Lace snowflake ornament

US terms



Finished size
About 3¾ in (10 cm) wide and about 4¼ in (11 cm) tall, without the hanging loop

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Lace (0)

Hook
1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7)

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

You will need

Yarn: white, lace (0) **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton crochet thread, size 10

Hook: 1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. 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)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made.

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 1 in (2.5 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 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.
- In round 4 the dc of each side stands in the third of five dc; the two dc on each side of it are skipped. In round 5 each ch-17 sp is an arm. In round 6 the middle one of the three picots of an arm is its tip.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 6¾ in (17 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 8 in (20 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 10¼ in (26 cm).

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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, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 12 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 4 (counts as tr), tr in next st, ch 4, **[**tr in next 2 sts, ch 4**] 5 times**, sl st in top of ch-4 to join	**(12 tr, 6 ch-4 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 6 (counts as dc and ch-3), dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp, **[**dc in next st, ch 3, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-6 to join	**(30 dc, 6 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 6 (counts as dc and ch-3), dc in same sp, ch 3, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st, ch 3, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st, ch 3**] 5 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-6 to join	**(18 dc, 18 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 17, sc) in same sp, ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 4, **[**(sc, ch 17, sc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 4**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc, 6 ch-17 sps, 18 ch-4 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in next ch-17 sp, ch 1, (6 sc, picot, 4 sc, picot, 4 sc, picot, 5 sc) in same sp, 3 sc in next ch-4 sp, (2 sc, hdc, picot, 2 sc) in next ch-4 sp, 3 sc in next ch-4 sp, **[**(6 sc, picot, 4 sc, picot, 4 sc, picot, 5 sc) in next ch-17 sp, 3 sc in next ch-4 sp, (2 sc, hdc, picot, 2 sc) in next ch-4 sp, 3 sc in next ch-4 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(174 sc, 24 picots, 6 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- For the hanging loop, join the thread with a slip stitch in the middle picot of any arm, ch 14, work a slip stitch in the same picot and fasten off.
- 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. First pin the middle picot of each arm, its end 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) from the magic ring and the six arms evenly spaced; then the two side picots of each arm, 5/8 in (1.6 cm) apart, so that the arm is a pointed leaf; then the picots between the arms, 1¼ in (3.2 cm) from the ring. Let it dry before you take the pins out.

In all: 6 rounds; 276 stitches.

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