# Star snowflake

US terms



Finished size
**About 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across**

Skill
**Easy**
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 5 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.

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| **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 |
| **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.

**Check your gauge on the piece.** Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the snowflake measures about ¾ in (2 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3½ in (9 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 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, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

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| ☐ **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 6 (counts as dc and ch-3), sk next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 3, sk next st**] 5 times**,<br>sl st in 3rd ch of ch-6 to join | **(6 dc, 6 ch-3 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1,<br>(sc, hdc, dc, picot, tr, picot, tr, dc, picot, hdc, sc) in same sp,<br>**[**(sc, hdc, dc, picot, tr, picot, tr, dc, picot, hdc, sc) in next ch-3 sp**] 5 times**,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(12 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 18 picots, 12 tr)** |
| ☐ **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; 66 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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