

Moon Crochet Rug – Detailed Beginner Pattern



Materials

- Worsted weight cotton yarn in:
 - Main color (moon)
 - Contrast color (cheeks and border – optional)
 - Black (eye embroidery)
 - Pink (mouth embroidery – optional)
 - Crochet hook: 3.5 mm (E/4) or size needed
 - Yarn needle
 - Scissors
 - Stitch marker (optional)
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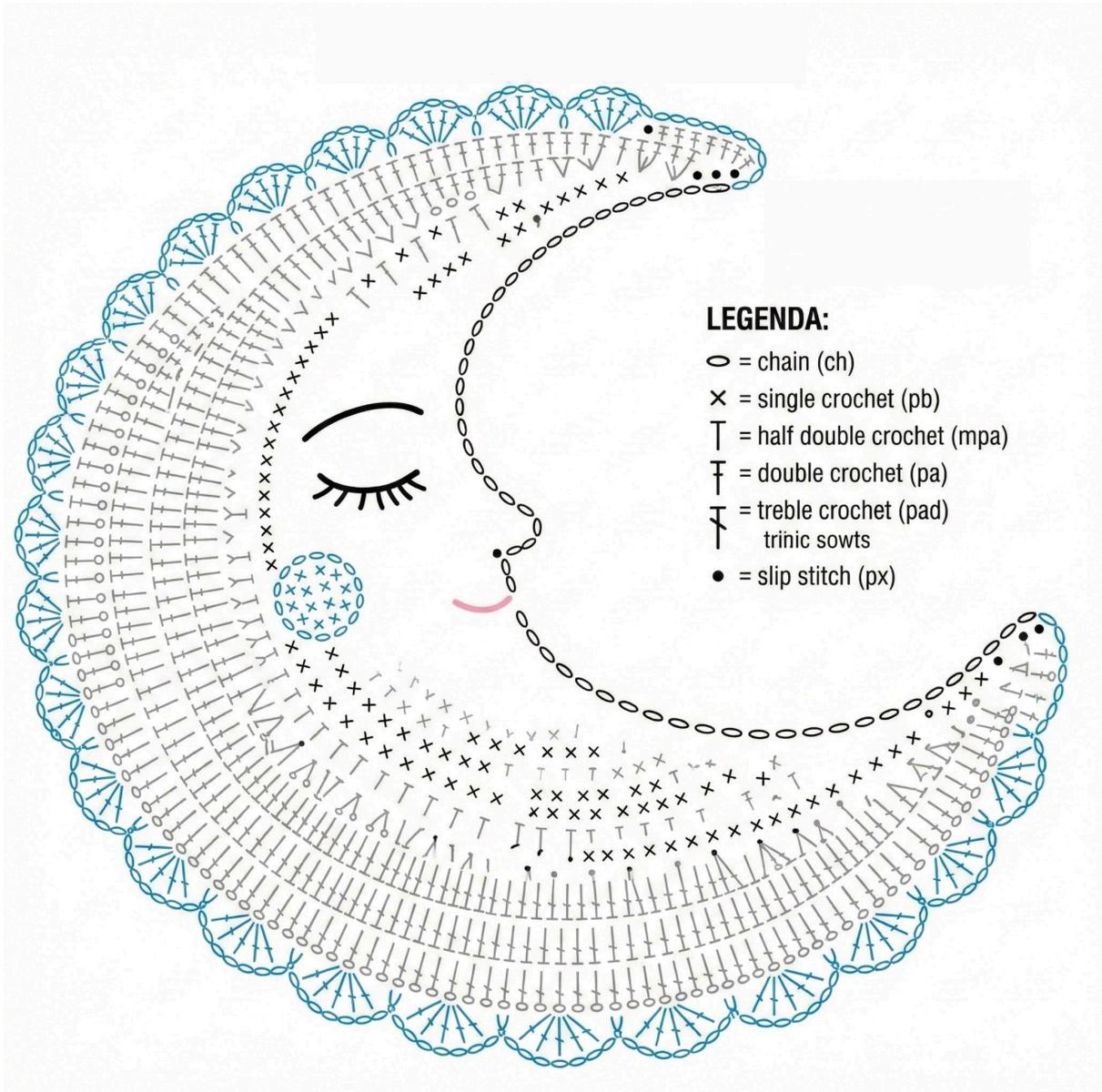
Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch – chain
 - sc – single crochet
 - hdc – half double crochet
 - dc – double crochet
 - tr – treble crochet
 - sl st – slip stitch
 - st(s) – stitch(es)
 - inc – increase (2 sts in same stitch)
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Important Notes

- The rug is worked in **joined rounds**, not continuous spiral.
- Always join with **sl st** at the end of each round.
- Ch stitches at the beginning of rounds count as the first stitch when stated.
- Maintain even tension for a flat rug.
- The crescent shape is formed by **strategic increases and height changes**.

Pattern Instructions



Foundation Ring

With main color:

Round 1:

Ch 4, join with sl st to form a ring.

Work inside the ring:

- Ch 3 (counts as dc)
- 11 dc in ring

Join with sl st to top of ch-3.

Stitch count: 12 dc

Round 2

Ch 3 (counts as dc).

Work **2 dc in each st** around.

Join with sl st.

Stitch count: 24 dc

Round 3

Ch 3 (counts as dc).

(1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) repeat around.

Join with sl st.

Stitch count: 36 dc

Round 4

Ch 3.

(1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) repeat around.

Join with sl st.

Stitch count: 48 dc

Round 5 – Begin Moon Shaping

Ch 2 (counts as hdc).

Work hdc in each st around **EXCEPT** the section that forms the inner curve of the moon:

👉 On one side of the circle (about one third of the round), work:

- sc instead of hdc
- then sl st for several stitches (this creates the inner crescent dip)

Then resume hdc to end of round.

Join with sl st.

✅ This step creates the moon opening.

Round 6 – Shape Definition

Ch 1.

- Work sc along the inner curve section.
- Work hdc along the middle area.
- Work dc along the outer curve.

Join with sl st.

⚠️ Tip: Follow the chart height changes — shorter stitches inside, taller outside.

Round 7 – Outer Expansion

Ch 3.

Work dc evenly around the outer curve of the moon.

On the inner curve:

- work sc and sl st as shown in the chart to deepen the crescent.

Join with sl st.

Round 8 – Smoothing Round

Ch 1.

Work sc evenly around entire piece, placing:

- sc in sc
- sc in hdc
- sc in dc
- sc in tr

Join with sl st.

✓ The moon shape should now be clearly visible.

Decorative Shell Border

Join contrast color at the outer edge.

Border Round

Ch 1, sc in same st.

Shell pattern:

(Skip 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip 2 sts, sc in next st)

Repeat around the **outer curve only**.

Along the inner curve:

- work simple sc evenly (no shells)

Join with sl st and fasten off.

Cheek (Make 1)

With contrast color:

Round 1:

Magic ring, 6 sc inside ring.
Join.

Round 2:

2 sc in each st around.

Fasten off leaving long tail.

Sew cheek onto moon as shown in chart.

Face Embroidery

Using black yarn:

- Embroider the closed eye with straight stitches.
- Add eyelashes if desired.

Using pink yarn:

- Embroider a small curved mouth.

Secure all ends on the wrong side.

Finishing

- Weave in all yarn tails securely.
 - Lightly steam block if needed.
 - Do not overstretch the inner curve.
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🌟 Beginner Tip

If your moon is ruffling:

- your hook may be too small
- or tension too tight

If it curls inward:

- try a slightly larger hook on the next round.