Snowflake table runner

Runner · US terms



Finished size
About 11¾ in (30 cm) wide at the pairs and 37¼ in (95 cm) long from point to point; each hexagon about 5¾ in (15 cm) from side to side

Skill
Intermediate
Lace in rounds, and hexagons to sew

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
3.75 mm (US F-5)

Gauge
19 stitches and 21.59090909090909 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: white, main	**about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: slate blue, rounds 6 to 8	**about 150 yd (137 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.75 mm (US F-5), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure, rustproof pins and a board or mat to block on and about 8 in (20 cm) of thread or narrow ribbon to hang it by.

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 of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Centerpiece	11¾ in (30 cm) wide, 27 in (69 cm) long	about 235 yd (215 m)
Runner (this file)	**11¾ in (30 cm) wide, 37¼ in (95 cm) long**	**about 330 yd (302 m)**
Long runner	11¾ in (30 cm) wide, 47¼ in (120 cm) long	about 430 yd (393 m)

Abbreviations

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

ch chain stitch
sl st slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc double crochet (UK tr, treble)

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tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 together)
Rnd	round
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook. In UK terms: ch 3, ss in the 3rd ch from hook.

Gauge

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Rounds 1 to 5 of a hexagon measure about 4 1/8 in (10.5 cm) from the tip of one long point to the tip of the point across from it, laid flat and not stretched; the whole hexagon about 5¾ in (15 cm) from side to side when it is blocked. (In rows, 19 sc come to 4 in, 10 cm.) If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- All rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn. A round ends with a sl st in its first stitch. That sl st is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- The ch 1, ch 2 or ch 3 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. The first stitch of a round goes into the same st as the joining sl st, and in round 6 into the st where B was joined; in round 3 the first sc2tog is worked over that st and the next one.
- In round 4 the sc between two points goes into the top of the sc2tog. In round 5 the single dc goes into that sc, and the sc, picot, dc, ch 3, dc, picot and sc all go into the ch-5 sp of a point.
- Round 6 passes over the picots: where it says to skip 2 sts, they are the sc and the dc on one side of the ch-3 sp at the tip of a point.
- When round 5 is joined, fasten off A. Round 6 begins in the first dc of round 5, one of the six that stand by themselves between two points; each tr goes into such a dc, and the two sc with ch 2 between them go into the ch-3 sp at the tip of a point.
- When round 8 is done, make its joining sl st with A and cut B, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out in the middle of a round, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them. "3 dc in next ch-4 sp" puts all 3 stitches in that one place.

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- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.

Instructions

Chosen: Runner. 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, dc is treble, tr is double treble, sc2tog is double crochet 2 together, sk is miss and yo is yarn round hook.

Hexagon: make 10

Yarns in order of use: A, white; B, slate blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 12 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next 2 sts, ch 3**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(12 dc, 6 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc2tog, ch 2, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 2**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc2tog	**(6 sc2tog, 12 dc, 12 ch-2 sps, 6 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sk next st, (sc, ch 5, sc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next st, sk next ch-2 sp**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc, 12 ch-3 sps, 6 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 2, sk next ch-3 sp, sk next st, (sc, picot, dc, ch 3, dc, picot, sc) in next ch-5 sp, ch 2, sk next st, sk next ch-3 sp**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(18 dc, 12 sc, 12 picots, 12 ch-2 sps, 6 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 3, tr in first st, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sk next 2 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 4, sk next 2 sts, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**tr in next st, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sk next 2 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 4, sk next 2 sts, sk next ch-2 sp**] 5 times**; join with sl st in first tr	**(6 tr, 12 sc, 12 ch-4 sps, 6 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp, dc in next st, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(66 dc, 6 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next 6 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(78 dc, 6 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next 7 sts, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(90 sc, 6 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of the hexagons. Block every hexagon: wet it, press the water out in a towel, and pin it out on the board with its six corners in their places: 5¾ in (15 cm) from side to side, 6¾ in (17 cm) from corner to corner and 3 3/8 in (8.5 cm) along each side. Pin the six long points of the white star toward the six corners. Let it dry.

2. Lay the 10 hexagons out on the table in 7 rows, right sides up, each with a corner at the top, a corner at the bottom and a straight side on the left and on the right. The rows have, from the top, one, two, one, two, one, two and one. The two of a row of two lie side by side with their straight sides together. A row of one lies in the middle, so that its upper and lower corners fit between the two hexagons of the row above and of the row below.

3. There are 15 seams: 3 between the two hexagons of a row, and 12 between a hexagon of one row and a hexagon of the next. For every seam cut a piece of A about 18 in (46 cm) long. Hold the two hexagons with right sides together, side against side and corner against corner, and whip stitch through both loops of both edges: the ch-1 sp of one corner, the 15 sc of the side and the ch-1 sp of the next corner, 17 stitches. Fasten the yarn at both ends and weave the ends in.

4. First sew the two hexagons of every row of two to each other, 3 seams. Then sew each row to the next, beginning at the top: the two lower sides of a single hexagon to the two hexagons below it, or the two upper sides of a single hexagon to the two above it, one side after the other; 6 times two seams, so that every single hexagon is sewn to all the hexagons it touches. Where three corners meet, sew through the ch-1 sp of a corner again with every seam that comes to it.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the ends, through stitches of their own color. Lay the runner flat, dampen it and let it dry.
- To hang it: put about 8 in (20 cm) of thread or narrow ribbon through a space at the top and knot its two ends together.

In all: 10 pieces.

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