Simple snowflake

US terms



Finished size
About 1½ in (4 cm) across

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rounds, with 1 special stitch.

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 4 yd (4 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

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.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

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 that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- 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 2½ in (6 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in ring, ch 3, **[**2 dc in ring, ch 3**] 5 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(12 dc, 6 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, (sc, hdc, picot, ch 5, hdc, picot, sc) in same sp, **[**(sc, hdc, picot, ch 5, hdc, picot, sc) in next ch-3 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(12 sc, 12 hdc, 12 picots, 6 ch-5 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: 2 rounds; 36 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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