeat around.

This creates the large scallops visible around the outer edge.

Step 14: Final Decorative Round

Work slip stitches around each scallop.

This sharpens the border and creates a finished appearance.

Step 15: Blocking and Finishing

Weave in all yarn ends.

Pin:

- Every scallop
- Each leaf point
- Acorn positions

Shape the cat gently.

Steam block lightly.

Allow to dry completely.

Finished Measurements

Your completed **Sleeping Cat Autumn Doily** should measure approximately:

- Diameter: 15–17 inches (38–43 cm)

The finished design features a sleeping kitten surrounded by autumn leaves and acorns, framed by a delicate scalloped lace border that captures the warmth and coziness of the fall season.