Cluster snowflake

US terms



Finished size
About 2 in (5 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Lace (0)

Hook
1.75 mm

Gauge
34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn: white, lace (0) **about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton crochet thread, size 10

Hook: 1.75 mm. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, fabric stiffener, a board that takes pins and a sheet of plastic.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

cluster (Cluster): [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 3 times, all in the same place (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 cluster for the next row.

picot (Picot): Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made. It leaves 1 picot for the next row.

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Gauge

34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the snowflake measures about 1¼ in (3 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- A slip stitch at the start of a round only carries the yarn to the place named; the first stitch of the round is worked in that same place. If stitches lie between the joining and that place, slip stitch across them first.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches, its picots and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3½ in (9 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 5¼ in (13 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), **[**cluster in ring, ch 3**] 6 times**, sl st in first cluster to join **(6 clusters, 6 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 2 (does not count as a st), (cluster, ch 5, cluster) in same sp, ch 2, **[**(cluster, ch 5, cluster) in next ch-3 sp, ch 2**] 5 times**, sl st in first cluster to join **(12 clusters, 6 ch-5 sps, 6 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, hdc, picot, hdc, 2 sc) in same sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, **[**(2 sc, hdc, picot, hdc, 2 sc) in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 3**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(30 sc, 12 hdc, 6 picots, 12 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle before you stiffen the piece.
- To stiffen: lay a sheet of plastic over a board that takes pins, such as a foam board. Wet the snowflake with fabric stiffener, as its label says, and press the spare out of it. Pin it out flat on the plastic, right side up, with a pin in every point and loop, and let it dry before you take the pins out.

In all: 3 rounds; 2 ends to weave in.

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